

District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

April 12, 2010

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on April 12, 2010 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.

PRESENT

Elected Officials

Mayor E. Daykin
Councillor C. Ashlie
Councillor J. Dueck
Councillor A. Hogarth
Councillor L. King
Councillor M. Morden
Councillor C. Speirs

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
C. Marlo, Manager of Legislative Services
A. Gaunt, Confidential Secretary

Other Staff as Required

S. Del Monte, Manager of Corporate Communication
S. Blue, Manager of Strategic Economic Initiatives
J. Pickering, Director of Planning
A. Wood, Municipal Engineer
S. Wheeler, Director of Community Services

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1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as circulated

2. **MINUTES**

R/2010-178
Minutes
March 22, 2010

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of March 22, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

3.1 **Metro Vancouver Commerce – 2010 Olympic Business Initiative**

- **Phil Heard, CEO, Metro Vancouver Commerce/VEDC**

Mr. Heard provided a presentation of the Metro Vancouver Commerce investment attraction and business investment program shown to potential investors during the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. The presentation introduced the communities of Metro Vancouver and highlighted reasons for investment in the Lower Mainland area.

Note: Item 3.2 has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

Note: Item 4.1 was dealt with prior to Item 3.2

3.2 **Pitt River Bridge and Mary Hill Interchange Project, Gateway Program**

- **Geoff Freer, Executive Director; Rob Ahola, Project Director; Gord Ruffo, Project Manager; Lori Alexander, Manager, Community Relations**

Mr. Freer gave a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the various projects involved in the Gateway Program. He advised that paving on the Pitt River Bridge is very close to completion.

Mr. Ruffo provided an update on the Pitt River and Mary Hill Interchange Project.

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

Note: Item 4.1 was dealt with prior to Item 3.2

4.1 **Silver Valley Infrastructure Update**

The Director of Planning and the Municipal Engineer gave a PowerPoint outlining the development and transportation investments in Silver Valley.

The Director of Planning provided a history on the process involved during the development of the Silver Valley Plan.

The Municipal Engineer addressed infrastructure and transportation components of the Silver Valley Plan. He spoke to the issues as well as the challenges in the area and presented options and next steps to deal with the concerns.

Note: The meeting was recessed at 10:55 and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

4.2 **Matrix Update**

Staff report dated April 7, 2010 recommending that the Council Matrix which includes items scheduled to be before Council up to September 30, 2010 be adopted.'

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the report.

R/2010-179
Matrix Update

It was moved and seconded

That the Council Matrix attached as Appendix II to the staff report dated April 7, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED

4.3 **Affordable Housing Strategy**

Staff report dated April 8, 2010 recommending that proposed timing of the affordable housing policy be endorsed.

The General Manager of Community Development, Parks and Recreation Services reviewed the report.

R/2010-180
Affordable Housing
Strategy

It was moved and seconded

That the report dated April 8, 2010 titled "Affordable Housing Strategy" be forwarded to the April 27, 2010 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

4.4 **South Haney Neighbourhood Initiative**

Staff report dated April 8, 2010 recommending that reallocation of funds from the affordable housing strategy budget to the neighbourhood development initiative in the South Haney area be authorized.

The General Manager of Community Development, Parks and Recreation Services reviewed the report.

The Director of Community Services outlined how the proposed initiative will proceed. She reviewed the process and the timelines for the project and the proposal.

R/2010-181
South Haney
Neighbourhood
Initiative

It was moved and seconded

That the report dated April 8, 2010 titled “South Haney Neighbourhood Initiative” be forwarded to the April 27, 2010 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 **Ministry of Community and Rural Development – Local Government Elections Taskforce**

Letter dated January 29, 2010 from Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development and Harry Nyce, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities requesting feedback on local government election issues.

It was the consensus of Council that members will submit comments on an individual basis.

R/2010-182
Local Government
Elections Taskforce

It was moved and seconded

That the letter dated January 29, 2010 from Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development and Harry Nyce, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities be received and no further action taken.

CARRIED

5.2 **Government of British Columbia – Water Act**

Letter dated February 24, 2010 from John Slater, MLA Boundary-Similkameen, Parliamentary Secretary for Water Supply and Allocation requesting feedback on the document titled “British Columbia’s Water Act Modernization Discussion Paper” as attached.

R/2010-183
Government of
British Columbia
Water Act

It was moved and seconded

That the letter dated February 24, 2010 from John Slater, MLA, requesting feedback on the document titled "British Columbia's Water Act Modernization Discussion Paper" be forwarded to the April 19, 2010 Council Workshop Meeting for further discussion.

CARRIED

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

6.1 **Metro Vancouver Draft Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan**

Mayor Daykin advised that Metro Vancouver will be hosting a consultation session pertaining to the draft Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan on May 10, 2010

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

8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 12:25 p.m.

E. Daykin, Mayor

Certified Correct

C. Marlo, Corporate Officer