

District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA
July 19, 2010
10:00 a.m.
Blaney Room, 1st Floor, Municipal Hall'
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME

The purpose of the Council Workshop is to review and discuss policies and other items of interest to Council. Although resolutions may be passed at this meeting, the intent is to make a consensus decision to send an item to Council for debate and vote or refer the item back to staff for more

REMINDERS

July 19, 2010

Closed Council	9:00 a.m.
Committee of the Whole Meeting	1:00 p.m.

July 20, 2010

Public Hearing	7:00 p.m.
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1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
2. **MINUTES –July 12, 2010**
3. **PRESENTATIONS AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL**
 - 3.1 Introduction of Ridge Meadows RCMP Detachment Members
4. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**
 - 4.1 Sustainability Update
Verbal report by the Manager of Sustainability and Corporate Planning
 - 4.2 2010 Property Taxation Peak Period Recap
Verbal report by the Manager of Revenue and Collections

4.3 Tender Update, Sanitary Sewer Extension to Corrections Facility

Verbal report by the Director of Engineering Operations

4.4 Compensation Policy

Consideration of resolution of Councillor Ashlie

4.5 Discussion of thesis paper titled "Revitalization Tax Exemptions in British Columbia"

Previously circulated to Council.

Available to the public through the Clerk's Department

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence has been received and requires a response. Staff is seeking direction from Council on each item. Options that Council may consider include:

- a) Acknowledge receipt of correspondence and advise that no further action will be taken.*
- b) Direct staff to prepare a report and recommendation regarding the subject matter.*
- c) Forward the correspondence to a regular Council meeting for further discussion.*
- d) Other.*

Once direction is given the appropriate response will be sent.

5.1 **Minister Rich Coleman, Ministry of Housing and Social Development – Alcohol Reform**

Letter dated July 5, 2010 from Minister Rich Coleman, Ministry of Housing and Social Development acknowledging receipt of a letter of support for recommendations made by the BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform and indicating the Provincial Government will not regulate retail alcohol pricing as suggested.

5.2 **Province of British Columbia, Office of the Premier – 2010 UBCM Convention**

Letter dated July 13, 2010 from Gordon Campbell, Premier, Province of British Columbia providing information on the submission of requests for meetings with Ministers during the 2010 UBCM convention.

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

7. MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

Checked by: CM
Date: 10/07/10

Rules for Holding a Closed Meeting

A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity;
- (c) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- (d) the security of property of the municipality;
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure might reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
- (f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure might reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
- (h) an administrative tribunal hearing or potential administrative tribunal hearing affecting the municipality, other than a hearing to be conducted by the council or a delegate of council
- (i) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (j) information that is prohibited or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;
- (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report]
- (m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting;
- (n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection of subsection (2)
- (o) the consideration of whether the authority under section 91 (other persons attending closed meetings) should be exercised in relation to a council meeting.
- (p) information relating to local government participation in provincial negotiations with First Nations, where an agreement provides that the information is to be kept confidential.

Be it resolved that council request the Labour Relations Bureau discuss the exploration of a Voluntary Compensation Plan for Exempt Municipal Employees

Rationale:

Considering all other public sector bodies are bound by some form of statutory requirement to have a compensation plan in place for exempt staff I would like council to request the Labour Relations Bureau to consider the initiation of a process that would design a voluntary compensation model for exempt staff in the Metro Vancouver region. I suggest voluntary, as most existing statutory models are voluntary and are successful in achieving a high degree of compliance.

Ultimately, I believe this would be better served being a provincial model, but since the LRB is limited to Metro Vancouver I recognize that our efforts are best contained to our region.

In closing, systemic accountability in the municipal sector is just as important as it is in every other public sector and yet we are the only public sector that does not have some form of structure around exempt compensation. Our district is known for excellence in its business planning and its continuous improvement of such, as well as our overall fairness in human resource practices. Therefore, I believe that we are well suited to advocate for improved practices in the area of dealing with exempt compensation; for both the municipal sector as a whole and the public it serves.



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The Best Place on Earth

His Worship Ernie Daykin, Mayor, and
Joshua Leyenhorst, Chair
Social Planning Advisory Committee
District of Maple Ridge
11995 Haney Pl
Maple Ridge BC V2X 6A9

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Action: FYI

Dear Mayor Daykin and Mr. Leyenhorst:

The Honourable Mike de Jong, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, has asked me to respond to your May 12, 2010, letter regarding your support for the BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform's recommendations.

Liquor prices in British Columbia retail stores are similar to prices in other provinces. While I appreciate the recommendations made by the Centre for Addictions Research of BC, it would not be appropriate for government to unnecessarily regulate retail alcohol pricing as they suggest. Instead, the province deals with specific issues and concerns related to alcohol pricing as needed.

Thank you for your comments. They will be considered when the province next reviews its liquor pricing policies.

Sincerely yours,

Rich Coleman
Minister

pc: Honourable Mike de Jong
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General



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Action: Workshop

July 13, 2010

Mayor Daykin and Councillors
District of Maple Ridge
11995 Hancy Place
Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 6A9

Dear Mayor Daykin and Councillors:

What a great theme for the 2010 UBCM Convention: *Forging Gold Medal Standards.*

Our province is moving ahead with our goals and objectives as a strong and thriving place to live. Employment is up, construction starts are up, and the world is noticing us more and more -- thanks to the incredible performance of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Many economists expect BC to lead Canada in economic growth this year. If we follow the lessons of the Olympics, we will be leading Canada for years to come.

In spite of that, there are areas in British Columbia that continue to feel the impact of the global economic downturn. Difficult times are ripe with opportunities as well as problems. Your convention will help us all grasp those opportunities for the years ahead. By working together with communities and building partnerships, we will both set and exceed *gold medal standards.*

The government caucus and cabinet look forward to seeing you at your Convention. We value your input on the issues that impact your community and want to discuss those issues with you. If you would like to request a meeting with me or a Cabinet Minister on a specific issue this year, please fill out the on-line form at www.corporate.gov.bc.ca/UBCM/. The invitation code is **MeetingRequest2010**. If you have any questions, please contact my UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator, Carling Djck, at 604-775-1600.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2010 UBCM Convention.

Sincerely,

Gordon Campbell
Premier

ps: Please join us at the annual Provincial Government Reception in the evening of Wednesday, September 29th at the Westin Resort & Spa.

