

**WTHE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MUNICIPAL HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
AND VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
MARCH 31, 2025**

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

Staff: S. Findlay, Municipal Manager; S. Ketler, Deputy Municipal Manager/Director, Parks, Culture & Community Services; H. Dallas, Senior Manager, Legislative Services/Corporate Officer; J. Bailey, Director, Planning, Development & Environment Services; I. Gordon, Director, Finance and Corporate Services; G. Howard, Fire Chief; H. Keith, Senior Manager, Climate Action & Environment; J. Lawlor, Senior Manager, Parks; M. McGuire, Senior Manager, Current Planning & Urban Design; and P. Cuk, Manager, Legislative Operations/Deputy Corporate Officer.

CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:57 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. **Approval of March 31, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda**

25-112 MOVED by Thompson, seconded by Cassidy:

THAT the March 31, 2025 regular Council meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS

3. **Proposed 2025-2029 Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5381, 2025 and Proposed 2024 Phase 1 Capital Funding Report** (File: 1610-20-5381/5384)

Council members commented and staff provided procedural information.

25-113 MOVED by Gambioli, seconded by Thompson:

THAT

1. proposed "Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 5381, 2025" be read a first, second, and third time;
2. proposed "Parkland Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 5384, 2025" be read a first, second, and third time;

3. the following appropriation be made from the Capital Facilities Fund to fund 2025 Phase 1 Capital Projects:

Capital Facilities Fund	
Facilities Projects	4,137,546
Previously Approved Projects	5,147,747
Capital Facilities Fund Total	9,285,293

and that these funds be available until December 31, 2027, and any funds unused at that time be returned to the Capital Facilities Fund, be approved;

4. the following appropriation be made from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund to fund 2025 Phase 1 Capital Projects:

Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund	
Grounds and Parks	1,500,000
Transportation Infrastructure	6,185,000
Subtotal	7,685,000
Previously Approved Projects	2,407,691
Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund Total	10,092,691

and that these funds be available until December 31, 2027, and any funds unused at that time be returned to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund, be approved;

5. the following appropriations be made from the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund to fund 2025 Phase 1 Capital Projects:

Capital Equipment Reserve Fund	
Equipment	554,900
Fleet - Vehicle and Heavy-Duty Equipment	2,478,500
IT Hardware and Software	1,232,800
Subtotal	4,266,200
Previously Approved Projects	3,471,321
Capital Equipment Reserve Fund Total	7,737,521

and that these funds be available until December 31, 2027, and any funds unused at that time be returned to the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund, be approved;

6. the following appropriation be made from the Environmental Reserve to fund 2025 Phase 1 Capital Projects:

Environmental Reserve	
Fleet - Vehicle and Heavy-Duty Equipment	15,500
Grounds and Parks	138,317
Subtotal	153,817
Previously Approved Projects	47,000
Environmental Reserve Total	200,817

and that these funds be available until December 31, 2027, and any funds unused at that time be returned to the Environmental Reserve Fund, be approved;

7. the following appropriation be made from the Community Amenity Contributions (CACs) – Community Serving Reserve to fund 2025 Phase 1 Capital Projects:

CACs – Community Serving Reserve	
Facilities Projects	175,000
CACs – Community Serving Reserve Total	175,000

and any funds unused be returned to the CACs – Community Serving Reserve, be approved;

8. the following re-appropriation be made from the Public Art Reserve Fund to fund the completion of previously approved projects:

Public Art Reserve Fund	
Previously Approved Projects	5,568
Public Art Reserve Fund Total	5,568

and that these funds be available until December 31, 2027, and any funds unused at that time be returned to the Public Art Reserve Fund, be approved;

9. the following appropriation be made from the Water Reserve Fund to fund 2025 Capital Projects and previously approved projects:

Water Reserve Fund	
Water Capital Program	11,200,000
Previously Approved Projects	4,641,257
Water Reserve Fund Total	15,841,257

and that these funds be available until December 31, 2027, and any funds unused at that time be returned to the Water Reserve Fund, be approved;
and

10. the following appropriations be made from the Sewer and Drainage Reserve Fund to fund 2025 Capital Projects and previously approved projects:

Sewer and Drainage Reserve Fund	
Sanitary Capital Program	5,939,000
Storm Capital Program	5,670,000
Subtotal	11,609,000
Previously Approved Projects	5,234,710
Sewer and Drainage Reserve Fund Total	16,843,710

and that these funds be available until December 31, 2027, and any funds unused at that time be returned to the Sewer and Drainage Reserve Fund, be approved.

Council members commented. Staff referred to a written submission and responded to questions provided by the Finance and Revenue Advisory Committee. The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

With the consent of Council, Mayor Sager varied the agenda to consider Item 7 immediately prior to Item 4.

7. Preliminary Development Proposal for 660 Duchess Avenue (File: 1010-10)

Staff provided a presentation and responded to Council's questions. Council members commented.

M. Sangi (660 Duchess Avenue) commented regarding the proposed development, including: proximity to amenities; neighbourhood context; and smaller unit sizes; and responded to a Council member's question. A Council member commented.

25-114 MOVED by Cassidy, seconded by Watt:

THAT the preliminary development proposal outlined within the report titled Preliminary Development Proposal for 660 Duchess Avenue, dated February 25, 2025 from the Planning Technician, proceed for consideration prior to adoption of the Taylor Way Local Area Plan.

CARRIED
(Councillor Gambioli opposed)

Councillor Watt left the meeting at 8:40 p.m. and did not return. Councillor Gambioli left the meeting at 8:40 p.m. and returned at 8:42 p.m.

4. Environment Committee 2025 Annual Work Plan (File: 0116-20-ENVR)

L. Hanson (Chair, Environment Committee) and C. van der Vorm (Member, Environment Committee) provided a presentation and responded to a Council member's question.

25-115 MOVED by Cassidy, seconded by Thompson:

THAT the Environment Committee 2025 Annual Work Plan, attached as Appendix A to the March 12, 2025 report from the Senior Manager of Climate Action & Environment, be approved.

CARRIED

(Councillor Watt absent at the vote)

5. Protecting Parks in West Vancouver and Proposed Park Dedication Bylaw No. 5367, 2025 (File: 1610-20-5367)

Staff provided a presentation. A Council member commented.

D. Reinsch (West Vancouver resident) spoke in support of the dedication of parks in West Vancouver. Council members commented and staff responded to a Council member's question.

25-116 MOVED by Snider, seconded by Thompson:

THAT proposed "Park Dedication Bylaw No. 5367, 2025" be modified by removing Larson Bay Park.

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

CARRIED

(Councillor Watt absent at the vote)

(Councillors Cassidy and Gambioli opposed)

25-117 MOVED by Thompson, seconded by Snider:

THAT proposed "Park Dedication Bylaw No. 5367, 2025", as modified, be read a first, second, and third time.

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

CARRIED

(Councillor Watt absent at the vote)

25-118 MOVED by Thompson, seconded by Snider:

THAT staff bring forward additional bylaws to dedicate remaining parks in West Vancouver.

A Council member commented. The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

(Councillor Watt absent at the vote)

6. Proposed Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 5334, 2024, Amendment Bylaw No. 5378, 2025 (Pay Parking Exemptions)
(File: 0282-20-0198/0199 / 1610-20-5378)

25-119 MOVED by Snider, seconded by Thompson:

THAT proposed "Pay Parking Exemptions Policy 0198" and "Pay Parking Exemptions Procedure 0199" be approved.

CARRIED
(Councillor Watt absent at the vote)

25-120 MOVED by Snider, seconded by Thompson:

THAT proposed "Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 5334, 2024, Amendment Bylaw No. 5378, 2025" be read a first, second, and third time.

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

CARRIED
(Councillor Watt absent at the vote)

7. Preliminary Development Proposal for 660 Duchess Avenue (File: 1010-10)
Item 7 was considered prior to Item 4.

BYLAWS

8. No items.

NEW BUSINESS

9. No items.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

10. Consent Agenda Items

25-121 MOVED by Gambioli seconded by Cassidy:

THAT the Consent Agenda items as follows be approved:

- Item 10.1 regarding Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes;
- Item 10.2 regarding Receipt of Committee Meeting Minutes;
- Item 10.3 regarding 2025 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training;
- Item 10.4 regarding Council Remuneration;

- Item 10.5 regarding Proposed Private Special Events Exemption from Noise Policy 0193; and
- Item 10.6 regarding Delegation Request.

CARRIED
(Councillor Watt absent at the vote)

10.1. Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes (File: 0120-05)

25-122 THAT the following minutes be adopted as circulated:

- March 3, 2025 special (open session) Council meeting and special Council meeting; and
- March 10, 2025 special (open session) Council meeting and regular Council meeting.

10.2. Receipt of Committee Meeting Minutes

(File: 2310-02 / 0116-20-ENVR/PLAN/ACAC)

25-123 THAT the following minutes be received for information:

- November 20, 2024 Board of Variance hearing;
- January 14, 2025 Environment Committee meeting;
- January 22 and February 26, 2025 Planning Committee meetings; and
- February 13, 2025 Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting.

10.3. 2025 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training (File: 0055-20-UBCM)

25-124 THAT

1. the application submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund under the stream of 2025 Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training in the amount of \$120,000 be endorsed; and
2. Council supports the District of North Vancouver, in partnership with North Shore Emergency Management, to provide overall grant management for the project and funds.

10.4. Council Remuneration (File: 0282-20-02-10-338)

25-125 THAT the policy regarding honoraria provided to Mayor and Council remain unchanged.

10.5. Proposed Private Special Events Exemption from Noise Policy 0193
(File: 0282-20-0193)

25-126 THAT proposed “Private Special Events Exemption from Noise Policy 0193” be approved.

10.6. Delegation Request (File: 0120-30)

25-127 THAT the delegation request from BC Hydro, regarding Power Pathway: Building B.C.’s Energy Future, be approved.

OTHER ITEMS / NOTICES OF MOTION

11. No items.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

12. Reports from Mayor and Councillors

Mayor Sager reported on the School Trustee By-Election and encouraged everyone to vote. Staff responded to a Council member’s question and provided information regarding the by-election’s general voting day on April 5, 2025.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

13. Public Questions and Comments

D. Thistle (885 13th Street) provided a written submission and, on behalf of the Concerned Ambleside Residents for Traffic Safety group, commented regarding traffic issues on 13th Street and requested that safety measures be implemented. Council members commented and D. Thistle responded to Council’s questions.

R. Ladefoget (West Vancouver resident, and on behalf of the residents of 965 13th Street) spoke in support of the implementation of traffic safety measures on 13th Street.

R. Fukahura (1296 Gordon Avenue, and on behalf of the residents of 1315 Gordon Avenue) spoke in support of the implementation of traffic safety measures on 13th Street.

E. Sharir (1296 Haywood Avenue) spoke in support of the implementation of traffic safety measures on 13th Street. Council members commented.

G. Powroznik (address not provided) commented regarding: land development; municipal revenues; provincial housing mandates; and the permitting process. Mayor Sager responded.

ADJOURNMENT

14. Adjournment of March 31, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

25-128 MOVED by Cassidy, seconded by Thompson:

THAT the March 31, 2025 regular Council meeting be adjourned.
(9:35 p.m.)

CARRIED
(Councillor Watt absent at the vote)

Certified Correct:

[Original signed by Mayor]

MAYOR

[Original signed by Corporate Officer]

CORPORATE OFFICER