



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

Burnaby School District

4054 Norfolk Street, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Hurley, Chair
Councillor Pietro Calendino
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Councillor Alison Gu
Councillor Joe Keithley
Councillor Richard T. Lee
Councillor Maita Santiago (REGRETS)
Councillor Daniel Tetrault
Councillor James Wang

SCHOOL BOARD

Trustee Bill Brassington (Chair)

REPRESENTATIVES:

Trustee Kristin Schnider (Vice Chair)
Trustee Peter Cech
Trustee Larry Hayes (REGRETS)
Trustee Jen Mezei
Trustee Mikelle Sasakamoose (REGRETS)
Trustee Gary Wong
Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent of Schools
Ishver Khunguray, Secretary-Treasurer

STAFF:

Leon Gous, Chief Administrative Officer
Noreen Kassam, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Chief Financial Officer
Juli Halliwell, General Manager Corporate Services
James Lota, General Manager Lands & Facilities
Mary Morrison-Clark, General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture
Ed Kozak, General Manager Planning & Development
Carmen Gonzalez, Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture
Johannes Schumann, Director Development & Urban Design
Sarah Alexander, Director Business Operations Lands & Facilities
Nikki Best, Director Legislative Services / Corporate Officer

Blanka Zeinabova, Sr. Manager Legislative Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Brassington acknowledged and thanked the Coast Salish Nations of Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish on whose traditional territories we teach, learn and live, and welcomed Council members, Trustees and staff.

The speaker noted that this is Gina Niccoli-Moen's last meeting, as she is retiring after 33 years, and thanked her for her years of services to the School District.

Mayor Hurley called the Special Open meeting with the School Board representatives to order at 4:44 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Hurley recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hə́nq̓əmiḥə́m and Sḵw̓xwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a shared meeting on this territory.

3. CITY OF BURNABY UPDATES

3.1 New Provincial Legislation Update

Presenter: Johannes Schumann, Director Neighbourhood Planning and Urban Design

Johannes Schumann, Director Neighbourhood Planning and Urban Design, provided a PowerPoint presentation on a new Provincial legislation, policy and regulation updates.

The speaker advised that on November 30, 2023, the following Bills were enacted:

- Bill 44 - *Housing Statues (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023* for Small Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH) and changes to the *Local Government Act*;
- Bill 46 – *Housing Statues (Development Financing) Amendment Act, 2023* for Amenity Cost Charges (ACC), and changes to Development Cost Charges (DCC);
- Bill 47 – *Housing Statues (Transit-Oriented Areas (TOA)) Amendment Act, 2023* to form minimum densities around transit.

The Director provided an overview of the small scale multi-unit housing requirements, and need for alignment of the Housing Needs Report, the Official Community Plan (OCP) and the Zoning Bylaw.

The speaker noted that the local governments are now prohibited from holding Public Hearings on proposed zoning bylaw if it is consistent with the OCP, for rezonings that are residential in nature, greater than 50%.

The Director provided a summary of ACC, DCC, and TOA and its policy framework.

**Councillor Lee arrived at 5:07 p.m.*

In conclusion, the speaker outlined the next steps to achieve compliance with legislation.

3.2 Master Joint Use Agreement

Presenter: Carmen Gonzalez, Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture

Carmen Gonzalez, Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture, City of Burnaby, provided a PowerPoint presentation on a Master Joint Use Agreement between the City of Burnaby and Burnaby School Board.

The speaker noted the following guiding principles:

- strategic partnership to advance shared goals to serve growing community;
- maximize resources and potential use of facilities through operation;
- pursue opportunities to develop and improve joint use facilities for both parties;
- maintain program continuity;
- consult and make reasonable efforts to meet joint interests of both parties when applicable; and
- mutually agreed upon guidelines for the planning and joint use of assets.

The Deputy General Manager outlined the four-stage process:

1. Common Ground

- guiding principles, mutual objectives
- agreement structure
- identification and agreement of assets included

2. Cost/Risk Allocation
 - metrics – general principles, specific resources
 - best practices
3. Framework
 - structure – Master Agreement & subordinate agreements
 - joint management responsibilities
4. Final Negotiations
 - Master Agreement

The speaker concluded with an overview of the next steps and proposed timeline.

4. SCHOOL BOARD UPDATES

4.1 Current Status of the School District's Facility Development Plans Presenter: Ishver Khunguray, Secretary-Treasurer

Ishver Khunguray, Secretary-Treasurer, Burnaby School Board, provided an update on the current status of the School District's Facility Development Plans.

The speaker provided a background on the budget, school facilities and land issues, noting rapid growth in enrollment,

The speaker noted that the School District is experiencing budget challenges due to loss of fee-paying international students during COVID-19, and currently, due to rapid growth in enrollment and local growth resulting in capacity constraints, there are limits on ability to accept international students.

Trustee Brassington advised that the Province funds capital projects; however, does not account for growth in metro district.

Ishver Khunguray further noted lack of land available in the City for schools, and that the current facilities capacity issues leading to unfunded portable classroom costs.

The speaker provided an overview of the operating budget (which is largely funded by the Ministry through students enrollment); special purpose funds (specific funding for targeted programs); and capital fund (Ministry funded capital projects).

Ishver Khunguray noted that current elementary schools are at capacity and portables are needed, and similar problems exist in secondary schools. The

School District is experiencing challenges where replacement schools or expansions are needed, as land acquisition is required.

In conclusion, the speaker provided an overview of the capital projects in progress as well as projects in the planning phase, and requested consideration for schools in the future City's land developments, with staff coordination during the permitting process.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Hurley inquired regarding the Burnaby North School's gravel field and the feasibility of making the field user-friendly be considered by staff.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

By unanimous consent, and without objection, the Special Open Council meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Mike Hurley, MAYOR

Nikki Best, CORPORATE OFFICER