

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

MINUTES

March 14, 2005
1:00 p.m.
Council Chamber

PRESENT

Elected Officials

Mayor K. Morse
Councillor E. Daykin
Councillor J. Dueck
Councillor C. Gordon
Councillor J. Harris
Councillor F. Isaac
Councillor C. Speirs

Appointed Staff

J. Rule, Chief Administrative Officer
T. Fryer, Municipal Clerk
M. Murray, General Manager of Community Development,
Parks and Recreation Services
P. Gill, General Manager Corporate and Financial Services
F. Quinn, General Manager Public Works and Development
Services

J. Pickering, Director of Planning

C. Marlo, Confidential Secretary

Other Staff as Required

G. Fujii, Manager of Development and Environmental
Services

J. Sheehan, Environmental Technician

Before proceeding the Acting Mayor announced the addition of the following item to the agenda:

910 **DP/101/04, 11666 & 11762 Laity Street**

1. **DELEGATIONS/STAFF PRESENTATIONS** - Nil

2. **PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Note: The following items have been numbered to correspond with the Council Agenda:

902 **RZ/102/04, 10673 248 Street, RS-3 to RS-1b**

Staff presentation of a report dated March 7, 2005 recommending that Maple Ridge Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 6299-2005 and Maple Ridge Zone Amending Bylaw No. 6300-2005 to permit future subdivision into approximately 16 lots be read a first time and be forwarded to Public Hearing.

The Manager Development and Environmental Services gave a Power Point presentation providing the following information:

- Application Information
- Site Characteristics
- Submitted Information
- Project Details
- Development Considerations

David Laird, Damax Consultants, confirmed that lot 92 takes into consideration that the watercourse ends at that lot. A biofiltration pond will be constructed as required by the Department of Fisheries.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 22, 2005.

903 **CP/128/04, 11900 Block of 224 Street, Park to Town Centre Commercial**

Staff presentation of a report dated February 17, 2005 recommending that Maple Ridge Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 6295-2005 be read a first time and be forwarded to Public Hearing.

The Manager Development and Environmental Services gave a Power Point presentation providing the following information:

- Application Information
- Site Characteristics
- Development Considerations

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 22, 2005.

Note: Councillor Speirs was excused from item 904 as he is employed in the industry.

904 DP/069/03, 22648 Dewdney Trunk Road

Staff presentation of a report dated March 4, 2005 recommending that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign and seal DP/069/03 to permit construction of a Licensee Retail Store.

The Manager Development and Environmental Services gave a Power Point presentation providing the following information:

- Application Information
- Neighbourhood Context
- OCP Context
- Site Characteristics
- Submitted Information
- Development Considerations
- Project Details

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 22, 2005.

Note: Councillor Speirs returned to the meeting.

905 Development Information Meetings

Staff presentation of a report dated March 3, 2005 recommending that Policy 6.20 be adopted as amended.

The Director of Planning reviewed the suggested amendments to Policy 6.20.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 22, 2005.

ACTION REQUIRED

The rezoning checklist is to include a line item for communication with the appropriate neighbourhood association(s).

906 Update on Provincial Riparian Area Regulation

Staff presentation of a report dated March 9, 2005 recommending that continued use of the District's "Streamside Setback Classification Map" be endorsed, that a letter be sent to the Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection advising that Council considers the District to be in compliance with the Fish Protection Act and the Riparian Area Regulation and that a letter be sent to Fisheries and Oceans Canada requesting confirmation of their continued participation in the Environmental Review Committee.

The Manager Development and Environmental Services and the Environmental Technician gave a Power Point presentation providing the following information:

- Background
- Riparian Area Regulation Concerns
- Options
- Preferred Option
- Legal Implications
- Recommendations
- Streamside Setback Mapping
- Riparian Area Regulation Assessment Methodology
- Comparison of Streamside Protection Regulation and Riparian Area Regulation Guidelines

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 22, 2005.

**907 Establishment of Scenic Route Designation along Lougheed Highway
(Hwy 7)**

Staff report dated February 7, 2005 recommending that an application be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation to designate Highway 7 as a Scenic 7 Designation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 22, 2005.

908 Excess Capacity/Extended Services Agreement LC 98/05, SD 47/03, 232 Street & Foreman Drive

Staff report dated March 14, 2005 recommending that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign and seal Latecomer Agreement LC 98/05.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 22, 2005.

909 Mountain Festival Parade, Use of Municipal Streets

Staff report dated March 7, 2005 recommending that the Mountain Festival Society be authorized to use municipal streets on Saturday, April 30, 2005.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 22, 2005.

910 DP/101/04, 11666 & 11762 Laity Street

Staff presentation of a report dated March 9, 2005 recommending that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign and seal DP/101/04 in support of future works associated with subdivision, demolition and building permit applications for subdivision adjacent to McKenney Creek.

The Manager Development and Environmental Services gave a Power Point presentation providing the following information:

- Application Information
- Neighbourhood Context
- OCP Context
- Site Characteristics
- Submitted Information
- Project Details
- Development Considerations

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 22, 2005.

3. ***FINANCIAL AND CORPORATE SERVICES (including Fire and Police)***

931 **Disbursements for the month ended January 31, 2005**

Staff report dated February 25, 2005 recommending that the disbursements for the month of January 2005 be approved.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 22, 2005.

4. ***COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RECREATION SERVICES***

951 **BC Participation Program**

Staff report dated March 8, 2005 recommending that a letter be forwarded to the Provincial Government and local MLA's providing an alternate suggestion to the private member's initiative to establish a tax credit in support of children participating in sport and recreational activities.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 22, 2005.

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE*** - Nil

6. ***OTHER ISSUES*** - Nil

7. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 2:06 p.m.

8. ***COMMUNITY FORUM***

Harry Nicholson

Mr. Nicholson spoke against the use of the alternative approval process as a means to obtain electoral assent for Council to remain at six Councillors. He asked what else would qualify for the alternative approval process and if Council would be extending this to other issues in the future? The Municipal Clerk explained the two methods available under the Community Charter to obtain electoral assent. He advised that originally the Charter did not permit the use of the alternate approval process to remain at six Councillors but an Order in Council allowed Maple Ridge, and other affected communities, to proceed with this process. He indicated that the alternative approval process is embedded in the Community Charter and the opportunity to use this process would be considered by Council on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Nicholson spoke in support of increasing the number of Councillors.

Dmitro Sawchuk

Mr. Sawchuk expressed his objection to Council remaining at its present size and not increasing to eight Councillors as provided for in the Community Charter. He provided a testimonial from his own experience working for the Federal Government of the long term effects insufficient manpower can have. He felt that Councillors are overloaded with paperwork. He felt that the salary for two more Councillors was a small price to pay in comparison to what was paid for the downtown core. The General Manager Public Works & Development Services suggested that Mr. Sawchuk meet with the Municipal Clerk following the meeting to obtain more information.

Acting Mayor Faye Isaac
Presiding Member of the Committee