

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

***COUNCIL WORKSHOP***

June 19, 2006

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on June 19, 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.

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***PRESENT***

*Elected Officials*

Mayor G. Robson  
Councillor E. Daykin  
Councillor J. Dueck  
Councillor A. Hogarth  
Councillor L. King  
Councillor C. Speirs  
Councillor K. Stewart

*Guests*

Michael Sather, MLA  
Carmen Ortega,  
Assistant to M. Sather  
Barry Becker, Director  
of Parks and Recreation,  
City of Port Coquitlam  
Jill Lawlor, Area  
Recreation Manager,  
City of Port Coquitlam

*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  
B. McDonald, Acting General Manager Public Works and  
Development Services

J. Leeburn, Executive Director

A. Gaunt, Committee Clerk

*Other Staff as Required*

S. Wheeler, Central Recreation Manager/Social Planning  
T. Cotroneo, Youth Services Coordinator

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

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2. ***MINUTES***

R/06-264

Minutes

June 12, 2006

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of June 12, 2006 be adopted as circulated.**

CARRIED

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

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

4.1 **Meeting with Michael Sather, MLA**

Michael Sather, MLA brought forward issues relating to the following

- Bill 27 – Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2006
  - Bill 30 – Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2006
  - Forest Revitalization
  - Corrections Issues
- Bill 27 brings about changes which have raised the concern of manufactured home owners in terms of an increase in pressure to accept rent increases.
- Bill 30 addresses independent power producers. The ability of municipal and regional districts to make the decision as to whether or not they would have these types of structures in their areas has been overruled by Section 53 in this legislation. There was a concern among Council regarding powers being taken away from municipal government by the provincial government without consultation.
- Forest Revitalization calls for a reduction by 50% in municipal taxes for forest related industries, aimed mainly at the pulp and paper industry.
- Fraser Regional Correctional Centre – the discharge of inmates from Fraser Regional has been a concern to the Municipality and those involved will be meeting to discuss issues further.

***ACTION REQUIRED***

**Staff is to provide appropriate information on the items raised by Mr. Sather for discussion at a future meeting.**

4.2 **Youth Action Park**

Presentation by Barry Becker and Jill Lawlor, City of Port Coquitlam and consideration of a staff report dated June 14, 2006.

R/06-265

Youth Action Park      It was moved and seconded  
WITHDRAWN

**That the construction of a community level Youth Action Park located in the portion of the north-west parking lot at Thomas Haney Secondary School described in the 2006 05 10 report on this subject be endorsed; and further, that a Youth Action Park Advisory Committee be formed to monitor use and provide recommendations on a rewards program and on operations and guidelines for use; and further, that a facility hosting program be considered during the 2007 annual budget process.**

Barry Becker, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Port Coquitlam and Jill Lawlor, Area Recreation Manager for the City of Port Coquitlam presented a PowerPoint show of that city's destination activity park called *Railside at Lions Park*. Post-presentation questions included liability issues, safety issues, supervision, structure, budget and community concerns. It was suggested that Maple Ridge would be better served with building a park which was larger than the one proposed. The General Manager of Community Development, Parks and Recreation stated that he would like to have some time to research this suggestion.

R/06-266

Youth Action Park      It was moved and seconded

**That the staff report of June 14, 2006 regarding the Youth Action Park be referred to the June 27, 2006 Council meeting for further consideration.**

CARRIED

#### 4.3      **Maple Ridge Taxi Regulation By-law No. 6409-2006**

Staff report dated June 7, 2006 recommending that Bylaw No. 6409-2006 be read a first time and be forwarded to all taxi companies for comments.

R/06-242

BL 6409-2006              It was moved and seconded

**That Maple Ridge Taxi Regulation Bylaw No. 6409-2006 be read a first time and that Maple Ridge Taxi Bylaw No. 2815-1980 and all amendments be repealed; and further that Maple Ridge Taxi Regulation Bylaw No. 6409-2006 be forwarded to all Maple Ridge Taxi companies requesting that all individuals who consider themselves affected by the bylaw**

**forward written submissions to Council on or before July 14, 2006.**

The Acting General Manager, Public Works and Development Services gave a presentation on the existing taxi bylaw and the recommended updates.

CARRIED

#### 4.4 **Additional Bank Signing Officer Required**

Staff report dated May 30, 2006 recommending that the Manager of Revenue & Collections/Business Analyst be appointed as an additional signing officer for the Municipality's general and payroll accounts.

R/06-267

Bank Signing  
Officer

It was moved and seconded

**That the Manager of Revenue and Collections/Business Analyst be appointed as an additional signing officer for the Municipality's general and payroll accounts.**

CARRIED

#### 4.5 **Report from Tactical Outcomes and Idea Works**

Discussion of the final report related to expanded gaming in Maple Ridge.  
(Report distributed at last meeting).

R/06-268

BC Lottery Corp.  
Gaming opportunities

It was moved and seconded

**That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to have discussions with the British Columbia Lottery Corporation regarding possible expanded gaming opportunities in Maple Ridge and that the Chief Administrative Officer report back to Council on these discussions.**

CARRIED

#### 4.6 **UBCM Resolution re Income Assistance**

Discussion of a proposed resolution presented by Councillor King relating to a need to increase the basic income assistance rate.

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

**Discussion of an Income Assistance resolution is to be included on the agenda of the June 26, 2006 Council Workshop Meeting**

4.7 **5% Park Dedication**

Clarification of current policy arising from discussion at the Closed Council Meeting on June 12, 2006

R/06-269

5% Park Dedication It was moved and seconded

**That the report on parkland acquisition dated June 19, 2006 be received for information.**

CARRIED

4.8 **May 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Council Meeting Minutes**

There was a general discussion relating to what had been recorded in the minutes of the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Council Meeting.

R/06-270

Minutes of May 23 Special Council It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Council Meeting be amended by deleting the phrase “rural residential but indicated as” from the Amendment to Principle 28 and that the amended minutes be presented for approval at the June 27, 2006 Council Meeting.**

CARRIED

Councillor King opposed

*Note: The meeting recessed at 12:46 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.*

4.9 **Construction of Cottonwood Drive**

Discussion of the neighbourhood request at the June 13, 2006 Council meeting. Report circulated separately.

A presentation and update on this project was given by the Municipal Engineer.

R/06-271

Cottonwood Drive Road Construction It was moved and seconded

**That the staff report dated June 16, 2006 regarding Cottonwood Drive Construction be referred to the June 27, 2006 Council Meeting with a recommendation to proceed.**

CARRIED

**4.10 BCGEU Federal Legislation on Child Care**

Discussion of a request received at the June 13, 2006 Council meeting

R/06-272  
BCGEU

It was moved and seconded

**That the BCGEU Federal Legislation on Child Care issue be forwarded to the Social Planning Committee.**

CARRIED

**4.11 VP/110/05, 22466 North Avenue**

Discussion of security requirements for the development variance permit.

***ACTION REQUIRED***

VP/110/05 be brought back to the June 27, 2006 Council Meeting for final consideration.

**5. *CORRESPONDENCE***

**5.1 Motion for Smoke Free Workplace by Senator Mac Harb**

Letter dated May 18, 2006 from Senator Mac Harb, requesting support for a motion for smoke-free workplaces in Canada.

R/06-273

It was moved and seconded

**That the letter dated May 18, 2006 from Senator Mac Harb be received and no further action taken.**

CARRIED

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

There was a question from Councillor Hogarth to the Acting General Manager, Public Works and Development Services regarding persons removing materials from recycling bins. Staff advised that the municipality's garbage disposal regulation states that this is not permissible; however, ticketing is not yet available, though a fine can be laid.

There was a discussion regarding the streetscape on Dewdney Trunk Road and the enforcement of the maintenance of these areas by owners. Staff advised that there was bylaw which addressed private property maintenance and the Municipality has pursued property owners who have not complied with the bylaw. The Municipality also has the ability to send in contractors from the City and bill back the property owners.

7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT***

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 3:01 p.m.

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G. Robson, Mayor

Certified Correct

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T. Fryer, Municipal Clerk