



**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER  
COASTAL MARINE MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES  
WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CENTRE, CEDAR ROOM  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

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Working Group Members: A. Nock, A. Allan, G. Wharton, L. Gill (intern), L. Williams, M. Naderi, B. McAllister, B. Walker

Council Liaison: Councillor B. Soprovich

Staff: A. Banks, Senior Manager of Parks; M. MacKinnon, District Environmental Manager; C. Ambor, Parks Stewardship Manager; R. Fung, Director of Engineering & Transportation and R. Andrus, Recording Clerk.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Coastal Marine Management Plan Working Group amended the February 26, 2019, agenda as follows:

- Item #4 to be considered immediately following Item #5;

And approved the agenda as amended.

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES**

The Coastal Marine Management Plan Working Group amended the January 29, 2019, meeting notes as follows:

- Replace title "Co-Chair" with "Vice-Chair."
- Amend Item 4: It was Moved and Seconded:  
THAT the Working Group *recommend* to the Community Engagement Committee, that the Terms of Reference be amended as per the Chair's recommendation.
- Clarification of Item 5 regarding water quality: M. MacKinnon (District Environmental Manager) clarified that water quality data is based on coliform data collected by Vancouver Coastal Health.

## **4. REPORTS / ITEMS**

### **4.1 Presentation: Coastal Policy Needs – District of West Vancouver Engineering**

R. Fung (Director of Engineering & Transportation) presented the document, "Coastal Policy Needs – District of West Vancouver Engineering."

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Green Shores method of foreshore preservation vs. "hard" infrastructure.
- West Vancouver storm infrastructure and Metro Vancouver infrastructure.
- R. Fung noted the Engineering Department's significant concerns:
  - Impact of sea level rise on private property and how to manage infrastructure and land development issues;
  - Existing utility systems on the foreshore and their sustainability during extreme weather events;
  - Stream flow monitoring so pollutants are removed prior to entering the marine environment.
- Development of a framework of values to guide the Engineering Department's decisions on foreshore issues.
- Existing Shoreline Protection Plan
- Obtaining existing District infrastructure maps

Councillor B. Soprovich noted that Metro Vancouver is also studying sea level rise, with a goal of determining a baseline target number.

### **4.2 Presentation: Coastal Policy Needs – District of West Vancouver Parks**

M. MacKinnon (District Environmental Manager) presented the document, "Coastal Policy Needs – District of West Vancouver Parks."

Discussion ensued regarding existing research and documents, which the Working Group should review, including the:

- Howe Sound Marine Reference Guide (Ocean Watch Task Force)
- Parks Master Plan (2012)
- 2005 Engineering study (a list of 33 documents provided at the last meeting).  
L. Williams (Chair) offered to upload a summary document to Sync. Some members of the Working Group requested hard copies of documents.  
M. MacKinnon will provide relevant documents to the Working Group or Sub-Groups upon request.

A question arose regarding the District's governance model. Staff to provide a brief overview at the next Working Group meeting regarding the structure of the District of West Vancouver, including Mayor and Council, Community Working Groups, District departments and responsibilities.

Discussion ensued regarding previous reports prepared by the District and impediments to implementing recommendations. Councillor B. Soprovich commended the hard work of District staff and noted the lack of funding for various projects, and added that the Working Group may be able to greatly assist the Parks and Engineering Departments.

M. MacKinnon indicated some recommendations from past reports may no longer be relevant today due to advances in science with regards to ecological systems, habitat, etc.

## **5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

There were no questions or comments.

## **6. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Coastal Marine Management Plan Working Group will be either Tuesday, March 12, 2019; or Tuesday, March 26, 2019. The Director of Planning & Land Development will be in attendance at one of the upcoming meetings. L. Williams (Chair) will meet with M. MacKinnon (District Environmental Manager) regarding scheduling other groups to attend (Shoreline Protection Society, West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society, Balanced Environmental, Ocean Watch).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the February 26, 2019, Coastal Marine Management Plan Working Group meeting at 8:38 pm.

Certified Correct:

  
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Chair

  
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Recording Clerk