

Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

May 14, 2007

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on May 14, 2007 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 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

ABSENT

Councillor E. Daykin

J. Leeburn, Executive Director

C. Marlo, Manager of Legislative Services

A. Gaunt, Confidential Secretary

Other Staff as Required

J. Pickering, Director of Planning

C. Carter, Manager of Community Planning

L. Zosiak, Planner

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

The agenda was amended to include the following additions:

- 4.6 River Road Escarpment Storm Drains Update
- 4.7 Road and Sewer Services to 256th Street Industrial Area
- 4.8 Lower Mainland Local Government Association, 2007 Annual General Meeting and Conference Update
- 4.9 West Coast Express Update

2. ***MINUTES***

R/07-257
Minutes
May 7, 2007

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of May 7, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

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

- 4.1 **Maple Ridge Financial Plan Amending Bylaw No. 6474-2007**
To amend the 2007-2011 Financial Plan.
Final reading.

R/07-258
BL 6474-2007
Final Reading

It was moved and seconded

That Maple Ridge Financial Plan Amending Bylaw 6474-2007 be reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED

- 4.2 **2007 Property Tax Rates Bylaw No. 6475-2007**
To establish tax rates for the year 2007.
Final reading.

The General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services advised that a period of time had been allowed for public comment and none had been received.

R/07-259
BL 6475-2007
Final Reading

It was moved and seconded

That Maple Ridge Property Tax Rates Bylaw No. 6475-2007 be reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED

4.3 **Freshet Update**

The Area Emergency Coordinator gave an update on the freshet situation. He advised that the work on the Albion pump station had been completed, that the final topping was being work on the Albion Dyke west of McKay Street and that work being done by staff on the Albion dyke east of McKay Street was also nearing completion. He advised that public information meetings will be held with residents in potential flood areas.

The Chief Administrative Officer noted to Council that a Fraser River Freshet Operational Flood Management Plan dated May 14, 2007 has been completed and will be used by District staff to respond to the Fraser River Freshet event.

4.4 **Regional Town Centre Area Plan Process**

Staff report dated April 19, 2007 outlining the development of the Maple Ridge Town Centre Concept Plan to be used as a basis for the preparation of an area plan.

The Planner reviewed the regional town centre area plan process report, timing and what staff are trying to achieve. A timeline for the area planning process was shown and highlighted areas indicating public involvement were reviewed.

The Director of Planning advised that this process would not delay plans that are currently underway and the Chief Administrative Officer added that capital improvements in the downtown area will be continuing.

The Director of Planning advised that the Planning department and the Parks department would be working together to provide spaces for park and/or park like settings as well as connectivity to park areas.

The Director of Planning advised that the parking strategy was a key component of this program and that terms of reference would be presented to Council later this year.

Action Required

Staff is to present the Town Centre Area Plan Process at the May 22, 2007 Council meeting.

R/07-260

Town Centre Area Plan Process It was moved and seconded

The Regional Town Centre Area Plan Process as recommended in the report dated April 19, 2007 be approved; and

Whereas Council has considered the requirements of Section 879 of the Local Government Act that it provide, in respect of an Area Plan for the Regional Town Centre, one or more opportunities it considers appropriate for consultation with persons, organizations and authorities it considers will be affected and has specifically considered the matters referred to in Section 879 (2) of the Act;

And whereas Council considers that the opportunities to consult proposed in respect of an Area Plan for the Regional Town Centre (as summarized in the Town Centre Area Plan Process report dated April 19, 2007) constitute appropriate consultation for the purposes of Section 879 of the Act;

Now therefore, Council resolves that the ongoing consultation as identified in the Public Consultation section of the Town Centre Area Plan Report, be endorsed.

CARRIED

4.5 Corporate Strategic Plan

Staff report dated May 10, 2007 recommending that the Corporate Strategic Plan be approved and brought forward in the 11th Edition of the Business Planning Guidelines.

The Executive Director to the Chief Executive Officer gave a PowerPoint presentation which detailed the revisions made to the draft strategic plan presented at the April 23rd Workshop meeting.

Further additions to the strategic plan were suggested and incorporated into the following sections:

Environment – Key Strategies
Smart Managed Growth – Key Strategies
Governance – Vision
Economic Development – Key Strategies

R/07-261

Corporate Strategic Plan It was moved and seconded

That the Corporate Strategic Plan attached to the report dated May 10, 2007 and as amended at the May 14, 2007 Workshop be approved and brought forward in the 11th Edition of the Business Planning Guidelines.

CARRIED

4.6 River Road Escarpment Storm Drains Update

The General Manager, Public Works and Development Services advised that in terms of work being carried out on River Road as directed by Council, a geotechnical consultant has been employed, a grant application for funding for infrastructure is in progress and residents will be approached in regard to the Local Improvement Program.

4.7 Road and Sewer Services to 256th Street Industrial Area

The extension of Abernethy Way along with municipal sewage services to the future 256th Street industrial area, as well as the timing on this proposed extension, was raised and discussed.

R/07-262

256th Street Industrial Area It was moved and seconded

That staff be directed to provide an overview of the 256th Street industrial park including the impact of the provision of municipal servicing and a transportation route and providing an indication of applications in process for this area.

CARRIED

4.8 Lower Mainland Local Government Association, 2007 Annual General Meeting and Conference Update

The Mayor and Councillors attending the 2007 Annual Meeting and Conference for the Lower Mainland Local Government Association gave reviews of the events they participated in.

4.9 **West Coast Express Update**

Mayor Robson advised that a letter had been received from TransLink committing to a planning process for the location of a new West Coast Express station in the Albion area and advised that it is important that the municipality participate in the process.

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE*** - Nil

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

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

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** – 12:12 p.m.

G. Robson, Mayor

Certified Correct

C. Marlo, Corporate Officer