

City of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

February 12, 2019

The Minutes of the City Council Workshop held on February 12, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Blaney Room of City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia for the purpose of transacting regular City business.

PRESENT

Elected Officials

Mayor M. Morden
Councillor Duncan
Councillor C. Meadus
Councillor G. Robson
Councillor R. Svendsen
Councillor A. Yousef

Appointed Staff

P. Gill, Chief Administrative Officer
F. Quinn, General Manager Public Works and Development Services
D. Pope, Acting General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture / Director of Parks and Facilities
L. Benson, Director of Corporate Administration
T. Thompson, Chief Financial Officer

ABSENT

Councillor J. Dueck

Other Staff as Required

C. Carter, Director of Planning
D. Pollock, Municipal Engineer
P. Irani, Manager of Transportation
D. Hall, Planner 2, Development and Environmental Services

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

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2019-069

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda of the February 12, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

2.1 Minutes of the January 29, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting

R/2019-070

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the January 29, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

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

4. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 **Transportation Plan Overview - Presentation**

- David Pollock, Municipal Engineer

D. Pollock, Municipal Engineer gave a Power Point presentation including the following information:

- 2014 Strategic Transportation Plan Review and background
- Strategic Transportation Plan Components (Road Network Plan; Pedestrian Plan; Bicycle Plan and Transit Strategy)
- Proposed Major Road Projects and Key Areas of Focus
- Proposed Pedestrian Priorities and Interim Strategies for Growth Areas
- Bicycling Key Themes, Proposed Bicycling Upgrades and Priorities
- Transportation Plan Transit – Strategy and Initiatives, and funding,
- Key Initiatives Requiring Federal / Provincial Support
- Strategic Transportation Plan Next Steps

Mr. Pollock answered questions regarding:

- Provincial highway improvements on Loughheed Highway east of Spilsbury;
- Public notifications and consultations process on road expansions
- 203 railway crossing in the context of increased rail traffic in future;
- Pedestrian and cycling allowances on Dewdney Trunk Road east of 240 St;
- transit allowances for future expansion into Silver Valley and Thornhill;
- shovel-ready approach to senior government grant funding;

Councillor Robson left the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

4.2 **240 Street Bridge to Silver Valley - Presentation**

- Purvez Irani, Manager of Transportation

P. Irani, Manager of Transportation, gave a Power Point presentation including the following information:

- Project Background
- Recent Developments
- Bridge Concept
- Estimated Costs
- Next Steps including second crossing into Silver Valley and consideration of Abernethy Way Extension

Councillor Robson entered the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Mr. Irani answered questions from Council regarding:

- DCC capital funding and TransLink Major Road Network funding;
- the 2001 identification of the need for this bridge as a second access in the Silver Valley Area Plan;
- mitigation of environmental impacts and involvement of community groups;
- traffic impacts and capacity relating to Golden Ears Provincial Park;
- connecting roads and urban/suburban land-use designations on either end.

4.3 Regulations for the Production and Processing of Cannabis - Discussion Paper

Staff report dated February 12, 2019 recommending that staff be directed to prepare a policy on the processing of non-farm use applications where required by the Agricultural Land Commission for cannabis cultivation and be directed to prepare amendments to the Zoning Bylaw to regulate the processing, cultivation, research, testing and mail order sales on lands outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve.

C. Carter, Director of Planning, introduced the item noting the City's current bylaw deals with medical marijuana exclusively. She advised agenda item is an opportunity for Council to ask questions and provide feedback on other options relating to the cannabis industry, including the recreational cannabis sector. Through the back and forth discussion, staff will take the information back to refine recommendations that will be brought back to Council at a future meeting.

D. Hall, Planner 1, gave a Power Point presentation including the following information:

- Cannabis Production Federal / Provincial Changes and Land Use Implications
- 2013 Regulatory Context
- Federal Regulations and Licence Categories
- Provincial Changes and Industry Requests
- Land Use within the ALR
- Council Considerations
- Rural Residential and Industrial Land Use
- Next Steps

Council provided feedback relating to:

- Land Use and ALR lands;
- Neighbourhood Impact;
- Municipal Regulations in the ALR;
- Property Taxes and Revenue Options;
- Water supply, burden on aquifers, and metering;

- Retail Storefront Regulations;
- Appropriate Infrastructure to Support the Industry;
- Council involvement and public consultation in application process; and
- Risk considerations around cannabis growing operations in residential buildings.

The item was sent back to staff to continue work on the regulations, incorporating Council feedback.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillor Robson declared a conflict of interest noting that his wife is the Executive Director of the Friends in Need Food Bank Society and left the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

5.1 **Friends in Need Food Bank Society – Perishable Food Recovery Program**

Correspondence dated February 6, 2019 from Mary Robson, Executive Director of Friends in Need Food Bank Society asking for a letter of support from the City of Maple Ridge for the expansion of the Perishable Food Recovery Program.

R/2019-071

It was moved and seconded

That the Friends in Need Food Bank Society be provided with a letter of support as requested.

CARRIED

5.2 **Upcoming Events**

February 19, 2019 12:00 – 2:00 pm	North Fraser Pretrial Open House Port Coquitlam
February 21, 2019 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	UDI Luncheon “How Global Cities Tackle Affordability & What We Need to do Next” Regency Hotel, Vancouver
February 21, 2019 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Community Heritage Commission: Heritage Awards St. Andrews Church, 22289 116 Avenue
February 23, 2019 6:00 pm	Chamber of Commerce 2018 Business Excellence Awards Gala Thomas Haney Secondary School

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

7. **MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT – Nil**

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** – 3:14 p.m.

M. Morden, Mayor

Certified Correct

L. Benson, Corporate Officer