

In Your Neighbourhood

Housing and Density Bonus Policy

Council provided [additional clarification](#) on interim measures for housing affordability until the Inclusionary Housing and Density Bonus Policy is brought back for Council consideration in March 2019. Ahead of final policy adoption, staff have been directed to negotiate with developers for inclusive housing or cash-in-lieu on all residential strata rezoning applications with more than 10 units.

Council Appointments

Appointments to neighbourhoods were formally adopted at the November 22 Council meeting as follows. There are no changes to staff liaisons assignments.

Councillor Neighbourhood Liaisons		
(Nov)2018-2020	2021-2022	Roles / Responsibilities / Information
Sarah Potts	Charlayne Thornton-Joe	Burnside Gorge Community Association
Ben Isitt	Jeremy Loveday	Hillside / Quadra Neighbourhood Action Group (downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee)
Charlayne Thornton-Joe	Sarah Potts	Downtown Residents Association
Geoff Young	Ben Isitt	Fairfield Gonzales Community Association
Shamarke Dubow	Laurel Collins	Fernwood Community Association
Laurel Collins	None	James Bay Neighbourhood Association
Marianne Alto	Charlayne Thornton-Joe	North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association
Shamarke Dubow	Geoff Young	North Park Neighbourhood Association
Ben Isitt	Jeremy Loveday	Oakland Community Association
None	None	Rockland Neighbourhood Association
Marianne Alto	Charlayne Thornton-Joe	South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association
Jeremy Loveday	Laurel Collins	Victoria West Community Association

City Strategic Plan and Budget

Council is in the process of developing a new Strategic Plan for the City. Over three consecutive Tuesdays ([November 6, 13, 20](#)) Council reviewed the current plan and considered new objectives. The draft plan will be approved by Council on December 13.

On November [26, 27](#) and December [7](#), Council considered its 2019 budget and will approve a [draft budget](#) on [December 13](#). A [staff report](#) has been attached to a special Committee of the Whole meeting on December 13 outlining neighbourhood association input into the budget, including transportation-related comments and staff responses to each suggestion.

Public engagement on the draft Strategic Plan and City budget will occur following that date and final approval is scheduled for the end of January. Information on the [budget](#) and [strategic plan](#) will be posted on the City's website.

Crystal Pool Project Update

On November 15 Council received a [staff report](#) and a [recommendation](#) from Mayor Helps with regards to direction on the [Crystal Pool project](#). Resolutions passed by Council are:

That Council directs staff to:

1. Wrap up design development work on the current proposed project (Project A), and *not* apply for the initial intake of the Investing in Canada Funding Program
2. Ask staff to report back with a scope and budget to develop a plan and budget for citing the facility on the arena parking lot including consideration of the amenity and partnership opportunities roughly outlined in the North Park Neighbourhood Association submission at the Committee Meeting of November 15, 2018. (Project B), and report to Council quarterly on this process
3. Write to the \$1 and \$6 million funders, respectively, and pursue opportunities for extending the timeline for funding applicability
4. Continue to work with the federal and provincial governments to pursue options for funding for Project A and Project B (once more clearly defined) including the wider range of funding options and partnerships that may be available for a facility or complex with more amenities than only a swimming pool and recreation centre
5. Explore the RAP parking lot land as a potential site for affordable housing, a pocket park, child care, parking, and other complementary uses

Improving Governance and Transparency

Council endorsed several best practices in governance and transparency:

- Council member voting and attendance dashboard, retroactive to the beginning of the Council term
- Publish Council member annual Financial Disclosure Statements online
- Improve proactive disclosure of closed Council meetings, as soon as the need for confidentiality has ceased to exist
- Publish information on Council member expenses on a quarterly basis
- Continue to publish [Council Highlights](#) following Council meetings to make information on key Council decisions accessible to the general public
- Provide clear and accessible Summaries of Financial Information in the [Annual Report](#) and in annual financial planning documents and provide links to this information on the City's website

Council directed staff to report back with recommendations for the timely implementation of each of these items and include information on any financial implications.



Council Meeting Voting Dashboard

Council approved the implementation of a [voting dashboard](#) for Council meetings that will show individual voting and attendance for Council decisions. The new dashboard will be implemented in the first quarter of 2019.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole meets December [6](#) and [13](#) at 9am. Council meets on December [13](#) beginning at 6:30pm. Residents can attend both meetings or watch them [here](#).