

City of Maple Ridge

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES**

October 8, 2019

The Minutes of the City Council Workshop held on October 8, 2019 at 2:20 p.m. in the Blaney Room at City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia for the purpose of transacting regular City business.

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| <i>PRESENT</i>           | <i>Appointed Staff</i>                                      |
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| <i>Elected Officials</i> | K. Swift, Acting Chief Administrative Officer               |
| Mayor M. Morden          | D. Boag, Acting General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture |
| Councillor J. Dueck      | C. Carter, General Manager Planning & Development Services  |
| Councillor K. Duncan     | J. Storey, Acting General Manager Engineering Services      |
| Councillor C. Meadus     | L. Benson, Director of Corporate Administration             |
| Councillor G. Robson     | T. Thompson, Chief Financial Officer                        |
| Councillor R. Svendsen   | S. Nichols, Deputy Corporate Officer                        |
| Councillor A. Yousef     | <i>Other Staff as Required</i>                              |
|                          | M. Orsetti, Manager of Bylaw & Licensing Services           |
|                          | R. Stott, Environmental Planner 2                           |
|                          | P. Irani, Manager of Transportation                         |

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

R/2019-573

It was moved and seconded

**That the agenda of the October 8, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting be amended to add Item 7.1 2019 Federal Candidate Questions and to renumber agenda items to accommodate the arrival of TransLink representatives; and further**

**That the agenda as amended be approved.**

CARRIED

2. ***MINUTES*** – Nil

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

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

Note: Items 4.2 and 4.3 have been renumbered to 4.1 and 4.2. Item 4.1 has been renumbered to 4.3.

4.1 **Update on Maple Ridge Tree Bylaw Survey and Process**

Staff report dated October 8, 2019 recommending that the Tree Bylaw Survey and Process be endorsed.

The General Manager of Planning and Development Services introduced the topic and provided background information on the item.

The Environmental Planner reviewed tree bylaw feedback received from stakeholders and sections of the proposed survey.

R/2019-575

It was moved and seconded

**That the Tree Bylaw Survey as attached to the staff report titled "Update on Maple Ridge Tree Bylaw Survey and Process" dated October 8, 2019 be amended to include only questions 1, 2, 4, and the first sentence of question 10 up to the word "process"; and,**

**That a question be added that is directed to professional contractors relative to their experience with other municipality's permit process.**

CARRIED

Councillor Duncan – OPPOSED

4.2 **Department Update – Bylaw and Licencing**

The Manager of Bylaw and Licencing Services introduced Chad Cowles, Bylaw Compliance Officer Community Safety Patrol to Council. Mr. Cowles provided a brief background on himself and his experience in the role. Ms. Orsetti provided a presentation on Bylaw and Licencing Services and responded to questions from Council.

4.3 **Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Area Transport Plan**

Staff report dated October 8, 2019 recommending that the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Area Transport Plan be endorsed.

The Manager of Transportation introduced Sarah Ross, Director, System Planning, TransLink and Matt Craig, Senior Planning Manager, TransLink.

Ms. Ross introduced Adam Lougheed, Planner and Brian Soland, Senior Transportation Manager and gave a presentation on the TransLink Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Area Transport Plan. She noted that the City of Pitt Meadows has endorsed the plan and outlined the timeline for moving forward. She advised that the rapid bus launch is scheduled for January 6, 2020,

Note: Councillor Svendsen left the meeting at 4:20 p.m. and did not return.

Staff was given direction to work further with TransLink to address questions and concerns raised by Council and to invite TransLink to a future meeting.

#### 4.4 **Business, Industrial and Farm Property Tax Property Tax Comparisons**

Staff presentation and report dated October 8, 2019 providing information and comparisons on Business, Industrial and Farm property tax rates.

The Chief Financial Officer gave a presentation and responded to questions of Council.

Staff was requested to set up a meeting with BC Assessment relative to the mill property prior to business planning.

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE*** – Nil

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

7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT***

#### 7.1 **2019 Federal Candidate Questions**

The Mayor presented the topic areas covered by the draft list of questions for the federal candidates to get commitments on the goals and priorities of Council and the strategic plan.

R/2019-576

It was moved and seconded

**That the Mayor be authorized to work with staff to finalize the questions from Council to the candidates of the federal election; and,**

**That the final list of questions be circulated to Council for review prior to being sent.**

CARRIED

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** – 5:26 p.m.

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M. Morden, Mayor

Certified Correct

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L. Benson, Corporate Officer