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**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
AND VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
MARCH 3, 2025**

Council: Mayor M. Sager and Councillors C. Cassidy, N. Gambioli, P. Lambur, S. Snider, S. Thompson, and L. Watt.

Staff: S. Findlay, Municipal Manager; S. Ketler, Deputy Municipal Manager/Director, Parks, Culture & Community Services; P. Cuk, Manager, Legislative Operations/Deputy Corporate Officer; I. Gordon, Director, Finance & Corporate Services; and M. Beattie, Legislative Services Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

Mayor Sager:

- announced that members of Council attended a meeting with members of the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation;
- informed that the purchase price of 6695 Nelson Avenue (the former Boathouse Restaurant building in Horseshoe Bay) was \$2,700,000 and commented regarding the building's proposed renovations; and
- announced that Eagleridge is officially owned by the municipality and invited everyone to attend a special Council meeting on April 7, 2025 at the foot of Eagleridge to officially dedicate the lands.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. **Approval of March 3, 2025 Special Council Meeting Agenda**

25-088 MOVED by Watt, seconded by Snider:

THAT the March 3, 2025 special Council meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

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3. **Proposed 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets (File: 0860-01)
Finance and Revenue Advisory Committee regarding 2025 Budget**

Councillor Gambioli left the meeting at 5:16 p.m. and returned at 5:18 p.m.

A Council member commented.

D. Smith (Member, Finance and Revenue Advisory Committee) and M. Paterson

(Member, Finance and Revenue Advisory Committee) introduced their fellow committee members and provided a presentation. D. Smith, M. Paterson, and staff responded to Council's questions. Council members commented.

M. Filipoff (West Vancouver resident) commented regarding asset management, including a request to not defer asset maintenance.

D. Marley (West Vancouver resident) commented regarding: the mandate and membership of the Finance and Revenue Advisory Committee; the proposed operating budget; economic pressures; and Metro Vancouver governance.

Councillor Thompson left the meeting at 5:29 p.m. and returned at 5:31 p.m.

C. Maughan (address not provided) commented regarding: use of the environmental levy; protection of natural assets; and trees.

Council members commented.

25-089 MOVED by Watt, seconded by Cassidy:

THAT a Cost-of-Living increase for the West Vancouver Community Arts Council for the years 2007–2022 and 2024, in the amount of \$10,606, be funded by incorporating the amount into the 2025 base operating budget.

CARRIED

25-090 MOVED by Watt, seconded by Cassidy:

THAT a 2025 Operating Levy of 2% be approved, which includes:

- the elimination of the Innovation Fund (\$953,000);
- a reduction of \$1,000,000 in the Wage Contingency Reserve; and
- utilization of approximately \$620,000 of the estimated 2024 Operating Surplus;

on a one-time basis to reduce the levy increase from 4.7% to 2%.

Council members commented and staff responded to Council's questions. The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

(Councillors Gambioli and Lambur opposed)

A Council member commented.

25-091 MOVED by Watt, seconded by Cassidy:

THAT the proposed 2025 Asset Levy increase of 1% be approved.

Council members commented. The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

(Councillor Lambur opposed)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

4. Public Questions and Comments

S. Habib (address not provided) commented regarding: democratic governance; public consultation; and communications with the public.

M. Beckerman (West Vancouver resident) commented regarding: membership on the former Arts Facility Advisory Committee; the use of the former Boathouse Restaurant in Horseshoe Bay as an arts facility; and public consultation. Mayor Sager provided a response. M Beckerman commented regarding the need for a purpose-built arts facility. A Council member commented.

P. Coupey (address not provided) commented regarding: the need for a purpose-built arts facility; public consultation; and the use of the former Boathouse Restaurant in Horseshoe Bay as an arts facility.

Council members commented.

ADJOURNMENT

5. Adjournment of March 3, 2025 Special Council Meeting

25-092 MOVED by Thompson, seconded by Gambioli:

THAT the March 3, 2025 special Council meeting be adjourned.
(5:59 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

[Original signed by Mayor]

MAYOR

[Original signed by Deputy Corporate Officer]

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER