

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

February 19, 2007

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on February 19, 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

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

The agenda was amended to include:

4.1 Ports Amalgamation Update – Councillor Hogarth

2. ***MINUTES***

R/07-088
Minutes
February 12, 2007

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of February 12, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

3.1 **Long Term Sustainable Vision for Maple Ridge – Charles Holmes, Ester Speck**

Charles Holmes facilitated a discussion on the long term sustainable vision for Maple Ridge. Ester Speck gave a presentation on what the Village of Whistler was doing in terms of sustainability.

R/07-089

Sustainable Vision For Maple Ridge It was moved and seconded

That staff be directed to bring back a report on the inclusion of sustainability into the District's Strategic Plan Update at a review to be held in April 2007, based on the discussion at the Workshop of February 19, 2007 facilitated by Charles Holmes.

CARRIED

Note: The meeting recessed at 12:17 p.m and reconvened at 12:53 p.m.

3.2 **Chamber of Commerce – Jeff Carpenter, President; Dale Nelson, Executive Director; and Reg Mess, President-Elect**

Jeff Carpenter, President of the Chamber of Commerce gave an update of the initiatives and projects of the Chamber.

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

4.1 **Amalgamation of Port Authorities**

Councillor Hogarth gave an overview of a meeting regarding the Port Amalgamation held on February 16, 2007. A report titled Port Amalgamation – Meeting February 16, 2007 was circulated at the meeting.

It was agreed by Council that Councillor Hogarth would be Council's representative on the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Tack Force with Councillor Stewart as the alternate.

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE***

5.1 **Resolution from City of North Vancouver – Smoking at Bus Stops Ban**

Letter dated February 7, 2007 from Sandra E. Dowey, City Clerk, City of North Vancouver regarding a ban on smoking at bus stops.

R/07-090

Ban on Smoking at Bus Stops It was moved and seconded

That the letter from Sandra E. Dowey, City Clerk, City of North Vancouver dated February 7, 2007 regarding a ban on smoking at bus stops received and that no further action to taken.

CARRIED

5.2 **Environmental Assessment Office, Interior to Lower Mainland Transmission Reinforcement Project**

Letter dated February 6, 2007 from Joan Hesketh, Associate Deputy Minister, Environmental Assessment Office requesting an indication of interest by the District of Maple Ridge for participation in the environmental assessment process for the project proposed by the British Columbia Transmission Corporation.

R/07-091

Env Assess Office It was moved and seconded
Indication of Interest

That the letter from Joan Hesketh, Associate Deputy Minister, Environmental Assessment Office regarding the project proposed by the British Columbia Transmission Corporation be received and that Rod Stott, Environmental Planner, participate in the review of this project by the Environmental Assessment Office as a representative for the District of Maple Ridge.

CARRIED

5.3 **Canadian Federation of Independent Business, Business Property Tax Rates**

Letter dated February 7, 2007 from Liv Fredricksen, Policy Analyst, BC & Yukon and Laura Jones, Vice President, BC & Yukon regarding the results of a Canadian Federation of Independent Business report on local business property taxes.

The General Manager of Corporate and Financial Services gave a PowerPoint presentation on types of taxation and examples of the tax policies in the District of Maple Ridge compared to other cities throughout the Lower Mainland.

R/07-092

Business Property Tax Rates It was moved and seconded

That the letter from Liv Fredricksen, Policy Analyst, BC & Yukon and Laura Jones, Vice President, BC & Yukon regarding the results of a Canadian Federation of Independent Business report on local business property taxes be received and that no further action be taken.

CARRIED

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

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

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 2:49 p.m.

G. Robson, Mayor

Certified Correct

C. Marlo, Corporate Officer