



**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
COASTAL MARINE MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES
WEST VANCOUVER MUNICIPAL HALL, MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019**

Working Group Members: A. Nock, B. McAllister, B. Walker, G. Wharton, L. Williams, M. Naderi

Absent: L. Gill (intern)

Council Liaison: Councillor B. Soprovich

Staff: C. Ambor, Parks Stewardship Manager; M. MacKinnon, District Environmental Manager; S. Ketler, Senior Manager of Community Services; and R. Andrus, Recording Clerk

Guests: Councillor S. Thompson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Coastal Marine Management Plan Working Group (CMMPWG) approved the August 27, 2019 agenda as circulated.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

The CMMPWG approved the June 4, June 18 and July 2, 2019 meeting notes as circulated.

4. REVIEW OF JULY 2, 2019 WALKING FORESHORE TOUR

Working Group (WG) members who attended the July 2, 2019 walking tour considered this tour a valuable exercise and provided an additional perspective on the issues facing the District of West Vancouver's (DWV) waterfront. The tour began at foot of 14th Street and wrapped up near foot 19th Street.

5. WORKING GROUP MEMBER UPDATE

L. Williams (Chair) announced WG member A. Allan has resigned from the CMMPWG. His expertise in fish biology and years of experience in public and private sector will be greatly missed. After discussion, the WG requested staff to review the original applicants to the CMMPWG, in particular those with a background in science.

6. NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINES

L. Williams indicated the WG will require additional time to complete its work; the original timeline had been for completion by December 2019.

L. Williams proposed the following timeline for the next several months with a view for completion of work by May 2020 and report to Council in June 2020:

- September 10, 2019 - meeting focus is establishing a values framework to guide the recommendations. L. Williams encouraged WG members to read the Core Values section (page ii of the Executive Summary) of the DWV's Parks Master Plan. The Core Values provide the "lens" which will colour how the WG frames its recommendations. A facilitator will lead this discussion and WG members are asked to come prepared.
- September 24, 2019 – J. Bailey, Director of Planning & Development Services, will attend this CMMPWG meeting. The WG has expressed interest in upcoming policy work on foreshore DVP's (development variance permits) and associated works or impact on the foreshore. WG members are asked to provide key questions by the next meeting, which will be forwarded to Mr. Bailey ahead of time.
- October 21, 2019 – Interim report to Council from the CMMPWG is tentatively scheduled for this date. This is a progress report to update Council on the WG's work to date.
- Late October 2019 – Staff expect to have a consultant on board to help draft initial recommendations; goal is to provide an interim report to Council by the end of October.
- December 15, 2019 – Subgroup draft recommendations complete.
- February 2020 – Public Consultation
- May 2020 – Completed draft ready for Council consideration in June / July.

L. Williams noted the importance of having a good narrative and language for the recommendations so all residents can understand the recommendations and the context. The WG's mandate is to determine the key pieces required and to convey it in a clear and understandable manner. The consultant will assist with organizing information, identifying gaps and pulling the recommendations together in plain language. This requires technical writing skills and some technical knowledge.

L. Williams indicated if more information and / or guest speakers are required, WG members are to please let her know.

Councillor B. Soprovich noted that the final report needs to be a good fit for the DWV.

The group discussed the importance of a holistic and coordinated approach. The foreshore should be considered in all work that various District departments undertake.

The WG agreed to a December 15, 2019 deadline for Subgroup recommendations. The template used by the Utility and Infrastructure Subgroup could be utilized by other subgroups.

7. SUBGROUP UPDATES

7.1 – UTILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUBGROUP

B. Walker reported on behalf of the Utility and Infrastructure Subgroup. L. Williams distributed notes from the Subgroup's meetings.

The Subgroup met over the summer with District staff and staff from Metro Vancouver. Primary concerns are storm water management and sediment transfer in intertidal zones. ISMPs are quite well done but there are no plans with regards to trapping sediment on the foreshore. B. Walker referred to the Engineering Advisory Committee's 2005 report, *Ambleside-Dundarave Long Term Shoreline Planning Framework*. In the opinion of B. Walker, there is a need for coastal engineering expertise, however that expertise is not presently available in-house at the District.

M. MacKinnon (District Environmental Manager) informed the group that a consultant has been retained by the District to review recent works completed on the Ambleside foreshore, as required by the permit issued by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Discussion ensued regarding funding. M. MacKinnon noted the first step to receiving Provincial and / or Federal funding is to address the sea level rise risk and vulnerability assessment. This work is currently underway by Kerr Wood Leidal (KWL) on behalf of the North Shore Sea Level Rise Project. This information (risk assessment) is scheduled to be released on the north shore in fall 2019.

7.2 – COASTAL DYNAMICS SUBGROUP

B. McAllister and A. Nock reported on behalf of the Coastal Dynamics Subgroup and distributed notes from the Subgroup. A. Nock indicated the University of Victoria and the Fraser Basin Council have expertise in the areas of ocean conservation and foreshore issues. A. Nock would like to meet with a coastal dynamics expert at the University of Victoria (Kate M.). M. MacKinnon offered to reach out to Kate on behalf of the DWV.

The Coastal Dynamics Subgroup indicated the issue of flooding overlaps with the Public / Private Interface Subgroup, so will work together to make recommendations on this issue.

7.3 – PUBLIC / PRIVATE INTERFACE SUBGROUP

G. Wharton reported on behalf of the Public/ Private Interface Subgroup. The Subgroup has identified key issues. The Subgroup is interested in current concerns of DWV residents with regards to the foreshore and is interested in whether the public has been communicating to Council in regards to foreshore issues.

C. Ambor (Parks Stewardship Manager) indicated public correspondence is included in the Council meeting agenda packages and is available on the DWV's website.

The Subgroup noted public education will be an important component of its recommendations, especially with regards to sea level rise and climate change.

There was discussion that the North Shore Sea Level Rise Project will go to public consultation in the fall, and this will be one way of gauging the public's interest in the matter of sea level rise. Members of the WG may be interested in attending the public consultation. Councillor S. Thompson suggested scheduling an information session with Mayor and Council.

OTHER ITEMS

L. Williams reported that the Community Engagement Committee (CEC) had not yet reported back to the WG regarding meeting requirements. Subgroups are to continue to provide notice of meetings to C. Ambor or M. MacKinnon, meet in a public place and keep a summary of meetings. Councillor S. Thompson commented that transparency is good from a public confidence point of view.

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were no questions or comments from the public.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the CMMPWG is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the August 27, 2019 meeting at 7:05 pm.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Recording Clerk