

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

April 30, 2007

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on April 30, 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

R. Lafferiere, Business Retention and Exploration Officer
J. Bastaja, Chief Information Officer

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

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

The agenda was amended to switch the order of items 3.1 and 3.2.

2. ***MINUTES***

R/07-226
Minutes
April 23, 2007

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of April 23, 2007 be amended to add the words ‘in draft’ after the word ‘endorsed’ in Item 3.2, R/07-2007, Sustainable Vision Strategic Plan, items 1 and 5 and that the minutes as amended be adopted.

CARRIED

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

Item 3.2 was presented prior to Item 3.1

3.1 **Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvements Association Update
- Rick Laferriere, Business Retention and Exploration Officer; Ineke Boekhorst, Executive Director, Maple Ridge Business Improvements Association; Mike Murray, General Manager of Community Development, Parks and Recreation Services**

Staff report dated April 25, 2007 recommending that funds allocated to the Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association be issued.

Ineke Boekhorst, Executive Director, Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvements Association (BIA) gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the BIA business plan which included a vision statement, mission and organizational goals as well as a request for the release of additional funding by the municipality. She advised that the association had been successfully incorporated and that an open house was being held on May 1st.

Amber Paul, Landscape Architect, Durante Kreuk Ltd. and the General Manager of Community Development, Parks and Recreation Services gave a PowerPoint presentation on the physical and visual work the municipality would be involved in for beautification of the downtown area.

R/07-227

MR Business Improvement Assoc
Issuance of Funds

It was moved and seconded

That the funds allocated to the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association for the first half of 2007, including the remaining grant, be issued to the organization, and further

That the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association 2007 business plan and budget be approved.

CARRIED

**3.2 City of Abbotsford, Sandy Blue, Business Development
– Abbotsford International Airport**

Sandy Blue, Business Development, City of Abbotsford presented a PowerPoint update as to the growth in the Abbotsford International Airport.

3.3 Wireless Pilot Project Update

The Chief Information Officer gave a verbal update on the pilot project undertaken by the municipality to develop its wireless network in partnership with Transzeo Wireless Technologies Inc. He reported that the wireless network is operating in test mode and explained the control systems that could be implemented to ensure appropriate use of the network.

ACTION REQUIRED

Staff is to provide further information and clarification of public use of the wireless signal.

4. *UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS*

4.1 2007-2011 Financial Plan Amending Bylaw

Staff report dated April 30, 2007 recommending that Maple Ridge Financial Plan Bylaw No. 6474-2007 be read a first, second and third time.

The General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services reviewed the financial plan and advised that this item would be going forward to the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 30, 2007.

4.2 2007 Property Tax Rates Bylaw

Staff report dated April 30, 2007 recommending that Maple Ridge Tax Rates Bylaw No. 6475-2007 be read a first, second and third time.

The General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services reviewed the 2007 Property Tax Rates Bylaw and advised that this item would be going forward to the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 30, 2007.

4.3 **Maple Ridge Council Procedures Bylaw No. 6472-2007**

Staff report dated April 13, 2007 recommending that Maple Ridge Council Procedure Bylaw No. 6472-2007, updating general procedures to be followed by council and council committees in conducting their business, be forwarded to Council for consideration.

The Manager of Legislative Services reviewed the bylaw.

R/07-228

BL 6472-2007 It was moved and seconded

That Maple Ridge Council Procedure Bylaw 6472-2007 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

4.4 **Council Business Card Review**

Discussion item pertaining to the appropriate version of the District logo for use on Mayor and Council business cards.

It was the consensus of Council that business cards for Mayor and Council will feature the new District logo.

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE***

5.1 **Ministry of Community Services – Workshop Report**

Letter dated April 5, 2007 from Ida Chong, FCGA, Minister of Community Services and Brenda Binnie, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) providing a workshop report on “Building Effective Regional Districts”, a forum held at the 2006 UBCM Convention.

R/07-229

UBCM Workshop It was moved and seconded
Report

That the letter dated April 5, 2007 from Ida Chong, FCGA, Minister of Community Services and Brenda Binnie, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities be received and no further action taken.

CARRIED

5.2 Union of British Columbia Municipalities – Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement

Letter dated March 28, 2007 from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) providing a status report on UBCM's activities in regard to the Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) and a report dated March 27, 2007 giving an overview of TILMA done in the context of local government be received.

R/07-230

UBCM – Trade
Investment &
Labour Mobility
Agreement

It was moved and seconded

That the letter dated March 28, 2007 from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities be received.

CARRIED

R/07-231

Trade Investment
& Labour Mobility
Agreement

It was moved and seconded

That the Mayor write to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association requesting that they put forward a resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities which addresses local government concerns with the Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement.

CARRIED

5.3 Canadian Labour Congress, Sustainable Communities Initiative – TransLink Governance Structure

Letter dated April 5, 2007 and attached package from the Canadian Labour Congress, Pacific Region, on behalf of the Sustainable Communities Initiative, reflecting concerns about proposed changes to the TransLink Governance structure.

R/07-232

Cdn Labour Congress It was moved and seconded
TransLink
Governance Structure

That the letter dated April 5, 2007 and attached package from the Canadian Labour Congress, Pacific Region, be received and no further action taken.

CARRIED

5.4 **Union of British Columbia Municipalities – Railway Safety Act Review**

Letter dated April 23, 2007 from Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor, Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) providing information on the Railway Safety Act review and public consultation and requesting submissions to be put forward to Transport Canada.

R/07-233

UBCM – Railway It was moved and seconded
Safety Act Review

That the letter dated April 23, 2007 from Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor, Union of British Columbia Municipalities be received and no further action taken.

CARRIED

5.5 **Smart Rail – Railway Safety Act Review**

E-mail dated April 18, 2007 from Paul LeMay, Smart Rail, requesting consideration of a resolution pertaining to the Railway Safety Act.

R/07-234

Smart Rail - It was moved and seconded
Railway Safety Act

That the e-mail dated April 18, 2007 from Paul LeMay, Smart Rail, 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*** - 12:32 p.m.

G. Robson, Mayor

Certified Correct

C. Marlo, Corporate Officer