

City of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

February 26, 2019

The Minutes of the City Council Workshop held on February 26, 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 J. Dueck

Councillor Duncan

Councillor C. Meadus

Councillor G. Robson

Councillor R. Svendsen

Councillor A. Yousef

Appointed Staff

P. Gill, Chief Administrative Officer

Christine Carter, Acting General Manager Public Works and
Development Services / Director of Planning

K. Swift, General Manager of Parks, Recreation and
Community Engagement

L. Benson, Director of Corporate Administration

T. Thompson, Chief Financial Officer

Other Staff as Required

D. Pollock, Municipal Engineer

P. Irani, Manager of Transportation

B. Elliott, Manager of Community Planning

A. Bowden, Planner 1, Community Planning

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 26, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting agenda be to deal with Item 4.1 first to give the presenters of 3.1 time to enter the meeting ; and

That the agenda as amended be approved.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the February 5, 2019 and February 12, 2019 Council Workshop Meetings

R/2019-070

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the February 5, 2019 Council Workshop be adopted

That the minutes of the February 12, 2019 Council Workshop be amended as follows:

That R/2019-071 wording of “request for a letter of support be forwarded to the February 26, 2019 Regular Council Meeting for consideration.” be replaced with “be provided with a letter of support as requested.”; and,

That the minutes of the February 12, 2019 Council Workshop as amended be adopted.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Lougheed Corridor Phase 1 Summary

Staff report dated February 26, 2019 providing information on Lougheed Corridor Phase 1.

Amelia Bowden, Planner 1 gave a PowerPoint Presentation including the following information:

- Background
- Project Timeline
- Metro Vancouver Study Results – Maple Ridge Data
- Study Area Boundaries
- Local Developer Feedback
- Housing Profile
- Anticipated Residential Demand
- Anticipated Commercial Demand
- Communications and Consultation Strategy
- Direct Mail campaign
- Video Presentation on public consultation
- In-Person Communication
- Newspaper and Online Communication

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

3.1 Staff Introduction by Brent Elliott, Manager of Community Planning

B. Elliott, Manager of Community Planning provided an introduction to explain how the following three agenda items relate to one another. He gave a PowerPoint presentation including the following information:

- Maple Ridge Lougheed Transit Corridor Study Timeline
- Phase 1 – Project Scoping Report
- Combining the Studies Together

TransLink – Area Transport Plan Update

- Sarah Ross, Director of Systems Planning; Matt Craig, Manager of Systems Planning & Brian Soland, Senior Planner

Sarah Ross gave a PowerPoint presentation including the following information:

- Mayors' 10-Year Vision – Phase One and Two Improvements
- Update on Lougheed B-Line Implementation (End of 2019)
- Upcoming consultation with Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Area Transport Plan
- Lougheed Corridor Long-term Transit Study (ongoing) and connection to the Regional Transportation Plan
- Future Rapid Transit and B-Line Network
- What is the Proposed 'B-Line or Better' Service
- Public Support for B-Line noting 81% support or strongly support
- Transit priority will make B-Line more competitive with driving
- Implementation Considerations including costs covered by TransLink and Mayors' Vision Phase Two Investment Plan including cost sharing program for further improvements and TransLink working with municipal staff
- Timeline to 2019 B-Line Launch
- Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Area Transport Plan
- Phase 1 Consultation: Identifying Issues and Opportunities
- Phase 2: What we heard and Develop Strategies and Actions
- 5 Transit Strategies
- Example of Potential Changes: Routes 745 and 746
- Walking and Cycling – TransLink supports local projects through cost-sharing programs with municipalities
- Integration with Local Transportation Plans
- Walking to Transit Strategies
- Cycling Strategies
- New Mobility and Emerging Technology
- Evaluation Framework for Potential Strategies and Actions
- Phase 2 Consultation Methods and Dates; Consultation Promotion and Events
- Lougheed Corridor Long-Term Transit Study including draft values and goals identified with Municipal Working Group, and evaluation framework

- Next steps including Area Transport Plan, B-Line Implementation and Lougheed Corridor Long-Term Transit Study

Council asked questions regarding: West Coast Express potential for Lougheed at 240 St., park and ride service for downtown Maple Ridge, light rail potential for Maple Ridge, Major Road Network funding for 240 St. to Silver Valley, B-Line priority travel lanes, accessibility considerations,

3.2 Metro Vancouver- Lougheed Corridor Land Use Plan

- Erin Rennie, Senior Planner
- James Stiver, Manager, Growth Management and Transportation

Erin Stiver gave a PowerPoint presentation including the following information:

- Lougheed Corridor Land Use and Monitoring Study – Report on Study Process and Findings
- Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas (FTDAs): Critical tools for shaping growth
- Metro 2040 targets
- Urban Centre and FTDA Policy Review and Corridor Studies
- Rider Benefits Lougheed B-Line will bring
- Lougheed Corridor Land Use and Monitoring Study
- Study Purpose
- Partnering across boundaries and agencies
- Study Process
- Custom Study Area Geography
- Monitoring Program to track land use and transportation indicators over time
- Market Potential Assessment
- Transit-Supportive Corridor Opportunities
- 6 Ds of Transit-Oriented Communities being destination, distance, design, density, diversity and demand
- Key Findings for Lougheed Corridor
- Next steps including B-Line Implementation and Area Transportation Plan, Lougheed Corridor Long-Term Transit Study, Metro 2040 Urban Centre and FTDS Review, Corridor Study analysis may inform further municipal work, baseline monitoring report-2019, and Metro Vancouver facilitation and discussion services

3.3 2019 Property Assessment Review

Staff report dated February 26, 2019 providing information on the 2019 Property Assessment.

CK Lee, Manager of Revenue and Collections gave a PowerPoint presentation including the following information:

- Background

- Residential and Commercial comparison between 2018 and 2019
- Residential, growth and market stats
- Growth by Area and Property Type
- Map
- Market Change by Area and Property Type with map for visual reference
- Commercial, growth and market stats
- Growth by Area with map for visual reference
- Market Change by Area with map for visual reference
- Tax Impact on Residential Property (Class 1)
- Distribution of Assessment Change (Class 1)

T. Thompson, Chief Financial Officer, summarized by explaining that the majority of Maple Ridge residences increased in value near the City average and therefore will experience a property tax increase near the 3.5% approved by Council last July.

He also explained that the City's commercial tax rate multiple had decreased, and how this had been driven by the higher market increases experienced in the business and light industrial categories relative to residential market increases.

Council asked questions on commercial tax rate multiple, agricultural land rates, trends in tax deferrals.

4. ***CORRESPONDENCE***

5.1 **Upcoming Events**

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| February 27, 2019 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Pitt Meadows Airport - New Development Information Sessions Sky Helicopters: Unit #170 – 18799 Airport Way, Pitt Meadows |
| February 28, 2019 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. | Affordable Housing 101 – Webinar for Local Government Elected Officials Registration: https://bcnpha.ca/courses/affordable-housing-101-for-elected-officials-webinar/ |
| February 28, 2019 11:30 a.m. | BC High School Provincials Curling Championship Golden Ears Curling Club |
| March 3, 2019 2 p.m. to March 5 10:00 p.m. | 2019 BC Economic Summit The Westin Wall Centre, 3099 Corvette Way, Richmond BC |

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

7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT***

8. **ADJOURNMENT** – 1:55 p.m.

M. Morden, Mayor

Certified Correct

L. Benson, Corporate Officer