

District of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

April 26, 2010

The Minutes of the Municipal Council Workshop held on April 26, 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

A. Bowden, Recreation Access Coordinator
S. Jorde, Recreation Manager for Community Connections
D. Boag, Director of Parks and Facilities
D. Denton, Business Retention and Expansion Officer
S. Blue, Manager of Strategic Economic Initiatives
S. Del Monte, Manager of Corporate Communications

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1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. **MINUTES**

R/2010-213
Minutes
April 19, 2010

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of April 19, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

4. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 **Universal Design Guidelines Progress Report**

Staff report dated April 26, 2010 providing an update on how the universal design guidelines are being used by the District, outlining next steps in the implementation of the guidelines and recommending that the report be received.

The Recreation Access Coordinator reviewed the report. She provided a background on the development of the Universal Design Guidelines through the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues. She also provided examples of initiatives being carried out in the community using the design guidelines and advised that District departments are incorporating the guidelines as well.

The General Manager, Public Works and Development Services advised that use of the universal design guidelines in building development is being encouraged however it is not required. He also advised that discussions can be held with the Building Department as to which of the guidelines can be incorporated without changes to the BC Building Code.

R/2010-214

Universal Design

Guidelines Progress Report It was moved and seconded

That the staff report “Universal Design Guidelines Progress Report” dated April 13, 2010 be received.

CARRIED

4.2 **Family Friendly Recreation Activity – Wild Play Element Park**

The General Manager of Community Development, Parks and Recreation Services introduced the concept of, and provided background information on, an initiative to develop a wild play element park in Maple Ridge.

The Director of Parks and Facilities provided a video clip showcasing existing wild play element parks. He advised on feedback and concerns brought forward at open house informational meetings pertaining to the proposed park. He also advised that a detailed plan for the proposal will be provided at an upcoming Council Workshop. He was asked to give a presentation at the April 27th Council meeting.

4.3 Traffic Improvement Projects

- **Abernethy Way Improvements Update**
- **124 Avenue Traffic Concerns**
- **Traffic Signal at 128 Avenue and 216 Street**

The Municipal Engineer gave a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on traffic improvements projects in Maple Ridge, highlighting the Abernethy Way at 224 Street improvements, 124 Avenue traffic concerns and the installation of a traffic signal at 128 Avenue and 216 Street. He addressed the objective and scope of each project and outlined the status and next steps to be followed to complete improvements and address concerns of residents, particularly with 124th Avenue.

Note: Item 4.4 was dealt with prior to Item 4.1

4.4 Financial Update

The General Manager of Corporate and Financial Services provided a financial update. He advised on the changes in the year end financial statements and the amendments to the financial plan. He also advised on upcoming topics to be discussed at future Council Workshop and Council meetings.

4.5 Fraser Health Authority Update

Councillor Dueck provided an update of discussions held at a meeting of the Fraser Health Authority pertaining to acute obstetrics and paediatrics service reviews. She advised that she indicated that the District of Maple Ridge has an expectation of being provided an opportunity for feedback.

4.6 Water Act Report

Councillor Ashlie reviewed a submission prepared by Councillor Speirs and herself, along with input from local stewardship groups, which was compiled to provide feedback on the Water Act Modernization (WAM) process.

R/2010-215

4.6.1

Water Act

Modernization

It was moved and seconded

Discussion Paper

That the Water Act Modernization (WAM) Discussion Paper submission and attachments be received.

CARRIED

R/2010-216 4.6.2
Water Act
Modernization It was moved and seconded
Discussion Paper

That the Water Act Modernization (WAM) Discussion Paper be forwarded to the Council Meeting of April 27, 2010.

CARRIED

5. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Nil

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

7. **MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT**

8. **ADJOURNMENT** - 11:33 a.m.

E. Daykin, Mayor

Certified Correct

C. Marlo, Corporate Officer