

District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

July 19, 2010

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on July 19, 2010 at 10:00 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 L. King
Councillor M. Morden
Councillor C. Speirs

Appointed Staff

K. Swift, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
P. Gill, General Manager Corporate and Financial Services
R. Carmichael, Acting 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

L. Benson, Manager of Sustainability and Corporate
Planning
S. Rutledge, Manager of Revenue and Collections
D. Walsh, Superintendent, Officer In Charge, Ridge
Meadows RCMP

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1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. **MINUTES**

R/2010-357
Minutes
July 12, 2010

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of July 12, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

3.1 **Introduction of Ridge Meadows RCMP Detachment Members**

Superintendent Walsh introduced Constables David Vanderput, Christopher Barr and Sarah Leonard.

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

4.1 **Sustainability Update**

The Manager of Sustainability and Corporate Planning gave a PowerPoint presentation providing an update of some of the District's sustainability initiatives.

4.2 **2010 Property Taxation Peak Period Recap**

The Manager of Revenue and Collections gave a PowerPoint presentation advising on the process and the results of the 2010 property tax peak period.

4.3 **Tender Update, Sanitary Sewer Extension to Corrections Facility**

The Acting General Manager of Public Works and Development Services advised on the process involved for upcoming tenders for the sanitary sewer extension to the Corrections facility on 256th Street.

4.4 **Compensation Policy**

Councillor Ashlie introduced a resolution requesting that the Labour Relations Bureau explore the matter of a voluntary compensation plan for exempt municipal employees. She explained her rationale for the request.

The Executive Director provided an explanation of the current employee compensation policy and how the policy was arrived at. He advised on concerns pertaining to regional oversight of exempt staff compensation.

R/2010-358
Compensation
Policy

It was moved and seconded

That Council request the Labour Relations Bureau discuss the exploration of a Voluntary Compensation Plan for Exempt Municipal Employees.

CARRIED

4.5 Discussion of thesis paper titled “Revitalization Tax Exemptions in British Columbia”

Councillor Hogarth provided a written discussion summary of the thesis paper. He spoke to the relatively new revitalization tax exemptions in British Columbia and put forward suggestions as to how to utilize revitalization tax exemptions to encourage growth in the downtown core.

The General Manager of Corporate and Financial Services advised that the District’s revitalization tax exemption bylaw is scheduled for review in the near future. He suggested that staff review legislation to ensure best application of the exemption tools available and report back to Council.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Minister Rich Coleman, Ministry of Housing and Social Development – Alcohol Reform

Letter dated July 5, 2010 from Minister Rich Coleman, Ministry of Housing and Social Development acknowledging receipt of a letter of support for recommendations made by the BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform and indicating the Provincial Government will not regulate retail alcohol pricing as suggested.

R/2010-359
Alcohol Reform

It was moved and seconded

That the letter from Minister Rich Coleman, Ministry of Housing and Social Development pertaining to a request for regulation of retail alcohol pricing be forwarded to the Social Planning Advisory Committee for response.

CARRIED

5.2 Province of British Columbia, Office of the Premier – 2010 UBCM Convention

Letter dated July 13, 2010 from Gordon Campbell, Premier, Province of British Columbia providing information on the submission of requests for meetings with Ministers during the 2010 UBCM convention.

Mayor Daykin requested that Councillors provide the Manager of Legislative Services with a list of Provincial Ministers they wish to meet with and issues they wish addressed.

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

7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT*** – Nil

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** – 12:36 p.m.

E. Daykin, Mayor

Certified Correct

C. Marlo, Corporate Officer