

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

January 31, 2005

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on January 31, 2005 at 9:00 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.

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. Leeburn, Director of Communications and Human
Resources
C. Marlo, Confidential Secretary
Other Staff as Required
J. Bastaja, Chief Information Officer

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1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to include the following items and adopted as amended:

- 4.3 **Christmas Closure**
- 4.4 **Local Government Infrastructure**
- 5.3 **UBCM Correspondence**

2. **MINUTES**

R/05-46
Minutes
January 24, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Dueck
SECONDED by Councillor Harris

**That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of
January 24, 2005 be adopted as circulated.**

CARRIED

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

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

4.1 **Update on E-Comm 3-1-1 Service, Councillor Harris**

Councillor Harris gave a Power Point presentation providing information on 3-1-1 services being proposed by E-Comm. A copy of the presentation was circulated at the meeting. Councillor Harris sought direction from Council on whether or not they wished to have E-Comm research this further.

It was the consensus of Council that Councillor Harris be directed to advise E-Comm that:

- i. Council is supportive of E-Comm pursuing the 3-1-1 service, if it makes business sense to do so;
- ii. Maple Ridge will need to see a full business case before it makes a decision about its participation, such a business case needs to recognize the existing level of service; and
- iii. Council wishes a report on participation in E-Comm, particularly the Wide Area Radio System Dispatch.

ACTION REQUIRED

Councillor Harris is to advise E-Comm that:

- i. Council is supportive of E-Comm pursuing the 3-1-1 service, if it makes business sense to do so;**
- ii. Maple Ridge will need to see a full business case before it makes a decision about its participation, such a business case needs to recognize the existing level of service; and**
- iii. Council wishes a report on participation in E-Comm, particularly the Wide Area Radio System Dispatch.**

The Chief Administrative Officer indicated that this discussion is a follow up to Council's discussion of its work plan. The Director of Communications and Human Resources and the General Manager Public Works & Development Services have been working on a format for a Priority Setting Workshop.

The Director of Communications and Human Resources asked Council to confirm that it is their intent to look at the nine strategic areas of the work plan and narrow their focus for the 2005-2006 plan. He also asked for direction on a date for the Workshop.

It was the consensus of Council to meet on March 7 for a Council Priority Setting Workshop to discuss the nine strategic areas of their work plan.

ACTION REQUIRED

Staff is to make the necessary preparations for a March 7, 2005 Council Priority Setting Workshop.

4.3 Christmas Closure

The Director of Communications and Human Resources advised that the Labour Management Committee agreed to the closure of Municipal Hall for the week of Christmas, December 25-31, subject to Council's approval. Three days would be statutory holidays and two days would be taken as vacation time, lieu time or leave of absence.

It was the consensus of Council that staff make the necessary arrangements for the closure of Municipal Hall for the week of December 25-31, 2005. Council recommended that the due date for business licenses be extended to January 2, 2006 and that notification of this be included in District advertising.

ACTION REQUIRED

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4.4 Local Government Infrastructure

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that a letter was received from Dale Wall, Assistant Deputy Minister requesting that Council identify two infrastructure projects for consideration for Provincial Government funding. The General Manager Public Works & Development Services described a sewer project in Albion and a water project for 236 Street that staff would recommend submitting for consideration.

R/05-47 MOVED by Councillor Daykin
Infrastructure Grant SECONDED by Councillor Isaac

That staff be directed to submit a letter to Dale Wall, Assistant Deputy Minister, advising that the projects as described by the General Manager Public Works &

Development Services at the January 31, 2005 Council Workshop are the two projects the District of Maple Ridge wish to submit for consideration of funding.

CARRIED

4.5 **Update on Arenas**

The General Manager Community Development, Parks and Recreation Services distributed and reviewed a report titled "Pitt Meadows Ice Rink Incident Report – January 30, 2005". He advised that Council will be notified as more details on the incident become available.

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE***

5.1 **City of Victoria, Welfare Legislation**

Copy of a letter dated January 18, 2005 from the City of Victoria to the Honourable Susan Brice, Minister of Human Resources, requesting changes to the Employment and Assistance Act.

R/05-48 MOVED by Councillor Daykin
 SECONDED by Councillor Dueck

That the copy of a letter dated January 18, 2005 from the City of Victoria to the Honourable Susan Brice, Minister of Human Resources be received for information and no further action taken.

CARRIED

5.2 **Township of Langley, Ban on Halloween Fireworks**

Copy of a letter dated January 12, 2005 from the Township of Langley to the Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, requesting a provincial ban on Halloween fireworks.

R/05-49 MOVED by Councillor Gordon
Provincial Ban on SECONDED by Councillor Dueck
Halloween Fireworks

That the copy of a letter dated January 12, 2005 from the Township of Langley to the Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General be received and that a letter of support for a provincial ban on Halloween fireworks be sent to the City of Langley and that a copy of the letter be sent to the local MLA's.

CARRIED

5.3 UBCM Correspondence

The Municipal Clerk referred to a letter circulated the previous week to Council from Richard Taylor, UBCM, reporting on a Federal court ruling concerning civilian employees of the RCMP. UBCM is requesting that municipalities forward a letter by February 2, 2005 to the Minister of Public Safety citing the impacts this decision will have on local government.

R/05-50
RCMP Support
Staff

MOVED by Councillor Gordon
SECONDED by Councillor Dueck

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Public Safety Emergency Planning Canada expressing concern and outlining reasons for no change to Union representation for municipal employees working as support staff for the RCMP.

CARRIED

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

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

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 10:02 a.m.

K. Morse, Mayor

Certified Correct

T. Fryer, Municipal Clerk