District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

September 17, 2007

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on September 17, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in the Blaney Room of the Municipal Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia for the purpose of transacting regular Municipal business.

PRESENT

Elected Officials
Mayor G. Robson
Councillor E. Daykin
Councillor J. Dueck
Councillor A. Hogarth
Councillor C. Speirs
Councillor K. Stewart

Appointed Staff
J. Rule, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Murray, General Manager of Community Development,
Parks and Recreation Services
L. Benson, Acting General Manager Corporate and Financial Services
F. Quinn, General Manager Public Works and Development Services

ABSENT
J. Leeburn, Executive Director
C. Marlo, Manager of Legislative Services
A. Gaunt, Confidential Secretary
J. Pickering, Director of Planning
J. Scherban, Director of Development Engineering
T. Thompson, Manager of Financial Planning
D. Boag, Director of Parks and Facilities
P. Grootendorst, Fire Chief/Director of Operations and Staff Development

Note: These Minutes are also posted on the Municipal Web Site at www.mapleridge.ca

Note: Councillor Daykin was not in attendance at the start of the meeting.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.
2. MINUTES

R/07-432
Minutes September 10, 2007

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of September 10, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL

3.1 “Green” Taxi Service Proposal - Mr. Karl Sawaf

The Director of Licenses, Permits and Bylaws outlined the process involved in obtaining a taxi cab licence from the Passenger Transportation Board.

Mr. Sawaf outlined his proposal for a new taxi cab company and explained that an application to the Passenger Transportation Board requesting taxi cab licenses must be submitted with a letter of support from the municipality.

R/07-433
“Green” Taxi Service Proposal

It was moved and seconded

That a letter be sent to the Passenger Transportation Board in support of the application from Mr. Karl Sawaf for a “green” taxi service.

CARRIED

ACTION REQUIRED

That the letter in support of the application for a “green” taxi service include a request for the consideration of granting six to twelve taxi cab licenses.

Note: Councillor Daykin arrived at 10:47 a.m.

4. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Development Cost Charges Bylaw

The Director of Development and Engineering provided a PowerPoint presentation giving an update on proposed amendments to the
development cost charges bylaw. A copy of the presentation was circulated.

R/07-434
Development Cost Charges Bylaw
It was moved and seconded

That staff be authorized to proceed with the Development Cost Charges Amending bylaw process as outlined in the presentation by the Director of Development and Engineering.

CARRIED

ACTION REQUIRED

That the DCC Areas map be amended to include the urban reserve.

That staff provide a list of projects included in the urban industrial development cost calculations.

That staff investigate sewage connection rates and levies paid to Metro Vancouver by other municipalities.

That items in the development cost charges amending bylaw which are open to discussion be highlighted during the scheduled public consultation meetings and that the public be given an opportunity to submit written comments to Council.

4.2 Policy Review - Overhead Wires

The Director of Development Engineering provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining current policies, practices and procedures on underground wiring in support of development. A copy of the presentation was circulated.

R/06-435
Underground Wiring Policy Review
It was moved and seconded

That staff complete an investigation and review of Policy 9.05 - Conversion of Existing Overhead Utility Wiring to Underground Wiring.

CARRIED
4.3 **Thomas Haney Youth Action Park Tender Award**

Staff report dated August 30, 2007 recommending that the contract for construction of the Thomas Haney Youth Action Park be awarded to New Line Skate Parks Inc.

The General Manager of Community Development, Parks and Recreation Services provided a summary of the report. He advised that funding for this project is available and that a mentorship program has been incorporated into the budget.

R/07-436
Award of Contract

It was moved and seconded

*That staff be authorized to enter into a contract with New Line Skate Parks Inc. for the construction of the Thomas Haney Youth Action Park as specified in the tender documents for $512,553.07.*

CARRIED

Mayor Robson - OPPOSED

4.4 **Fire Department Update**

The Fire Chief/Director of Operations and Staff Development provided an overview of the Fire Department operation during the previous six month period.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

The Fire Chief/Director of Operations and Staff Development is to provide statistics on fire department responses classified as minor medical assists and incidences where ambulances were delayed.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 **BC Hydro - Electric Beautification Projects Funding**

Letter dated September 7, 2007 from Ned Dharamshi, Field Operations-Design, BC Hydro, providing information on applying for funding from BC Hydro for municipal electrical beautification projects.
R/07-437

BC Hydro Electric Beautification Projects Funding

It was moved and seconded

That the letter dated September 7, 2007 from Ned Dharamshi, Field Operations-Design, BC Hydro pertaining to funding from BC Hydro for municipal electrical beautification projects be received and no further action taken.

CARRIED

6. **BRIEFING ON OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST/QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL** - Nil

7. **MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT** - Nil

8. **ADJOURNMENT** - 12:05 p.m.

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G. Robson, Mayor

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C. Marlo, Corporate Officer