

District of Maple Ridge

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

January 18, 2010

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on January 18, 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 L. King  
Councillor M. Morden  
Councillor C. Speirs

**ABSENT**

Councillor A. Hogarth

*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  
R. Riach, Acting Corporate Officer  
A. Gaunt, Confidential Secretary

*Other Staff as Required*

J. Bastaja, Chief Information Officer  
K. Gormley, Manager of Business Systems  
C. Nolan, Manager of Accounting  
R. Carmichael, Director of Engineering, Operations  
S. Rutledge, Manager of Revenue and Collections  
L. Benson, Manager of Sustainability and Corporate  
Planning  
S. Blue, Manager of Economic Development

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**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. **MINUTES**

R/2010-041

Minutes  
January 11, 2010

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of January 11, 2010 be adopted with a text amendment on Page 6 – 4.2.13 - replacing the word “clarify” with the word “clarification”.**

CARRIED

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

4. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 **Bicycle Advisory Committee, Letter to TransLink**

Staff report dated January 5, 2010 recommending that a letter from the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Bicycle Advisory Committee to TransLink be supported.

R/2010-042

BAC

Letter to TransLink It was moved and seconded

**That the letter from the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Bicycle Advisory Committee be supported and the letter addressed to TransLink be forwarded as advice on behalf of the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Bicycle Advisory Committee.**

CARRIED

4.2 **My Maple Ridge**

The Chief Information Officer gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the District's new online service providing tax and utility information to residents, the strategic technology plan and website improvements.

The Manager of Business Systems provided a demonstration of the “My Maple Ridge” online service.

#### 4.3 Matrix Update

Staff report dated January 6, 2010 recommending that the attached Council Matrix be adopted.

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the report. Items shown in Appendix II were discussed.

R/2010-043  
Matrix Update

It was moved and seconded

**That the Council Matrix attached as Appendix II to the staff report dated January 6, 2010 be adopted.**

CARRIED

#### 4.4 GVA Parking Tax

Staff report dated January 6, 2010 recommending changes to parking rates to take effect April 1, 2010 to be received for information and forwarded to the January 26, 2010 Council Meeting for discussion and consideration.

The Manager of Accounting reviewed the report.

R/2010-044  
GVA Parking Tax  
Rate Increases

It was moved and seconded

**That the following changes to parking rates take effect April 1, 2010:**

**That hourly paid parking rates be increased by \$0.25, with the first hour to remain free, and that daily paid parking rates be increased by \$1.00; and further**

**That employee parking rates be increased to reflect the additional parking tax.**

CARRIED

Councillor Morden - OPPOSED

#### 4.5 **2010 Property Assessment Review**

Staff report dated January 13, 2010 providing an overview of the 2010 Property Assessment Information received from BC Assessment (BCA).

The Manager of Revenue and Collections gave a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the 2010 Property Assessments. She advised that the assessment numbers are not final and are still subject to adjustment.

The industrial tax rate for the Hammond Cedar Mill was discussed.

R/2010-045            4.5.1  
2010 Property  
Assessment Review    It was moved and seconded

**That the staff report dated January 13, 2010 titled “2010 Property Assessment Review” be received for information.**

CARRIED

R/2010-046            4.5.2  
2010 Property  
Assessment Review    It was moved and seconded

**That the Mayor write a letter to the Provincial Government requesting that municipalities continue to manage local industrial tax rates.**

CARRIED

#### 5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### 5.1 **Solicitor General Kash Heed - Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Legislation**

Letter dated January 5, 2010 from Kash Heed, Solicitor General, responding to a November 9, 2009 letter pertaining to the implementation of Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods legislation.

R/2010-047

Safer Communities

And Neighbourhood Legislation It was moved and seconded

Legislation

**That a letter be written in response to Solicitor General Kash Heed's letter dated January 5, 2010 requesting specifics of, and a timeline for, the Provincial Government plans to implement the requested Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods legislation.**

CARRIED

It was the consensus of Council that a letter be drafted and brought back to a future Council meeting for review.

6. ***BRIEFING ON OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST/QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL*** – Nil
7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT*** – Nil
8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 10:56 a.m.

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E. Daykin, Mayor

Certified Correct

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R. Riach, Acting Corporate Officer