

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

***COUNCIL WORKSHOP***

March 21, 2005

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on March 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.

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***PRESENT***

*Elected Officials*

Mayor K. Morse  
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  
D. Boag, Acting General Manager of Community  
Development, Parks and Recreation Services  
P. Gill, General Manager Corporate and Financial Services  
J. Pickering, Acting General Manager Public Works and  
Development Services

***ABSENT***

Councillor E. Daykin

J. Leeburn, Executive Director  
C. Marlo, Confidential Secretary

*Other Staff as Required*

J. Charlebois, Planner

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Note: These Minutes are also posted on the Municipal Web Site at [www.mapleridge.org](http://www.mapleridge.org)

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

The agenda was adopted with the addition of:

4.5 **Referral from the Agricultural Land Commission re BC Hydro**

2. ***MINUTES***

R/05-121  
Minutes  
March 14, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Dueck  
SECONDED by Councillor Isaac

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

CARRIED

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

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

4.1 **E-Comm Update, Ken Shymanski, President & CEO, Beatrix Henning, Vice President & CFO, Jody Robertson, Director of Corporate Communications, Jasmine Bradley, Corporate Communications**

Mr. Shymanski gave a Power Point presentation providing an update on the following areas of E-Comm Operations:

- Radio System
- Customer Satisfaction
- Emergency Dispatch Operations
- Membership
- Board Representation
- Funding Sources
- MFA Debt
- Cost of Services
- Critical Issues

A copy of the presentation was circulated to Council. E-Comm representatives provided further details of their share structure and revenue streams.

***ACTION REQUIRED***

**E-Comm is to confirm that mechanisms are in place to address local customer service issues.**

Note: The meeting recessed at 9:57 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

4.2 **Smart Growth on the Ground**

The Director of Planning gave a Power Point presentation providing an overview of the Smart Growth on the Ground project. A copy of the presentation was circulated at the meeting.

The General Manager Corporate and Financial Services spoke of an inter-departmental committee that was formed to develop an implementation plan for the various pieces of work involved in the project. He displayed and circulated a

handout titled “Smart Growth Database” illustrating the issues identified by the Committee.

Council reviewed “The Maple Ridge Town Centre Concept Plan Draft” distributed prior to the meeting. The Chief Administrative Officer indicated that the intent is to make a formal presentation of the project at future Committee of the Whole and Council meetings.

The Director of Planning advised that the Planning Department is analyzing how the report matches up with the Official Community Plan. The plan will be the basis for an Area Plan that will be adopted as part of the Official Community Plan.

### ***ACTION REQUIRED***

**Councillor Gordon to obtain information from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on green infrastructure funding.**

**A bullet titled “Recreation” is to be included in the “Smart Growth Database” handout.**

**Staff is to review the “Maple Ridge Town Centre Concept Plan” to ensure that the language is clear that this is a concept plan that will require “ground truthing” and to ensure that flexibility is built into the plan by eliminating use of the word “must” wherever possible.**

#### **4.3 Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks and Leisure Services Commission Bylaw No. 6302-2005**

Staff report dated March 15, 2005 recommending that third reading to Bylaw No. 6302-2005 be rescinded and that the bylaw be amended to refer to the applicable sections of the *Community Charter* rather than the *Local Government Act* and the bylaw as amended be given third reading.

R/05-122  
BL 6302-2005  
Third rescinded

4.3.1  
MOVED by Councillor Dueck  
SECONDED by Councillor Isaac

**That third reading granted to at the March 8, 2005 Council meeting to Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks and Leisure Services Commission Bylaw No. 6302-2005 be rescinded.**

CARRIED

R/05-123  
BL 6302-2005  
Amended  
Third

4.3.2  
MOVED by Councillor Gordon  
SECONDED by Councillor Isaac

**That Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks and Leisure Services Commission Bylaw No. 6302-2005 be amended under Section 4 to replace “Sections 176(1)(g) and 191 of the Local Government Act” with “Sections 114 and 154 of the *Community Charter*”; and further**

**That Bylaw No. 6302-2005 as amended be read a third time**

CARRIED

#### 4.4 **Business Planning Guidelines – 2006 to 2010**

Staff report dated March 15, 2005 recommending that the Business Planning Guidelines for 2006 to 2010 be approved.

The General Manager Corporate and Financial Services referred to a few key pages of the Guidelines and highlighted the changes.

It was the consensus of Council the report be forwarded to the Council Meeting of March 22, 2005 for consideration.

#### ***ACTION REQUIRED***

**Consideration of the staff report dated March 15, 2005 is to be added to the March 22, 2005 Council agenda.**

Note: The meeting recessed at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

#### 4.5 **Referral from the Agricultural Land Commission re BC Hydro**

The Director of Planning reviewed a report titled “Referral from the Agricultural Land Commission re BC Hydro” dated March 16, 2005 circulated prior to the meeting. She confirmed that BC Hydro has sent letters to property owners in the area. BC Hydro proposes to develop the substation at the south end of the property and leave the balance of the property undeveloped. Meadowridge School has made application for expansion of their school on property that borders the north end of the BC Hydro property. Through the Development Permit process

the District will be requiring BC Hydro to identify any impacts on the stream that runs through the property.

It was the consensus of Council that the following comments be sent to the Agricultural Land Commission:

- Council supports the proposed site in principle;
- Council requests that BC Hydro ensures that:
  - the same amount of care is exercised in the building presentation of the facility as for the last substation;
  - environmental issues are addressed;
  - there is adequate buffering between the substation, Meadowridge School to the north and the street;
  - there is no negative impact on agricultural lands on either side of this site;
  - the site is appropriately landscaped.

***ACTION REQUIRED***

**Staff is to forward the comments of Council to the Agricultural Land Commission.**

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE***

5.1 **Lower Mainland Municipal Association, Vancouver International Airport Resolutions**

Letter dated March 1, 2005 requesting a letter of support for the intent of the resolutions passed by the City of Richmond related to the airport.

R/05-124  
LMMA  
Vancouver Int'l  
Airport

MOVED by Councillor Gordon  
SECONDED by Councillor Isaac

**That the letter dated March 11, 2005 from the Lower Mainland Municipal Association be received for information and no further action taken.**

CARRIED

**5.2 Corporation of Delta, Municipal Fitness Challenge-Grade 5 Free Access**

Letter dated March 1, 2005 from Lois Jackson, Mayor, challenging all municipalities in B.C. to match Delta's program to provide free access to recreational facilities to all grade 5 residents.

R/05-125                      5.2.1  
Delta Challenge              MOVED  
Grade 5 Free Access        SECONDED  
to rec. facilities

**That the letter dated March 1, 2005 from the Corporation of Delta be referred to the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks and Leisure Services Commission for comment.**

DEFEATED

Councillor Isaac, Councillor Dueck, Mayor Morse OPPOSED

R/05-126                      5.2.2  
Delta Challenge              MOVED  
Grade 5 Free Access        SECONDED  
to rec. facilities

**That the letter dated March 1, 2005 from the Corporation of Delta be received for information and no further action taken.**

CARRIED

Councillor Speirs, Councillor Gordon OPPOSED

**5.3 Greater Vancouver Regional District, Establishment of Mosquito Control Administration and Coordination Service**

Letter dated March 7, 2005 from J. Marvin Hunt, Chair, GVRD Board of Directors, seeking Council's consideration and approval to establish a GVRD Mosquito Control Administration and Coordination function.

R/05-127                      MOVED by Councillor Isaac  
GVRD Mosquito              SECONDED by Councillor Dueck  
Control Service

**That the letter dated March 7, 2005 from the Greater Vancouver Regional District Board of Directors be referred to staff to prepare a report and recommendation regarding the**

**establishment of a Mosquito Control Administration and  
Coordination Service.**

CARRIED

**5.4 District of Pitt Meadows, Gateway Program**

Letter dated March 16, 2005 from Laurie Darcus, Legislative Services Coordinator, requesting support of a resolution regarding the Gateway Program. A report dated March 18, 2005 recommending support of the Gateway Program was circulated prior to the meeting. The recommendation contained in the report was amended by Council.

R/05-128  
Support for  
Gateway Program

MOVED by Councillor Isaac  
SECONDED by Councillor Dueck

**WHEREAS the Gateway Program identifies a number of  
transportation initiatives in the Lower Mainland;**

**AND WHEREAS the reduction in congestion for commuters  
and industry is an important consideration with respect to all  
components of all transportation initiatives;**

**AND WHEREAS the Golden Ears Bridge is scheduled to  
open in 2008 and the Pitt River Bridge improvements are  
critical for optimizing the Lougheed Highway traffic flow and  
the successful operation of the Golden Ears Bridge;**

**AND WHEREAS a new high level crossing of the Pitt River  
Bridge is critical to safety and reliability for citizens in this  
area and provides an opportunity for alternate transportation  
modes;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Maple Ridge  
Council support the Gateway Program, in principle, with  
priority given to replacement of the Pitt River with a high  
level crossing and the Gateway Program be encouraged to  
incorporate multi-modal transportation options in all  
appropriate facilities.**

CARRIED

Councillor Speirs OPPOSED

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

Councillor Isaac briefed Council on a new requirement from the Lower Mainland Municipal Association that, for liability reasons, individuals running for the Executive have a resolution of support from their Council. Councillor Isaac is to obtain further information for Council on the liability issues.

***ACTION REQUIRED***

**Councillor Isaac is to provide Council with further information on liability issues for members of the Executive of LMMA.**

7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT***

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** – 2:20 p.m.

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K. Morse, Mayor

Certified Correct

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T. Fryer, Municipal Clerk