

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

May 7, 2007

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on May 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
C. Marlo, Manager of Legislative Services
A. Gaunt, Confidential Secretary

Other Staff as Required

M. Davis, Area Emergency Coordinator
P. Grootendorst, Fire Chief/Director – Operations
T. Fryer, Manager of Corporate and Developmental
Engineering

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 4.2 and 4.3.

2. ***MINUTES***

R/07-235
Minutes
April 30, 2007

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of April 30, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

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

4.1 **Award of Contract Extension for 203 Street Bicycle Lanes**

The General Manager, Public Works and Development Services gave a verbal report on the award of the contract extension for the 203 Street bicycle lanes and advised that this item would be brought forward at the May 8, 2007 Council meeting.

Note: Item 4.3 was dealt with prior to item 4.2

4.2 **Discussion of Commercial Tax Rates**

The General Manager of Corporate and Financial Services gave a PowerPoint presentation which explained the calculation of commercial property tax rates in Maple Ridge.

4.3 **Freshet Update**

The Area Emergency Coordinator gave a verbal update of preparation work being done for a potential flooding event. It was advised that the District website carried detailed information on the flood situation and would be added to on a continuous basis.

The Fire Chief/Director of Operations spoke to work being carried out on flood prevention and addressed the issue of retaining sand bags for emergency use. He advised that the consultant who developed the Fraser Basin Study had been hired by the provincial government and that the Provincial dyke inspector had provided information pertaining to triggers to flooding in certain dyking areas.

The Area Emergency Coordinator reported that information pertaining to a 200 year flood event had been provided to the general public at the Maple Ridge Home Show and that all citizens were being asked to do preparatory activities. Maps were presented which addressed different facets of a flood scenario.

The Manager of Corporate and Development Engineering gave a PowerPoint presentation which detailed the work being carried out in the Albion Dyking District. He advised that the deadline for substantial completion was May 15th and that good progress was being made. The dykes are being built up to meet provincial standards. He also advised that repairs were being made to the Albion pump station.

Issues around the potential evacuation of the Katzie First Nation, the vulnerability of the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot, the effect of flooding on the Fraser River ferry service, the availability of emergency sandbags and plans Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge have in place to house displaced persons were discussed.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that due to the work being put into preparation for the freshet and flooding, other projects had been put aside and an update would be brought forward to clarify which projects had been affected.

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE***

5.1 **The Corporation of Delta – TransLink Governance Review Update**

Resolution dated April 27, 2007 from Claudia Jesson, Deputy Municipal Clerk, Corporation of Delta and an attached Corporation of Delta staff report pertaining to the TransLink Governance Review Update.

R/07-236

Corporation of Delta It was moved and seconded
TransLink
Governance Review

That the resolution from Claudia Jesson, Deputy Municipal Clerk Corporation of Delta, dated April 27, 2006 be received and no further action taken.

CARRIED

5.2 **Inky Mark, M.P., Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette – Bill C-417**

Letter dated April 3, 2007 from Inky Mark, M.P., Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette requesting support for Private Member's Bill C-417, the Canadian Soldiers' and Peacekeepers' Memorial Wall Act.

R/07-237
Inky Mark
Bill C-417

It was moved and seconded

That the letter from Inky Mark, M.P., Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette dated April 3, 2007 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 - 11:46 a.m.***

G. Robson, Mayor

Certified Correct

C. Marlo, Corporate Officer