

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

July 17, 2006  
1:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber

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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  
J. Sorba, Acting 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*

D. Boag, Director of Parks and Facilities  
C. Goddard, Manager Development and Environmental  
Services  
P. Rutten, Special Services Coordinator

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Note: Mayor Robson was not in attendance at the start of the meeting.

Councillor King announced the addition of the following items to the agenda:

1.4 **WeedMan, Mike Richards**  
1102 **DP/VP/044/06, 24155 102 Avenue**

1. **DELEGATIONS/STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

1.1 **Parks & Leisure Services Quarter Two Update, Special Services, Petra Rutten**

The Special Services Coordinator gave a Power Point presentation providing an update on programs offered by Leisure Services to those in the community with special needs.

**1.2 BC Landscape & Nursery Association, Jane Stock, Regulation of Cosmetic Pesticides**

Ms. Stock gave a Power Point presentation of the highlights of the action being taken across BC by the landscape industry to deal with pest management issues. She asked that Council participate with the Association in the development of a pesticide risk reduction action plan and delay final wording of the bylaw until the action plan is complete. A copy of the presentation was circulated to Council.

**1.3 Nutri-Lawn, Doug Charles, Regulation of Cosmetic Pesticides**

Mr. Charles provided information on the use of pesticides by trained, licensed professionals and suggested that Council consider a bylaw that would permit the application of pesticides by licensed personnel and that bans the use of pesticides during specified times in the year. A copy of his presentation was circulated to Council.

Note: Mayor Robson arrived at 1:32 p.m.

**1.4 Weed Man, Mike Richards, Regulation of Cosmetic Pesticides**

Mr. Richards spoke of the impact a by-law banning cosmetic pesticides would have on businesses and pointed out that there is no alternative at this time for weed control in lawns. He recommended that Council consider a bylaw that would permit only professional use of pesticides.

**2. PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

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

**1101 DP/008/04, 11330 and 11342 236 Street**

Staff report dated July 4, 2006 recommending that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign DP/008/04 for development adjacent to a tributary to Horseshoe Creek.

***RECOMMENDATION***

**That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of July 25, 2006.**

**1102 DP/VP/044/06, 24155 102 Avenue**

Staff report dated July 12, 2006 recommending that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to notify qualifying property owners that VP/044/06 to vary the minimum setback to the rear lot line will be considered at the August 29, 2006 Council meeting and that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign DP/044/06 to permit development of a neighbourhood commercial development subject to approval of VP/044/06 and final adoption of Maple Ridge Zone Amending Bylaw No. 6405-2006.

The Manager Development and Environmental Services gave an overview of the application.

***RECOMMENDATION***

**That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of July 25, 2006.**

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

**1131 Disbursements for the month ended June 30, 2006**

Staff report dated July 7, 2006 recommending that the disbursements for the month of June 2006 be approved.

***RECOMMENDATION***

**That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of July 25, 2006.**

**1132 Amendments to Maple Ridge Security Alarm By-law No. 6400-2006 and Maple Ridge Fire Alarm By-law No. 6401-2006**

Staff report dated July 6, 2006 recommending that three readings be given to the subject by-laws.

***RECOMMENDATION***

**That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of July 25, 2006.**

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

Note: Item 1151 was dealt with prior to Item 1101

1151 **By-law to Regulate the Use of Cosmetic Pesticides**

Staff report dated July 13, 2006 recommending that Maple Ridge Pesticide Use Control By-law No. 6413-2006 and Maple Ridge Ticket Information System Utilization Amending By-law No. 6414-2006 be read a first time.

The Director of Parks and Facilities reviewed the report. He advised that staff would seek public consultation through open houses held in conjunction with the Campaign for Pesticide Reduction and by placing advertisements in the local newspaper asking for written submission. He confirmed that the District is unable to restrict the sale of pesticides as they are legally approved by the Federal Government for sale in Canada. He clarified that under the by-law a Pesticide Permit Application Form would have to be submitted by individual property owners but if the owner is using the services of an accredited company, staff may not have to do the site visits.

Note: Mayor Robson left the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

***RECOMMENDATION***

**That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of July 25, 2006.**

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE*** - Nil

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

7. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 2:04 p.m.

8. ***COMMUNITY FORUM***

**Maria Raynolds**

Ms. Raynolds spoke in support of the by-law noting that it does permit an opportunity in hardship cases for property owners to use pesticides.

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Acting Mayor Linda King  
Presiding Member of the Committee