District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

July 20, 2009

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on July 20, 2009 at 9:00 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 E. Daykin
Councillor C. Ashlie
Councillor J. Dueck
Councillor A. Hogarth
Councillor M. Morden
Councillor C. Speirs

Appointed Staff
J. Rule, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Murray, General Manager of Community Development,
Parks and Recreation Services
P. Gill, General Manager Corporate and Financial Services
F. Quinn, General Manager Public Works and Development
J. Leeburn, Executive Director

ABSENT
C. Marlo, Manager of Legislative Services
A. Gaunt, Confidential Secretary
J. Pickering, Director of Planning
D. Hall, Planner
J. Bergmann, Research Technician
J. Bastaja, Chief Information Officer
T. Fryer, Acting Municipal Engineer
S. Blue, Manager of Economic Development

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

4.5 Street Closures - McIntosh and Fraser
4.6 Council Workshop Meeting Schedule Review
2. **MINUTES**

R/09-349

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of July 6, 2009

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of July 6, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIE

3. **PRESENTATIONS AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL**

3.1 **RCMP Introduction of New Members - Superintendent Dave Walsh**

Superintendent Walsh introduced Constable Shaw, Constable Henley and Operations Officer Lynch. He advised that a contingent of RCMP officers in the Lower Mainland is on standby to assist with the fire situation in Kelowna if required.

Note: Item 3.2 was dealt with after Item 4.3

3.2 **Port Authority Presentation (10:30 - 10:45 a.m.)**

- Tom Corsie, Vice President Infrastructure Development
- Mark Erdman, Senior Manager, Provincial and Municipal Affairs

Mr. Corsie provided a brief update on recent activities of the Port Authority.

4. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

Note: Item 4.1 was dealt with prior to Item 3.2

4.1 **Maple Ridge Agricultural Plan - Phase 3 Report**

- Darrell Zbeetnoff, Zbeetnoff Agro-Environmental Consulting

The Director of Planning outlined the history leading to the development of the draft agricultural plan.

Mr. Zbeetnoff provided a PowerPoint presentation which outlined the background, phases and guiding principles for the agricultural plan. He also highlighted the vision for agriculture in Maple Ridge for 2030 and worked through key issues and goals of the plan.
The Director of Planning advised that the Agricultural Advisory Committee committed to a goal of presenting the final agricultural plan to Council in September 2009, therefore, the draft is being presented at Workshop and an open house is planned for Monday, July 27, 2009. She also advised that a draft version of the plan has been available on the District website since June.

The Planner advised on the procedures of the public open house and how public feedback will be incorporated. She also advised on the invitation process for stakeholder meetings during the development of the draft plan.

The Director of Planning advised that staff reports leading up to the draft agricultural plan as well as terms for reference will be provided to Council.

R/09-350
Maple Ridge Agricultural Plan

It was moved and seconded

That the draft Maple Ridge Agricultural Plan be presented at a Public Open House on Monday, July 27, 2009 subject to having the opportunity to have further public meetings.

CARRIED

Councillor Speirs - OPPOSED

Note: Item 4.2 was dealt with following recess

4.2 Discussion of 201 Street Residents’ Concerns

Mayor Daykin reviewed a letter to be forwarded to Mr. Tom Prendergast, CEO of TransLink regarding 201 Street Residents.

R/09-351
201 Street Residents

It was moved and seconded

That the letter as read by Mayor Daykin regarding concerns of the residents of 201 Street be sent to TransLink.

CARRIED
4.3 **Business Class Property Taxation**

Staff report dated July 15, 2009 providing information on the tax rate assessed to Business Other, Class 6 properties.

The General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services reviewed the report.

Note: The meeting was recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 2:35 p.m.

4.4 **Registering as a Non-Dominant Carrier**

Staff report dated July 8, 2009 recommending that the Corporate Officer be authorized to initiate proceedings to register the District of Maple Ridge with the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission as a Non-Dominant Carrier.

The Chief Information Officer reviewed the report. He provided an explanation of the necessity for registering as a Non-Dominant Carrier.

R/09-352
Non-Dominant Carrier Registration

It was moved and seconded

That the Corporate Officer be authorized to initiate registration proceedings with the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission as a Non-Dominant Carrier.

CARRIED

4.5 **Street Closures – McIntosh and Fraser**

The Manager of Corporate and Development Engineering advised on a request from the Emerald Pig Theatrical Group for municipal street closures.

R/09-353
Municipal Street Closures

It was moved and seconded

That the closure of Fraser Street from Dewdney Trunk Road to McIntosh Avenue and closure of the egress from the underground parking to McIntosh Avenue be authorized for the Emerald Pig Theatrical Group on
Thursday, July 23, 2009, Friday, July 24, 2009 and Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and on Sunday, July 26, 2009 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., provided the following conditions are met by the organizers:

1. Provide all necessary traffic controls, parking and emergency access acceptable to the RCMP and the District of Maple Ridge (the District);

2. Notify the local Fire Department and Ambulance Services of the event;

3. Notify all surrounding businesses and residents of the event;

4. Maintain access for emergency services to the effected areas at all times;

5. Hold and save harmless the District from and against all claims, and damages arising out of or in any way connected with the event;

6. Provide direction, using verbal and written instruction, to all drivers regarding vehicular access to drop-off facilities at the Leisure Centre or the Arts Centre.

CARRIED

4.6 Council Workshop Meeting Schedule Review

A change in the scheduling of Council Workshops to allow for meetings to be held every Monday was discussed. It was agreed that the discussion be revisited following Council's summer break.

R/09-354
Council Workshop Meeting Schedule Review

It was moved and seconded

That Council Workshop Meetings be held every Monday for the balance of 2009.

DEFERRED
5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 **Province of British Columbia, Office of the Premier – UBCM Convention**

Letter dated July 8, 2009 from Gordon Campbell, Premier, Province of British Columbia providing information on the submission of requests for meetings with Ministers during the UBCM convention.

R/09-355
UBCM Convention Meetings with Ministers

It was moved and seconded

That the letter dated July 8, 2009 from Gordon Campbell, Premier, Province of British Columbia be received and no further action taken.

5.2 **Cat Ownership and Licencing**

E-mail dated June 24, 2009 pertaining to the licencing of cats.

R/09-356
Cat Ownership And Licencing

It was moved and seconded

That the e-mail dated June 24, 2009 regarding the licencing of cats be referred to staff for preparation of a report for discussion at Business Planning.

CARRIED

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

7. **MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT** - Nil
8. **ADJOURNMENT** - 3:23 p.m.

E. Daykin, Mayor

Certified Correct

C. Marlo, Corporate Officer