

District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

March 15, 2010

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on March 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.

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
S. Del Monte, Manager of Corporate Communications

Note: These Minutes are posted on the Municipal Web Site at www.mapleridge.ca

Note: Councillor Dueck and Councillor Ashlie were not present at the start of the meeting.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

Note: Councillor Dueck and Councillor Ashlie arrived at 9:02 a.m.

2. MINUTES

R/2010-143
Minutes
March 1, 2010

It was moved and seconded

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

CARRIED

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

3.1 **Sierra Club BC – Susan Howatt, Campaigns Director** (see attached letter)

Ms. Howatt outlined the mandate of the Sierra Club BC, the approach to issues by the club and provided clarification and background on items raised in the letter dated January 27, 2010 requesting endorsement of the new *Species and Ecosystems Protection Act*.

R/2010-144
Species and
Ecosystems
Protection Act

It was moved and seconded

That the intent of the letter from the Sierra Club BC dated January 27, 2010 regarding endorsement for a new *Species and Ecosystems Protection Act* be supported; and further

That the Provincial Government be strongly urged to create a task force inclusive of Union of British Columbia Municipalities (“UBCM”) representation for the purposes of establishing a new *Species and Ecosystems Protection Act*.

CARRIED

4. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 **Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Resolutions**

Staff report dated March 9, 2010 providing topics for resolutions to LMLGA and requesting direction on the submission of the resolutions to LMLGA.

Resolutions were discussed separately.

R/2010-145
UBCM Resolution
2010

4.1.1

It was moved and seconded

That the following resolution be submitted to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA):

WHEREAS the administration and delivery of health care service is the responsibility of the Province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia Ambulance Service, operating under the authority of the Emergency and Health Services Commission to provide public ambulance service across the Province, has a target to respond within 9 minutes to 90% of the most serious calls (Delta/Echo) from its metro/urban stations and in 2009 responded within 9 minutes to only 52% of those calls placing the citizens of this Province at risk;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities call upon the Province of British Columbia to direct sufficient resources to meet the response time criteria to ensure that citizens of this Province have access to timely high quality care during medical emergencies.

CARRIED

R/2010-146
UBCM Resolution
2010

4.1.2

It was moved and seconded

That the following resolution be submitted to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA):

WHEREAS redundant covenants on title can contradict a local governments zoning bylaw and negatively impact development potential for private owned property;

AND WHEREAS approvals for release of the charge(s) by the signatories to the charge(s) can be difficult to obtain and local governments are not authorized by the Land Title Act, the Community Charter or the Local Government Act to release the charge(s) from title;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Provincial government to amend the Land Title Act to allow local governments to apply to the BC Land Title & Survey Authority for the release of the charge(s) from title.

CARRIED

R/2010-147
UBCM Resolution
2010

4.1.3

It was moved and seconded

That the following resolution be submitted to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA):

WHEREAS long term private leases can lock up critical downtown commercial properties long after a head lease holder has vacated a property;

AND WHEREAS this serves to block investment and limit development potential and the effectiveness of community planning;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Provincial and Federal governments to limit the exercising of commercial lease options to no more than 5 years after a head lease holder has vacated a commercial space.

CARRIED

Councillor Ashlie, Councillor Dueck - OPPOSED

R/2010-148
Long Term
Private Leases

4.1.4

It was moved and seconded

That staff prepare a report on options available to Council to deal with long term private leases that can lock up critical downtown commercial properties.

CARRIED

Note: The meeting was recessed at 10:07 a.m. and reconvened at 2:33 p.m.

R/2010-149
UBCM Resolution
2010

4.1.5

It was moved and seconded

That the following resolution be submitted to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA):

WHEREAS most communities are trying to build housing and neighborhoods that will allow their citizens to age in place without having to move so they can remain connected to their community;

AND WHEREAS building codes only allow accessible building standards to be applied on multi family housing and don't apply to single family dwellings or townhouse development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that provincial and federal building codes be changed to allow communities to apply accessible building standards to all residential classes.

CARRIED

R/2010-150
UBCM Resolution
2010

4.1.6

It was moved and seconded

That the following resolution be submitted to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA):

WHEREAS pesticides are widely available with few restrictions or conditions applied to their sale for either cosmetic or non-cosmetic uses at a time when most communities have cosmetic pesticide bans in place;

AND WHEREAS communities don't have the power or resources to ban, restrict or control the sale of these dangerous chemicals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government ban the over the counter retail sale of these dangerous chemicals and severely restrict access to them through training programs and licensing.

CARRIED

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 **E-Comm Board of Directors Designate**

Letter dated February 23, 2010 from Emergency Communications for Southwest BC ("E-Comm 911) requesting written confirmation of the designation of one individual for election to the Board of Directors of E-Comm and for attendance at the E-Comm 2010 Annual General Meeting.

R/2010-151
E-Comm Board
Of Directors
2010/2011 Year

It was moved and seconded

That Mayor Ernie Daykin be designated for election to the Board of Directors of E-Comm for the 2010-2012 year; and further

That Mayor Ernie Daykin be designated to attend the 2010 and 2011 Annual General Meetings of the Shareholders of E-Comm for the purposes of voting the District of Maple Ridge's shares.

CARRIED

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

7. **MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT** – Nil

8. **ADJOURNMENT** – 2:50 p.m.

E. Daykin, Mayor

Certified Correct

C. Marlo, Corporate Officer