

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

April 3, 2006

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on April 3, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. in the Blaney Room of the Municipal Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia for the purpose of transacting regular Municipal business.

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*PRESENT*

*Elected Officials*

Mayor G. Robson  
Councillor E. Daykin  
Councillor J. Dueck  
Councillor A. Hogarth  
Councillor L. King  
Councillor C. Speirs  
Councillor K. Stewart

*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. Leeburn, Executive Director  
C. Marlo, Confidential Secretary

*Other Staff as Required*

D. Cramb, Recreation Manager  
L. Benson, Financial Analyst  
D. Spence, Fire Chief, Director of Community Safety  
J. Pickering, Director of Planning  
Insp. J. Wakely, RCMP

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Note: These Minutes are also posted on the Municipal Web Site at [www.mapleridge.org](http://www.mapleridge.org)  
Mayor Robson was not in attendance at the start of the meeting. Councillor Hogarth chaired the meeting in his absence.

1. ***ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA***

The agenda was approved with the addition of the following items:

**4.4 Meeting with Provincial Ministries**

**4.5 Fraser River Dredging and Debris Trap**

Note: Mayor Robson joined the meeting and assumed the Chair.

2. ***MINUTES***

R/06-137  
Minutes  
March 20, 2006

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of March 20, 2006 be adopted as circulated.**

CARRIED

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

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

4.1 **Public Art Committee Update, Leesa Strimbicki, Urban Art Management**

Ms. Strimbicki gave a Power Point presentation providing an update on the activities of the Public Art Committee and giving examples of public art in North America. A copy of the presentation was circulated at the meeting.

***ACTION REQUIRED***

**Staff is to prepare a draft policy on public art and funding is to be addressed through the business planning process.**

4.2 **False Alarms**

Discussion of a staff report dated March 22, 2006 recommending that Maple Ridge Security Alarm By-law No. 6400-2006 and Maple Ridge Fire Alarm By-law No. 6401-2006 be given three readings. By-laws 6400-2006 and 6401-2006 were circulated prior to the meeting.

The General Manager Corporate and Financial Services, Insp. Wakely and Fire Chief Dane Spence reviewed the bylaws and provided background information on the impact of false alarms. The General Manager of Corporate and Financial Services indicated that the committee reviewing the bylaw considered not issuing a fine for the first false alarm call but ultimately recommended that fines be implemented immediately. The committee also considered not responding to calls at all after a certain number of false alarms but both the Police and Fire Departments indicated that this was not an option from their perspective.

## ***ACTION REQUIRED***

**Staff is to provide Council with information on business license requirements for alarm companies.**

### **4.3 Revitalization Tax Exemption Program**

Discussion of a staff report dated April 3, 2006 providing recommendations to establish a Revitalization Tax Exemption Program.

The Financial Analyst gave a Power Point presentation giving an overview of the program. The following points were raised during discussion:

- Council may wish to consider extending the time of the basic exemption.
- The December 31, 2009 timeframe may not provide sufficient time for construction of high rise buildings.
- Consideration should be given to including high rise commercial buildings.
- Construction of new 3 – 4 storey apartment buildings should also be recognized within the revitalization program.
- The Economic Advisory Commission should be asked to review and comment on the program.

### **4.4 Meeting with Provincial Ministries**

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the District has been invited by the Provincial Government to meet with Ministry representatives on Thursday, April 6, 2006 to discuss issues of concern. He listed several topics that Council may wish to be addressed at those meetings and asked that Councillors indicate if they would like to accompany the Chief Administrative Officer and the Mayor to Victoria.

It was the consensus of Council that a list of topics be prepared and distributed to Council for their review and comment and that those Councillors wishing to travel to Victoria for the meetings so advise the Chief Administrative Officer.

### **4.5 Fraser River Dredging and Debris Trap**

Councillor King referred to a letter dated March 28, 2006 from the Corporation of Delta to The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport,

Infrastructure and Communities, requesting that a one-time grant of \$50 million be made to set up a sustainable public fund for the annual maintenance dredging program for the Fraser River and that some of the funds be applied to the Fraser River Debris trap. She recommended that a letter of support of Delta's position be sent to the Federal Government.

R/06-138  
Fraser River  
Dredging

It was moved and seconded

**That a letter of support for the recommendations contained in the March 28, 2006 letter from the Corporation of Delta regarding Fraser River Dredging and Debris Trap be sent to The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.**

CARRIED

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE***

5.1 **Meeting with Michael Sather, MLA**

Email dated March 22, 2006 from Carmen Ortega, Constituency Assistant to Michael Sather, requesting that a meeting be set up with Mr. Sather.

It was the consensus of Council that staff be directed to invited Mr. Sather to attend a future Council Workshop to review the list of issues discussed under item 4.4.

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

7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT*** - Nil

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 12:10 p.m.

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G. Robson, Mayor

Certified Correct

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T. Fryer, Municipal Clerk