

District of Maple Ridge

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

February 15, 2010

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on February 15, 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.

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**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*

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*

L. Benson, Manager of Sustainability and Corporate  
Planning  
S. Matthewson, Recreation and Social Planning  
Coordinator  
S. Wheeler, Director of Community Services  
D. Hall, Planner  
S. Blue, Manager of Economic Development  
S. Del Monte, Manager of Corporate Communications

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**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted with the addition of the following items:

- 4.5 Media Relations Policy
- 4.6 Shaw Cable Broadcast

2. **MINUTES**

R/2010-093

Minutes

February 1, 2010

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of February 1, 2010 be adopted as circulated.**

CARRIED

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

3.1 **Fraser Health Update – Valerie Spurrell, Executive Director, Clinical Programs and Operations; Vivian Giglio, Executive Director, Clinical Programs and Operations; Miriam Stewart, Director, Clinical Programs, Surgical Services**

Ms. Spurrell provided information on the recent changes in the organizational structure at Fraser Health and addressed budget cuts within the organization.

Ms. Giglio advised on the impact of the budget cuts from a surgical perspective at Ridge Meadows Hospital. She provided information as to how residents can voice concerns regarding services offered by Fraser Health.

Ms. Stewart advised on the process of categorizing individual cases for care.

4. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets in the Official Community Plan**

Staff report dated February 5, 2010 recommending endorsement of the process for early and ongoing public consultation in establishing targets, policies and actions for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to be included in the Official Community Plan.

The Manager of Sustainability and Corporate Planning reviewed the report.

R/2010-094  
Greenhouse Gas  
Emissions

It was moved and seconded

1. **Whereas Council has considered the requirements of Section 879 of the Local Government Act that it provide, in respect of the establishment of the Reduction Targets, one or more opportunities it considers appropriate for consultation with persons, organizations and authorities it considers will be affected and has specifically considered the matters referred to in Section 879(2) of the Act.**

**And whereas Council considers that the opportunities to consult, proposed in respect of an amendment to the Official Community Plan (as summarized in the report entitled "Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Targets in the Official Community Plan" dated February 5, 2010) constitute appropriate consultation for the purposes of Section 879 of the Local Government Act;**

**Now therefore, Council resolves that the early and ongoing consultation as identified in Appendix E, in the report entitled "Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Targets in the Official Community Plan" dated February 5, 2010 be endorsed, and**

2. **That the proposed greenhouse gas emissions targets of 34% reduction in per capita emissions from the 2007 baseline by 2020, and 50% reduction by 2031, be forwarded to Public Open House, and**
3. **That the process identified in the report entitled, "Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Targets in the Official Community Plan" dated February 5, 2010 be endorsed.**

CARRIED

#### 4.2 Albion Flats Concept Plan Process

Staff report dated February 8, 2010 recommending that the Albion Flats Concept Plan Process be approved.

The Director of Planning reviewed the report. She advised on the steps proposed for the concept plan process, spoke to the time line being proposed for completion of the project and explained the *Charette* process.

R/2010-095  
Albion Flats  
Concept Plan  
Process

It was moved and seconded

**That the staff report dated February 8, 2010 titled the “Albion Flats Concept Plan Process” be forwarded to the February 23, 2010 Council Meeting for further discussion.**

CARRIED

#### 4.3 Bill 18-2009 Assistance to Shelter Act Response to Minister Rich Coleman

Staff report dated January 25, 2010 recommending that the letter from the Social Planning Advisory Committee addressed to Minister Rich Coleman be supported.

The Recreation and Social Planning Coordinator provided additional information on Bill 18-2009 and advised on the Committee’s evaluation of the Bill.

Councillor King clarified that the letter will be reprinted and signed by the Chair of the Committee.

R/2010-096  
Bill 18-2009

It was moved and seconded

**That the letter from the Maple Ridge Social Planning Advisory Committee, addressed to Rich Coleman, be supported and forwarded on behalf of the Maple Ridge Social Planning Advisory Committee.**

CARRIED

Councillor Hogarth, Councillor Dueck, Councillor Morden –  
OPPOSED

**4.4 Request for Endorsement of letter from the Agricultural Advisory Committee to Metro Vancouver**

Report from Candace Gordon, Chair, Agricultural Advisory Committee recommending the endorsement of a letter from the Agricultural Advisory Committee to Metro Vancouver.

The Planner advised on the content of the letter.

R/2010-097  
Endorsement of  
Letter

It was moved and seconded

**That the letter from the Agricultural Advisory Committee dated February 8, 2010 to be forwarded to Metro Vancouver, be endorsed.**

R/2010-098  
Endorsement of  
Letter

It was moved and seconded

**That consideration of Item 4.4, the letter from the Agricultural Advisory Committee dated February 8, 2010, be deferred to the February 22, 2010 Council Workshop Meeting.**

CARRIED

Councillor Speirs - OPPOSED

**4.5 Media Relations**

Councillor Morden expressed concern with content in the media that is not correct. Discussion centered on how the District deals with information in the media from a policy standpoint.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the new Manager of Corporation Communications will be reviewing the communication policy for the District.

#### 4.6 **Shaw Cable Broadcast**

Councillor Dueck spoke to difficulties encountered by Maple Ridge residents wishing to access the Shaw Cable broadcast of local Council meetings.

R/2010-099  
Shaw Cable  
Broadcast

It was moved and seconded

**That the Mayor be authorized to write a letter to Shaw Cable expressing concern and describing the difficulties Maple Ridge residents are experiencing with the Shaw broadcast of local Council meetings and requesting a solution to the issues.**

CARRIED

#### 5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### 5.1 **Sierra Club BC – *Species and Ecosystems Protection Act***

Letter dated January 27, 2010 from Susan Howatt, Campaigns Director, Sierra Club BC requesting endorsement of ten principles for a new *Species and Ecosystems Protection Act*.

R/2010-100  
Sierra Club BC

It was moved and seconded

**That an invitation be extended to the Sierra Club to attend a future Council Workshop Meeting.**

CARRIED

##### 5.2 **Ministry of Community & Rural Development – Local Government Election Issues**

Letter dated January 29, 2010 from Bill Bennett, Minister of Community & Rural Development and Harry Nyee, President, UBCM seeking written comments to assist in the review of local government election issues.

Councillor King advised that a UBCM workshop has been scheduled for March 12, 2010 to address local government election issues.

R/2010-101

Local Government

Election Issues

It was moved and seconded

**That the letter dated January 29, 2010 from Bill Bennett, Minister of Community & Rural Development and Harry Nyee, President, UBCM be deferred to a Council Workshop Meeting following a workshop in March 2010 hosted by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.**

CARRIED

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

7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT***

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 11:52 a.m.

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E. Daykin, Mayor

Certified Correct

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C. Marlo, Corporate Officer