

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

MINUTES

March 5, 2007
1:00 p.m.
Council Chamber

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
M. Murray, General Manager of Community Development,
Parks and Recreation Services
J. Leeburn, Executive Director
F. Quinn, General Manager Public Works and Development
Services
J. Pickering, Director of Planning
C. Marlo, Manager of Legislative Services
A. Gaunt, Confidential Secretary

Other Staff as Required

C. Goddard, Manager of Development and Environmental
Services
L. Zosiak, Planner
B. McDonald, Director of Licences, Permits and Bylaws
D. Cramb, Recreation Manager – West

1. **DELEGATIONS/STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

2. **PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

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

1101 **RZ/016/07, 20130 Lougheed Highway, CS-1 to C-2**

Staff report dated February 26, 2007 recommending that Maple Ridge Zone Amending Bylaw No. 6469-2007 to allow a broader range of professional services and retail uses 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
- Neighbourhood Context
- OCP Context
- Site Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 13, 2007.

1102 VP/092/06, 20110 Lougheed Highway

Staff report dated February 26, 2007 recommending that the Manager of Legislative Services be authorized to notify qualifying property owners that approval of VP/092/06 to waive the requirement for a 1.5 metre width landscape strip will be considered by Council at the March 27, 2007 meeting.

The Planner gave a Power Point presentation providing the following information:

- Application Information
- Neighbourhood Context
- OCP Context
- Site Characteristics
- Existing Zoning Context

The Director of Planning advised that the parking area is an existing situation. The applicant wishes to improve uses of this area which follows OCP policy direction. She also stated that should this variance not be approved and a landscape strip be required, the applicant would have to reconfigure the entire parking lot.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 13, 2007.

Mayor Robson and Councillor King – OPPOSED

1103 DVP/049/06, DP/049/06, 20133 Lougheed Highway

Staff report dated February 27, 2007 recommending that the Manager of Legislative Services be authorized to notify qualifying property owners that approval of DVP/049/06 to vary the front setback will be considered by Council at the March 27, 2007 meeting and that upon favourable consideration of DVP/049/06, DP/049/06 to permit a financial services building with drive-through ATM be approved.

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

- Application Information
- Neighbourhood Context
- OCP Context
- Site Characteristics
- Site Plan

The Manager of Development and Environmental Services advised that the applicant had reached an agreement with the Ministry of Highways pertaining to maintenance of the area owned by Highways.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 13, 2007.

1104 Liquor Primary Licence – Extension of Hours

Staff report dated February 5, 2007 recommending that the extension of operating hours for the Wolf Bar liquor primary licence not be supported.

The Director of Licences, Permits and Bylaws advised that staff did not support the request for an extension of operating hours due to the precedent that may be set in terms of other liquor primaries.

Chris Farfax - Applicant

Mr. Farfax stated that the Wolf Bar is a clean, safe and healthy bar, provides a market for a more mature clientele, and has a lesser impact on policing issues than many other primary liquor establishments. He asked that Council consider this application on its own merits rather than on a precedent setting basis.

Sheri – Previous Operator of Wolf Bar

The previous operator of the Wolf Bar explained that there is a venue for extended hours on Sundays, that there is a demand for an establishment to be open for the 30+ crowd and that establishments such as this are losing business to other communities which have extended hours.

The Director of Licences, Permits and Bylaws explained the process set by which the Vinyl Cabaret had received its license from the Liquor Control Board with extended hours. He advised that this process has changed and that there is a specific requirement for Mayor and Council to comment and for staff to do a fairly extensive public consultation. He also advised that should this applicant's request be approved and issues arise at a later date, the District does have recourse in requesting the suspension of the business license.

Note: Mayor Robson left the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 13, 2007.

ACTION REQUIRED

The Director of Licenses, Permits and Bylaws is to provide a record of requests for police attendance to the Wolf Bar over the last number of years.

1105 Maple Ridge Watercourse Protection Amending Bylaw No. 6468-2007

Staff report dated February 22, 2007 recommending that Maple Ridge Watercourse Protection Amending Bylaw No. 6468-2007 be given first, second and third reading.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 13, 2007.

1106 Award of Contract, Rehabilitation of Large Culverts, 116 Avenue and Dewdney Trunk Road

Staff report dated February 21, 2007 recommending that Contract E05-010-022 be awarded to Double M Excavating Ltd. and that the Mayor and the Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the contract.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 13, 2007.

Note: Mayor Robson returned to the meeting.

1107 Run the Ridge

Staff report dated February 12, 2007 recommending that the use of the municipal streets for the first Run the Ridge event on Sunday, March 26, 2007, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., be authorized.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 13, 2007.

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

1131 Disbursements for the month ended January 31, 2007

Staff report dated February 26, 2007 recommending that the disbursements for the month ended January 31, 2007 be approved.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 13, 2007.

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

1151 **Public Art Policy**

Staff report dated February 26, 2007 recommending that the policy attached to the report be endorsed, that a Public Art Policy Steering Committee be established once funding is provided, that funding of \$40,000 be considered in the 2009-2013 financial plan, that 1.25% of the construction budget of any new District public building be directed to inclusion of art in the design and that staff be directed to develop a mechanism to encourage the private sector to integrate public art into their developments.

The Recreation Manager – West provided a Power Point presentation on the proposed public art policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 13, 2007.

Mayor Robson – OPPOSED

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE*** - Nil

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

7. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 1:50 p.m.

8. ***COMMUNITY FORUM*** – Nil

E. Daykin, Acting Mayor
Presiding Member of the Committee