

# City of Maple Ridge Community Development & Enterprise Services Committee MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Community Development & Enterprise Services Committee held virtually and in the Blaney Room, City Hall on March 3, 2021 at 1:00 pm

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor Dueck, Chair Councillor Svendsen Councillor Yousef\*

# **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Al Horsman\* Chief Administrative Officer

Christine Carter\* General Manager Planning and Development Services

David Pollock\* General Manager Engineering Services
Laura Benson Senior Policy and Sustainability Analyst

Lisa Zosiak\* Manager of Community Planning

Chuck Goddard\* Director of Planning

Wendy Dupley\* Director, Economic Development and Tourism

Stephanie Nichols Corporate Officer

Erin Mark Clerk 3

\*Participated remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### CALL TO ORDER

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2021-CDES-007

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda of the March 3, 2021 Community Development & Enterprise Services Committee be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED** 

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2021-CDES-008

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Community Development & Enterprise Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

#### 4. DELEGATIONS - Nil

## 5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 5.1. Thornhill Background Report

The General Manager of Planning and Development Services introduced the item and the Manager of Community Planning gave a presentation providing a snapshot of the current context in terms of OCP policy, population projections, and potential future development of the Thornhill area. The Manager of Community Planning noted that the Thornhill Background Report scheduled to be presented at the March 30<sup>th</sup> Council Workshop meeting contains a recommendation that staff complete a scoping report and that \$100,000 was budgeted during 2021 Business Planning to begin the background studies that will help form the scoping report.

Committee members provided their feedback and discussed the demand for commercial and industrial real estate in Maple Ridge and Metro Vancouver. Members asked staff about the various background studies that are required and the sequencing of the studies. Staff clarified that the background studies are not completed exclusive of one another and that they are intended to provide Council with the best information available to make an informed decision. Committee members supported that the Thornhill Background Report be presented to Council for consideration.

# 5.2. Process for Committee Agenda Development

The Committee Chair spoke about the need for clarification on how items are added to Standing and Select Committee meeting agendas. The Corporate Officer stated that the Council Procedure Bylaw, which Committees follow, was currently under review and that legal advice received by the City clarified that Amendments to the Agenda should only be used to move or edit existing items on the agendas, that items added to Matters Deemed Expedient should be time sensitive in nature and that Notices of Motion are used to add items to the following meeting's agenda to allow time for staff to prepare.

The Committee discussed having the Committee Review Task Force meet with Select Committees to discuss the role and mandate of the Committees which should be in alignment with Council's Strategic Plan.

## 5.3. Q1 Report to Council

The Senior Policy and Sustainability Analyst spoke about Council's request to receive an update on the Community Development & Enterprise Services Committee before the end of Q1 2021. The Committee discussed the required information and format for the presentation that is scheduled for the March 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

# 5.4. 2021 Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee reviewed the revised Committee meeting schedule that included date changes requested during the January 25, 2021 meeting.

# R/2021-CDES-009

It was moved and seconded

That the revised 2021 Community Development & Enterprise Services Committee meeting schedule be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** 

- 6. **QUESTION PERIOD** Nil
- 7. NOTICE OF CLOSED MEETING Nil
- 8. ADJOURNMENT at 2:03 pm

Councillor Judy Dueck, Chair

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