

City of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

May 1, 2018

The Minutes of the City Council Workshop held on May 1, 2018 at 6:04 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 N. Read
Councillor C. Bell
Councillor K. Duncan
Councillor B. Masse
Councillor G Robson
Councillor T. Shymkiw
Councillor C. Speirs

Appointed Staff

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

Other Staff as Required

C. Carter, Director of Planning
B. Elliott, Manager of Community Planning
L. Zosiak, Planner 2
L. Siracusa, Manager of Economic Development
R. Brummer, Manager of Business Operations

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

Note: Councillor Shymkiw was not in attendance at the start of the meeting.

1. *ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA*

R/2018-240

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda of the May 1, 2018 Council Workshop Meeting be adopted with the addition of Item 4.6 Motion by Councillor Bell re: BC Housing and Public Consultation on Royal Crescent and that the agenda as amended be adopted.

CARRIED

Councillor Duncan - OPPOSED

2. ***MINUTES***

2.1 **Minutes of the March 27, 2018 and April 3, 2018 Council Workshop Meeting**

R/2018-241

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of March 27, 2018 and April 3, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

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

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

Note: Councillor Shymkiw joined the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

4.1 **BC Hydro Presentation– Discussion on Water Licence Renewal Application and Process**

- Maureen DeHaan, Technical Strategic Principal, BC Hydro

Ms. DeHaan gave a PowerPoint presentation providing the following:

- Information on the Alouette Licence Renewal process
- System Overview of the Alouette/Stave/Ruskin System
- Details on the Alouette facilities and operations
- Detailed overview of the water licencing renewal process and the application to renew by BC Hydro
- Outline of a Water Development Plan Content
- Information on the consideration of fish passage restoration
- Clarification on differences between a water licence and a water use plan order
- Breakdown of contributions by BC Hydro to the Province, various monitoring programs, an entrainment strategy and the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program

4.2 **Ridge Meadows Division of Family Practice Presentation - Recruitment and Retention of Family Physicians**

- Treena Innes, Executive Director, Ridge Meadows Division of Family Practice
- Dr. Bob Harrison
- Dr. Kandas Gounden

Ms. Innes introduced members of the Project Team for Physician Recruitment & Retention. She gave a PowerPoint presentation and provided a background on physician recruitment, differences in how recruitment was done in the past compared to the present and the challenges surrounding bringing new family doctors in the community once current physicians choose to retire.

Ms. Innes explained how the situation with the lack of family practitioners developed, highlighting the lack of oversight by a government body for family doctor recruitment and support across the Province, the increase in the local population and changes in how younger doctors choose to join the workforce. She emphasized that local physicians cannot keep up with demand and are at capacity.

Dr. Bob Harrison spoke to the need for more doctors and advised that one-third of persons living in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows do not have a family doctor. He also spoke to the extended wait times to either see a family doctor or to see a doctor in a drop-in clinic. He expressed concern with the Provincial Government's initiative of a primary care network and reiterated that the system requires more doctors.

Dr. Kandas Gounden provided an outline of what can be done to deal with the doctor shortage situation. He provided information on the Red Carpet Program currently being run to help new physicians and their families with transition into the communities. He advocated for a Provincial agency to take ownership of the recruitment process and requested a partnership and/or funding, either through local or provincial government, for a recruiter to encourage new physicians to move to the area. Dr. Gounden expressed concern with the continued impact of the family physician shortage on both practicing doctors and citizens.

Ms. Innes summarized the concerns of the Ridge Meadows Division of Family Practice. She spoke on the work being done to involve other agencies and emphasized the need to find partners to assist and to get funding to hire a recruiter for the communities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

R/2018-242

It was moved and seconded

That staff provide a report on how the City of Maple Ridge can advocate for the physician recruitment and retention issue raised by the Division of Family Practice.

CARRIED

4.3 Strategic Property Management Presentation

- Lino Siracusa, Director of Economic Development

The Director of Economic Development gave a PowerPoint presentation providing information on the following:

- Achievements in terms of property management by the City of Maple Ridge
- Observations on how land and property management can be more strategic in the future
- Explanation of land ownership in British Columbia
- Importance of strategic land management to the City of Maple Ridge and benefits to the city
- Next steps in future property management

4.4 Detached Garden Suite Program Review: Pilot Project Process

Staff report dated May 1, 2018 recommending that staff proceed with the Detached Garden Suite Pilot Project Process as outlined in this report.

The Planner gave PowerPoint presentation providing the following:

- Background information on the secondary suites and detached garden suite programs
- Review of the programs and recommendations based on public input received
- Results of the program based on Council direction
- Information on the pilot project including the process and the timeline

R/2018-243

It was moved and seconded

That staff be directed to proceed with the Detached Garden Suite Pilot Project Process, outlined in the report titled, Detached Garden Suite Program Review: Pilot Project Process, dated May 1, 2018.

CARRIED

Councillor Speirs - OPPOSED

4.5 Whonnock Lake Centre Operating Model

Staff report dated May 1, 2018 recommending that staff be directed to update the Fees and Charges Bylaw to reduce off-season wedding rates for Whonnock Lake Centre.

The Manager of Business Operations reviewed the staff report.

R/2018-244

It was moved and seconded

That staff be directed to update the Fees and Charges Bylaw to reduce off-season wedding rates for Whonnock Lake Centre.

CARRIED

4.6 Motion by Councillor Bell re: Royal Crescent

Councillor Bell put forward a motion and provided reasons as to why she would like the motion considered by Council.

R/2018-245

It was moved and seconded

That BC Housing and the Provincial Government be requested to hold a public consultation session prior to advancing the temporary housing project on Royal Crescent.

CARRIED

Mayor Read, Councillor Duncan, Councillor Speirs – OPPOSED

5. *CORRESPONDENCE* – Nil

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

7. *MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT* – Nil

8. *MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS*

Councillor Shymkiw

Councillor Shymkiw announced that he will not be running for again for local government.

Councillor Speirs

Councillor Speirs wished Councillor Shymkiw luck in the future.

Councillor Duncan

Councillor Duncan encouraged the public to bring electronics which need repairing to local 'Repair Cafes'. She acknowledged Councillor Shymkiw as a colleague.

Councillor Robson

Councillor Robson advised that he will propose that the local Chamber of Commerce become involved in the physician recruitment issue. He provided an update on work being done by the Pitt Meadows Airport Society.

Mayor Read

Mayor Read acknowledged Councillor Shymkiw and his role on Council. She spoke on her participation in the co-hosting session of the Linda Steele show on CKNW. Mayor Read also participated in a Maple Ridge Business Walk and highlighted a visit to Brikers, a local company. She helped with the kick off of a sleep out for homelessness by the Maple Ridge Christian School. She attended a meeting of the Metro Vancouver Board and other regional meetings.

9. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 9:02 pm.

N. Read, Mayor

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L. Benson, Corporate Officer