

District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

June 21, 2010

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on June 21, 2010 at 9:00 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 E. Daykin
Councillor C. Ashlie
Councillor J. Dueck
Councillor A. Hogarth
Councillor Morden
Councillor L. King
Councillor C. Speirs

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

Superintendent D, Walsh, Officer-In-Charge, Ridge Meadows RCMP
Inspector Derren Lench, Operations NCO, Ridge Meadows RCMP
J. Bergmann, Research Technician
S. Blue, Manager of Strategic Economic Initiatives
B. McDonald, Director of Licences, Permits and Bylaws
K. Swift, Director of Recreation

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1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. **MINUTES**

R/2010-331
Minutes
June 14, 2010

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of June 14, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 **Matrix Update**

Staff report dated June 17, 2010 recommending that the Council Matrix attached as Appendix I be adopted.

The Manager of Legislative Services reviewed the report.

Current items on the matrix as well as possible additions and revisions were discussed.

R/2010-332
Matrix Update

It was moved and seconded

That the Council Matrix attached as Appendix I to the staff report dated June 17, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED

Councillor Morden - OPPOSED

R/2010-333
Additions to
Matrix

It was moved and seconded

That items pertaining to the Metro Vancouver Liquid Waste Management Plan, the Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management Plan and a pavement degradation policy be added to the Council matrix.

CARRIED

4.2 **RCMP Update**

Superintendent Walsh provided an update on issues which have been in the forefront for the local detachment over the last few months. He advised on an upcoming cell renovation, a review being undertaken in terms of business being carried out at the detachment, the issue of illegal and legal marijuana grow ops and the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (“DARE”) project. He also advised on the Community Safety Officer pilot project and the Bar Watch project.

4.3 RCMP Contract Update

The General Manager of Corporate and Financial Services provided an update on RCMP contract negotiations. He advised on the process and outlined issues which have been raised by municipalities involved in the negotiations.

4.4 Scrap Metal Initiative

The Director of Licences, Permits and Bylaws addressed the issue of metal theft on the Lower Mainland. He provided a background on past provincial and regional initiatives undertaken to deal with the scrap metal problem. He advised on District bylaws which address the issue as well as bylaws enacted by other communities.

R/2010-334
Scrap Metal
Initiative

It was moved and seconded

That staff be directed to provide a report with includes background research and a bylaw relating to scrap metal issues; and further

That staff be directed to investigate and report on resolutions of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities addressing the topic of scrap metal theft.

CARRIED

4.5 2010 Residential Property Taxes

Staff report dated June 17, 2010 providing information on municipal taxes assessed to Class 1 – Residential.

The Research Technician reviewed the report.

The General Manager of Corporate and Financial Services provided details on the municipal tax rates and advised on property assessments and the resulting impact on local taxes.

4.6 **Post Secondary Institutions Update**

The Manager of Strategic Economic Initiatives provided an update on discussions being held with educational institutions to promote interest in locating in Maple Ridge. She advised that an education forum is being planned for late Fall.

4.7 **UBCM Resolution regarding the impact of alcohol pricing**

Staff report dated June 14, 2010 recommending that a resolution from the Social Planning Advisory Committee requesting that the Provincial Government enact new policies pertaining to alcohol use in British Columbia be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Conference for consideration.

The Director of Community Services reviewed the report.

R/2010-335

Alcohol Pricing

Motion to UBCM

It was moved and seconded

That the proposed motion attached to the staff report dated June 14, 2010 on the impact of alcohol pricing be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for consideration at its annual meeting.

CARRIED

5. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Nil

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

6.1 **Bicycle Policy**

Councillor Hogarth asked for clarification on a policy permitting the riding of bicycles on sidewalks. He expressed concern that this policy appears to hinder the ability of the RCMP to charge persons riding a bicycle on a sidewalk and not wearing a helmet.

Councillor King provided an explanation on the bylaw pertaining to bikes being allowed on sidewalks and advised that further information for the public on the subject will be forthcoming as a joint effort of the Bylaws Department, the RCMP, the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Vancouver Association Cycling Coalition.

Note: Councillor Morden left meeting at 12:03 p.m.

7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT***

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 12:06 p.m.

E. Daykin, Mayor

Certified Correct

C. Marlo, Corporate Officer