

City of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

April 28, 2020

The Minutes of the City Council Workshop held on April 28, 2020 at 11:03 a.m. in the Blaney Room at City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia for the purpose of transacting regular City business.

<i>PRESENT</i>	<i>Appointed Staff</i>
<i>Elected Officials</i>	A. Horsman, Chief Administrative Officer
Mayor M. Morden	D. Boag, General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture
Councillor J. Dueck	C. Carter, General Manager Planning & Development Services
Councillor K. Duncan	C. Crabtree, Acting General Manager Corporate Services
Councillor C. Meadus	D. Pollock, General Manager Engineering Services
Councillor G. Robson	S. Nichols, Corporate Officer
Councillor R. Svendsen	T. Thompson, Chief Financial Officer
Councillor A. Yousef	<i>Other Staff as Required</i>
	H. Exner, Fire Chief

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Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council members participated electronically.

1. ***APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA***

R/2020-163

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda of the April 28, 2020 Council Workshop Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ***MINUTES***

2.1 **Minutes of the April 14, 2020 Council Workshop Meeting**

R/2020-164

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of April 14, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. ***UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS***

4.1 **Fire Master Plan**

The Fire Chief provided a presentation on the Fire Department Master Plan and responded to questions from Council.

4.2 **Request for Federal Funding to Stabilize Public Transit**

Staff report dated April 28, 2020 recommending that the request to the Government of Canada through the Canadian Urban Transit Association (“CUTA”) for emergency funding to assist public transit operations across Canada be endorsed.

The General Manager of Engineering Services spoke to the staff report and responded to questions from Council.

R/2020-165

It was moved and seconded

WHEREAS the situation of an unprecedented drop in public transit ridership provoked by the COVID-19 outbreak accompanied by massive revenue losses is affecting public transit agencies right across Canada putting in jeopardy their financial viability and future ability to operate;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA), Canada's largest public transport lobby, the membership of which includes most Canadian transit agencies has called for urgent emergency funding to address the immediate liquidity issues of transit operators while providing financial stability while ridership rebuilds;

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that nationally as many as 40 per cent of systems may require bridge funding over the coming months requiring some \$1.2 billion to help them keep the buses and trains running, up to \$400 million a month to keep services running as fare box and other revenues drop by up to 100 per cent;

AND WHEREAS it is noted that it will likely take some time for transit operators to rebuild ridership to February 2020 levels during a gradual return to more normal economic activity and without a quick infusion of funds by the Government of Canada it is impossible to assure that the gains made over the past decade in growing the modal share of all rides taken via collective transit will not be lost;

AND WHEREAS while transit is a provincial jurisdiction, only the Government of Canada has the budgetary capacity to stabilize public transit during the COVID-19 emergency it is recommended:

THAT the request to the Government of Canada through CUTA for emergency funding to provide immediate liquidity to transit operators and on-going funding to alleviate revenue loss as ridership rebuilds be endorsed by the City of Maple Ridge Council; and further

THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Transport of Canada and the Minister of Finance of Canada.

CARRIED

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE***

5.1 **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (“FCM”) – Protecting Vital Municipal Services**

Correspondence dated April 23, 2020 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) outlining the urgent request to the Federal Government to provide emergency operating funding for municipalities in order to address the financial crisis facing Canadian cities and communities due to COVID-19.

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

7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT*** – Nil

8. **NOTICE OF CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING**

R/2020-166

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Sections 90 (1) and 90 (2) of the *Community Charter* as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

Section 90(1)(e) The acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure might reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

Section 90(1)(i) The receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Section 90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

Any other matter that may be brought before the Council that meets the requirements for a meeting closed to the public pursuant to Sections 90 (1) and 90 (2) of the *Community Charter or Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

9. *ADJOURNMENT*– 11:56 a.m.

M. Morden, Mayor

Certified Correct

S. Nichols, Corporate Officer