

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

April 2, 2007

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on April 7, 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 L. King
Councillor C. Speirs
Councillor K. Stewart

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
Services
J. Leeburn, Executive Director
C. Marlo, Manager of Legislative Services
A. Gaunt, Confidential Secretary

Other Staff as Required

M. Davies, Area Emergency Coordinator
P. Grootendorst, Fire Chief/Director of Operations
B. Serne, Engineering Technician, Projects

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1. ***ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA***

The agenda was amended to include the following additions:

- 4.2.1 Freshet 2007 Update
- 4.2.2 Log Situation on the Alouette River
- 4.4 RCMP Contract Consultation Liaison
- 4.5 Trade Investment Labour and Mobility Agreements

2. ***MINUTES***

R/07-174
Minutes
March 26, 2007

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of March 26, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

3.1 **BC Transmission Corporation, Maple Ridge Substations Update**
- Lesley Wood, Community Relations Specialist

Lesley Wood, BC Transmission Corporation gave a Power Point presentation providing an update on landscaping options for the Maple Ridge substation at 216th Street and Dewdney Trunk Road and the 24169 Dewdney Trunk Road substation.

Ms. Wood advised that a protection device in the form of a ballard will be placed around the poles at 24169 Dewdney Trunk Road and stated that BC Transmission Corporation will liaise with the General Manager, Public Works and Development Services to be sure future expansion of Dewdney Trunk Road would not be negatively affected.

R/07-175
Budget for Maple
Ridge Substation
Improvements

It was moved and seconded

That the British Columbia Utilities Commission, BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation be requested to review the budget for the substation at 216th Avenue and Dewdney Trunk Road; and further

That, over the next five years, the concrete wall with the stone façade as presented by BC Transmission Corporation on April 2, 2007, be incorporated into the beautification project for that substation.

CARRIED

ACTION REQUIRED

Staff is to provide clarification on whether or not the proposed move of poles on 240th Street by BC Transmission Corporation will place the poles outside of the right-of-way.

4. ***UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS***

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke to the impact weather events could have on the community. He advised that some District projects will have to be delayed in order to reallocate staff to deal with mitigating the potential for flooding these events could cause.

4.1 **Alouette Flood Management Task Force Report**

Staff report dated March 30, 2007 recommending that the information outlining the proposed membership for the Alouette Flood Management Task Force be received for discussion.

R/07-176

Alouette Flood Mgmt Task Force It was moved and seconded

That the report titled “Alouette Flood Management Task Force” be received and that the Task Force be established and begin work as soon as possible.

CARRIED

R/07-177

Appointment Of Council Representatives It was moved and seconded

That Councillor Stewart and Councillor Speirs (alternate) be appointed to the Alouette Flood Management Task Force.

CARRIED

4.2 **Fraser River Escarpment, Golder Associates Report**

Staff report dated March 28, 2007 recommending that Golder Associates be authorized to undertake further geotechnical investigation of the Fraser River Escarpment and that staff be directed to pursue infrastructure and local improvement funding to advance road and drainage work on River Road frontage the escarpment.

The General Manager, Public Works and Development Services reviewed the report and proposal from Golder Associates. He advised that CP Rail had been involved in the process. He also advised that a representative from CP Rail indicated that CP would consider contributing to the capital costs for improvements to this area.

R/07-178

Golder Associates It was moved and seconded
Fraser River
Escarpment

That Golder Associates be authorized to undertake further geotechnical investigation of the Fraser River Escarpment and that staff be directed to pursue infrastructure and local improvement funding to advance road and drainage works on River Road fronting the Escarpment.

CARRIED

4.2.1 Freshet 2007 Update

Mike Davies, Area Emergency Coordinator gave a Power Point update on the 2007 Fraser River Freshet. He advised that if financial support is received from the Provincial Government, the District can move forward with its dyke improvement projects.

R/07-179

Dyking Emergency It was moved and seconded
Improvements

That staff be authorized to immediately begin work on increasing the elevation of the Albion and Road 13 Dikes, if the Districts funding request for \$9.5 million for this work is approved by the Province; and

That staff be authorized to hire the appropriate Contractor(s), under the Emergency Purchasing Clause in the Purchasing Policy, to undertake this work; and

That the appropriate staff resources and outside expertise be retained to plan for the Spring Freshet on the Fraser River; and further

That staff liaise with the City of Pitt Meadows with respect to their application to the Province to raise the elevation of the dikes under their jurisdiction and responsibility as they have an impact on the District of Maple Ridge.

CARRIED

The General Manager, Public Works and Development Services advised that staff will meet with property owners. The Area Emergency Coordinator added that it would be extremely important for residents to be proactive in making alternate arrangements in case flooding does occur.

4.2.2 Log Debris on the Alouette River

The Fire Chief/Director of Operations and the Engineering Technician, Projects spoke to the log debris jam located in the North Alouette River and conveyed that the situation would have to be dealt with urgently. A site photo was distributed and an update on the work being done at the site was given.

R/07-180

Log Debris Cleanup Alouette River It was moved and seconded

Whereas there is a log jam on the North Alouette River that is a serious threat to cause further flooding on the river; and

Whereas the log jam will be removed from the river by Contractors during the week of April 2, 2007; and

Whereas the removed logs must be disposed of so as to not cause further log jams when the river level rises; and

Whereas it is the intent to remove the logs from the river and pile them out of the flood plain and then dispose of them; and

Whereas if they cannot be removed from the flood plain the most prudent method of disposal is to burn them in the flood plain adjacent to the river; and therefore

Be it resolved that the Fire Chief be authorized to approve burning of the logs if it is deemed necessary to do so.

CARRIED

4.3 **Tender Award – Randy Herman Centre Roof Replacement**

Staff report dated March 28, 2007 recommending that the contract to re-roof the Randy Herman Centre for Community Safety be awarded to Transwest Roofing Ltd.

R/07-181

Re-roofing Contract It was moved and seconded
Transwest Roofing

That the contract to re-roof the Randy Herman Centre for Community Safety be awarded to Transwest Roofing Ltd. in the amount of \$263,756.

CARRIED

4.4 **RCMP Contract Discussions Liaison**

Councillor Stewart advised that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities is seeking a staff representative for the RCMP Contract Consultation process.

R/07-182

RCMP Contract It was moved and seconded
Discussions Liaison

That Paul Gill, General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, be recommended as a participant in the RCMP Contract Consultation sessions.

CARRIED

4.5 **Trade Investment Labour and Mobility Agreement**

Council discussed issues with respect to the Trade Investment Labour and Mobility Agreement. It was the consensus of Council that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities was already involved in this issue and any questions regarding the agreement could be forwarded to them.

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE*** - Nil

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

7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT*** - Nil

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 12:22 p.m.

G. Robson, Mayor

Certified Correct

C. Marlo, Corporate Officer