

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

February 21, 2005

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on February 21, 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
R. Riach, Acting Municipal Clerk
M. Murray, General Manager of Community Development,
Parks and Recreational Services
P. Gill, General Manager Corporate and Financial Services
F. Quinn, General Manager Public Works and Development
Services
C. Marlo, Confidential Secretary

Other Staff as Required

J. Sorba, Director of Finance
D. Boag, Director of Parks & Facilities

Note: These Minutes are also posted on the Municipal Web Site at www.mapleridge.org
Councillor Daykin was not in attendance at the start of the meeting.

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

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. ***MINUTES***

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MOVED by Councillor Dueck
SECONDED by Councillor Harris

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of February 14, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

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

4.1 **Cosmetic Use of Pesticides**

The Director of Parks & Facilities provided an update on his meeting with Maria Raynolds, Pesticide Reduction Campaign. He suggested to Mrs. Raynolds that the District work with her group on an education program. He felt a good first step would be to include with the tax notices an information sheet containing tips for healthy lawns and alternatives to pesticides.

He reviewed the District Pest Management Policy and provided information on bylaws that are in place in other Lower Mainland municipalities to prohibit the use of pesticides.

Note: Mayor Morse requested that Council interrupt this item to add a new item to the agenda. It was the consensus of Council that item 4.5, Fraser Valley Regional Library Update be added to the agenda and dealt with immediately.

Note: Councillor Daykin arrived at 9:38 a.m.

The Director of Parks & Facilities further suggested that the Pesticide Reduction Campaign work with the Community Beautification Committee.

Note: Item 4.2 was dealt with prior to item 4.1

4.2 **Water Service Amending Bylaw No. 6297-2005**

Staff report dated February, 2005 recommending that Maple Ridge Water Service Amending Bylaw No. 6297-2005 to amend the water rate be given three readings.

The Director of Finance reviewed the report and advised that the report would be forwarded to Committee of the Whole and Council for consideration of the bylaw.

ACTION REQUIRED

Information on household rain barrels is to be obtained from the Recycling Society.

4.3 Maple Ridge Procedure Amending Bylaw No. 6296-2005

Staff report dated February 16, 2005 recommending that Maple Ridge Council Procedure Amending Bylaw No. 6296-2005 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

Note: This item was referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 28, 2005 for discussion.

4.4 EOC Exercise Wildfire

The Chief Administrative Officer Exercise described the activities of the Emergency Operations Centre exercise on February 18, 2005 and thanked all participants for their efforts.

Note: Item 4.5 was dealt with during discussion of item 4.1

4.5 Fraser Valley Regional Library Update

Mr. Saul Amdursky, Fraser Valley Regional Library, provided information on two new programs, on-line tutoring and talking books, being offered by the Library and on the importance of a library in building a community. It was suggested by Council that the Library make arrangements to appear at a Council meeting to provide an update on services.

5 *CORRESPONDENCE*- Nil

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

Councillor Speirs asked when the presentation made by Mayor Morse and the Director of Planning to the Urban Development Institute would be made available to Council. Mayor Morse advised that as soon as the Manager of Communications had completed the presentation it would be distributed to Council.

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

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 10:00 a.m.

K. Morse, Mayor

Certified Correct

R. Riach, Acting Municipal Clerk