

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

April 23, 2007

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on April 23, 2007 at 10:00 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 G. Robson
Councillor E. Daykin
Councillor J. Dueck
Councillor A. Hogarth
Councillor L. King
Councillor C. Speirs
Councillor K. Stewart

Appointed Staff

J. Rule, Chief Administrative Officer
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, Executive Director
R. Riach, Property & Risk Manager
A. Gaunt, Confidential Secretary

Other Staff as Required

L. Benson, Policy Analyst
T. Fryer, Manager, Corporate and Development Engineering

Note: These Minutes are also posted on the Municipal Web Site at www.mapleridge.ca

Note: Mayor Robson and Councillor Dueck were not in attendance at the start of the meeting. Councillor King chaired the meeting in the Mayor's absence.

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

The agenda was amended to include the following addition:

- 4.4 Disclosure of Contract
- 4.5 Letter from Canadian Springs
- 4.6 Report from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities on the Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement
- 4.7 Canadian Labour Congress, Sustainable Communities Initiative – TransLink Governance Structure

2. ***MINUTES***

R/07-206
Minutes
April 16, 2007

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of April 16, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

3.1 **Introduction of New Members, RCMP, Inspector Jim Wakely**

Inspector Jim Wakely introduced Constable Laforest and Constable Boechler.

Note: Mayor Robson joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m. and assumed the Chair.

3.2 **Long Term Sustainable Vision for Maple Ridge - Charles Holmes**

Charles Holmes facilitated a discussion on the inclusion of sustainability into the District's Strategic Plan Update. A PowerPoint review of the meeting agenda, desired outcomes as well as comments derived from feedback received at the February 19, 2007 Workshop meeting, was presented.

Tom Osdoba, Director, 30 Days of Sustainability and Founder, Canadian Carbon Trust, gave a PowerPoint presentation which addressed questions on carbon neutrality.

R/07-207
Sustainable Vision
Strategic Plan

It was moved and seconded

- 1. That the Strategic Plan presented on April 19, 2007 and amended on April 23, 2007 be endorsed in draft; and**
- 2. That the Business Planning Guidelines as presented on April 23, 2007 be endorsed;**
- 3. That the retention of a consultant to assist with the creation of a plan to achieve the District's Carbon Neutral vision be approved and that the 2007 Financial Plan be amended accordingly; and**
- 4. That staff be directed to present the 2008-2012 departmental business plans in accordance with the presentation guidelines discussed on April 23, 2007; and**

5. **That staff be directed to bring back the Strategic Planning work endorsed in draft today in the 11th edition of the Business Planning Guidelines that will be published in May 2007.**

CARRIED

Note: Items 4.1 to 4.4 were dealt with prior to Item 3.2

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

4.1 **Infrastructure Grant Priorities**

Staff report dated April 23, 2007 recommending that staff be directed to prepare and submit infrastructure grant submissions for River Road and Academy Park and that priority rankings on submitted grant applications be reestablished.

The General Manager of Public Works and Development Services advised that a meeting had been held with residents of River Road and that upon finalization of work with Golder Associates, further information would be issued to residents.

Note: Councillor Dueck arrived at 10:19 a.m.

R/07-208

Infrastructure Grants and Priorities It was moved and seconded

That staff be directed to prepare infrastructure grant submissions for River Road and Academy Park; and

That the priority rankings be reestablished as follows:

1. **River Road Storm Drainage and Road Improvements**
2. **Abernethy Connector**
3. **Hammond Station**
4. **Academy Park Sanitary Sewer Extension**

Canoe & Kayak Clubhouse & Training Facility (withdrawn)

CARRIED

4.2 **Search and Rescue – Purchase of Hovercraft**

Staff report dated April 19, 2007 recommending the advance of funding to Search and Rescue to assist with the purchase of a hovercraft.

R/07-209

Search & Rescue It was moved and seconded
Hovercraft Purchase

That the request of Search and Rescue for an advance of \$12,500 and a reduction in their fee for service agreement by \$2,500 per year for 5 years be approved; and further

That staff be directed to amend the financial plan accordingly.

CARRIED

4.3 **Albion Dike Project – Access to Private Land for Construction and Maintenance**

Staff report dated April 20, 2007 recommending that resolutions allowing work necessary to provide flood protection services on private property be approved.

R/07-210

Albion Dike Project It was moved and seconded
Private Land Access

That the resolutions included in the staff report titled “Albion Dike Project – Access to Private Land for Construction & Maintenance” dated April 20, 2007 be approved.

CARRIED

4.4 **Disclosure of Contract**

Staff report dated April 20, 2007 stating that the Corporate Officer has been advised of Councillor Ken Stewart’s indirect pecuniary interest in agreements between the Greater Vancouver Regional District, Coniagas Ranches Ltd. and the District of Maple Ridge.

Councillor Stewart advised that an agreement in principle had been reached prior to his election, that he had excused himself from Council discussion or vote on this matter and that he was very pleased that the arrangement allowing the property to remain in a conservation state had been concluded.

R/07-211

Contract Disclosure It was moved and seconded
K. Stewart

That the staff report dated April 20, 2007 be submitted for information.

CARRIED

4.5 **Canadian Springs – Use of Non-refillable Water Containers**

Letter from Canadian Springs, Gara Hay, Vice President, providing information on water containers banned in other provinces and requesting that steps be taken to raise this concern with the Provincial Government.

R/06-212

Banned Water Containers It was moved and seconded

That the letter from Canadian Springs regarding water containers banned in other provinces be forwarded to the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society.

CARRIED

4.6 **Report from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities on the Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement**

This item was deferred to a future Workshop meeting.

4.7 **Canadian Labour Congress, Sustainable Communities Initiative – TransLink Governance Structure**

This item was deferred to a future Workshop meeting.

Note: The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45. Item 3.2 was dealt with.

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE*** - Nil

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

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

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 4:00 p.m.

G. Robson, Mayor

Certified Correct

R. Riach, Corporate Officer