

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

SPECIAL COUNCIL

May 23, 2006

The Minutes of the Special Council held on May 16, 2006 at 3:05 p.m. in the Blaney Room of the Municipal Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia for the purpose of transacting regular Municipal business.

PRESENT

Elected Officials

Mayor G. Robson
Councillor E. Daykin
Councillor J. Dueck
Councillor L. King
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 of Corporate and Financial Services
B. McDonald, Acting General Manager Public Works and
Development Services

ABSENT

Councillor A. Hogarth
Councillor C. Speirs

J. Leeburn, Executive Director
C. Marlo, Confidential Secretary
Other Staff as Required
J. Pickering, Director of Planning
C. Carter, Manager of Community Planning
D. Hall, Planner

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1. ***CALL TO ORDER***

Mayor Robson called the meeting to order.

2. ***OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN***

Discussion of the analysis of the 45 principles as they relate to the draft Official Community Plan and the outstanding issues contained in the issues report.

The Director of Planning presented two options for Council's consideration for the timeline for bringing the Official Community Plan to a Public Hearing and the steps that would be required for each.

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Timeline for the
 OCP

It was moved and seconded

That Option 1 in the handout entitled “Timeline for the Official Community Plan” dated May 23, 2006 be approved and staff be directed to follow Option 1 as the steps to bring the Official Community Plan to public hearing.

CARRIED

A handout entitled “Analysis Recommendation Chart – May 23, 2006” was distributed and the Manager of Community Planning, the Planner and the Director of Planning reviewed the principles in the chart. Council discussed each principle and identified their agreement with the recommendations or provided direction on amendments.

Principle	Council Recommendation
1	Agree
2	Change “Consider the formation of an Agricultural Advisory Committee.” to “Will form an Agricultural Advisory Committee.”
3	Agreement with Stantec’s recommendation. The individual properties identified in the Issues Report are not to be studied at this time and are to be reviewed during the creation of an Agricultural Plan, with the exception of the starred properties.
4	Agree
5	Agree
6	The section is to be amended to refer to Thornhill as an historic community.
7	Agree
8	Add trees to the Development Permit Area Guidelines.
9	Agree
10	Include reference to the scope of the powers of an Advisory Committee recognizing that the ultimate decision rests with Council.
11	Agree
12	The starred properties, plus 23213 Lougheed Highway, are to be advanced as a separate application for amendment of the Livable Region Strategic Plan. These properties were identified in the Issues Report.

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13	Agree
14	Agree
15	Agree
16	Agree
17	Include verbiage to include the Economic Advisory Commission.
18	Change terminology to “employment generating lands”.
19	Option i) Policy (as in draft OCP) is to be followed for identification of employment generating lands. This was identified in the Issues Report.
20	Agree
21	Agree
22	Agree
23	Agree
24	Include a distinction between agricultural land and conservation land within the Agricultural Land Reserve. The Agricultural Advisory Committee could assist in the determination of this distinction.
25	In the statement of the principle change the word “trail” to “trails”.
26	Agree
27	Agree
28	The words “approaches 100,000” is to be changed to “exceeds 100,000”. Thornhill is to be referred to as an Urban Reserve. The triggers for development, in addition to those recommended by staff, are to include a Transportation Plan. The Official Community Plan map will show that Thornhill is designated Urban Reserve.
29	Agree
30	Agree
31	Agree
32	Agree
33	Agree

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34	Agree
35	Agree
36	Agree
37	Agree
38	Agree
39	Include verbiage that the District has a Social Planning Advisory Committee.
40	Agree
41	Agree
42	Following the word “neighbourhoods” in the Principle add the words “and transit services”.
43	Agree
44	Agree
45	Agree
	Reference to the commitment of the community to work on the issue of climate change is to be included in the Environmental Section.

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 Analysis
 Recommendation

It was moved and seconded

That the recommendations from Stantec Consulting and staff as outlined in the “Analysis Recommendation Chart” dated May 23, 2006 be approved and staff be directed to amend the draft Official Community Plan as detailed in the chart with the following alterations:

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CARRIED

Councillor King OPPOSED

3. *ADJOURN* – 5:06 p.m.

G. Robson, Mayor

Certified Correct

T. Fryer, Municipal Clerk