

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

May 29, 2006

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on May 29, 2006 at 10:30 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 G. Robson
Councillor E. Daykin
Councillor J. Dueck
Councillor A. Hogarth
Councillor L. King
Councillor K. Stewart

Appointed Staff

P. Gill, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
T. Fryer, Municipal Clerk
M. Murray, General Manager of Community Development,
Parks and Recreation Services
B. McDonald, Acting General Manager Public Works and
Development Services
J. Leeburn, Executive Director
C. Marlo, Confidential Secretary

ABSENT

Councillor C. Speirs

Other Staff as Required

L. Benson, Policy Analyst
J. Sorba, Director of Finance

Note: These Minutes are also posted on the Municipal Web Site at www.mapleridge.org
Mayor Robson was not in attendance at the start of the meeting. Councillor Hogarth chaired the meeting in his absence.

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

The agenda was approved with the addition of the following item:

- 4.4 **Delegation Request of Pitt Polder Preservation Society**
- 4.5 **Gateway Program**

2. ***MINUTES***

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Minutes

May 15, 2006

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of May 15, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

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

4.1 **Performance Measures – Progress Report 2005**

The Policy Analyst reviewed the Draft Progress Report 2005 distributed to Council prior to the meeting. She indicated that this information would be included in the Annual Report.

Note: Mayor Robson arrived at 10:35 a.m. and assumed the Chair

4.2 **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Resolutions**

Staff report dated May 12, 2006 seeking direction from Council on resolutions to be prepared for the UBCM Conference.

Council reviewed the five topics listed in the staff report and directed staff to prepare resolutions for items 1, 2, and 4. Additional information is to be provided to Council on item 5.

A suggestion was made to prepare a resolution requesting that the Provincial Government amend the Growth Strategy Act to clarify the process for amendments to the Livable Region Strategic Plan. Council agreed to write a letter to the Provincial Government requesting clarification of the process by which the Livable Region Strategic Plan can be amended.

ACTION REQUIRED

Staff is to prepare resolutions for Council's approval for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

An article on the Human Rights Tribunal is to be circulated to Mayor and Council.

A letter is to be written to the Provincial Government requesting clarification of the process by which the Livable Region Strategic Plan can be amended.

4.3 Follow up to Meeting with Solicitor General

Councillor Stewart asked Council if they would like to have a delegation from the Fraser Regional Correctional Centre appear before Council. Council directed that staff arrange for such a delegation.

ACTION REQUIRED

Staff is to arrange for a delegation from the Fraser Regional Correctional Centre.

4.4 Delegation Request of Pitt Polder Preservation Society

The Municipal Clerk referred to a memo dated May 25, 2006, circulated prior to the meeting, seeking direction from Council on a request from the Pitt Polder Preservation Society to speak to Council at the June 13 or 27, 2006 Council meeting on issues related to the Official Community Plan.

It was the consensus of Council that the request of the Pitt Polder Preservation Society to appear as a delegation at the June 13 or 27, 2006 Council meeting be denied and that their presentation be heard at the Public Hearing on the Official Community Plan.

ACTION REQUIRED

Staff is to notify the Pitt Polder Preservation Society that their request to appear as a delegation is denied and that their presentation will instead be heard at the Public Hearing on the Official Community Plan.

4.5 Gateway Program

Councillor Hogarth expressed concern that Council has not yet expressed its position on the Gateway Program and suggested that Council needed to provide the Mayor with direction.

The Acting General Manager of Public Works & Development Services advised that the District received a request from the GVRD to respond by June 30, 2006 to their position paper on the Gateway Program. He indicated that the Municipal Engineer will be preparing a report for Council on that position paper.

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Gateway Program It was moved and seconded
Position

That the Gateway Program be supported provided the Evergreen Line is fully funded before twinning of the Port Mann Bridge proceeds.

CARRIED

Councillor King OPPOSED

4.6 **Funeral Arrangements for Paul Steine**

Mayor Robson announced the passing of Retired Fire Chief Paul Steine and requested a resolution from Council providing staff with the authority to make appropriate arrangements for the funeral that would involve street closures for a procession that would include Fire equipment and personnel.

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Full Honours Fire Department Funeral It was moved and seconded

That staff be authorized to make all arrangements necessary for a Full Honours Fire Department funeral for Retired Fire Chief Paul Stein.

CARRIED

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE*** - Nil

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

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

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 11:10 a.m.

G. Robson, Mayor

Certified Correct

T. Fryer, Municipal Clerk