

City of Maple Ridge

***COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES***

May 26, 2020

The Minutes of the Council Workshop held on May 26, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. as an online virtual meeting hosted at City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia for the purpose of transacting regular City business.

***PRESENT***

***Elected Officials***

Mayor M. Morden  
Councillor J. Dueck  
Councillor K. Duncan  
Councillor C. Meadus  
Councillor G. Robson  
Councillor R. Svendsen  
Councillor A. Yousef

***Appointed Staff***

A. Horsman, Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Boag, General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture  
C. Carter, General Manager Planning & Development Services  
C. Crabtree, Acting General Manager Corporate Services  
D. Pollock, General Manager Engineering Services  
T. Thompson, Chief Financial Officer  
D. Denton, Deputy Corporate Officer

***Other Staff as Required***

L. Zosiak, Manager of Community Planning  
A. Grochowich, Planner 2  
D. Hall, Planner 2, Auxiliary  
M. Orsetti, Director of Bylaw and Licensing Services  
C. McBeath, Digital Marketing & Engagement Coordinator

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Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council members participated electronically. Mayor Morden chaired the meeting from the Council Chambers.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2020-223

Moved and seconded

**That the agenda of the May 26, 2020 Council Workshop Meeting be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

R/2020-224

Moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the May 12, 2020 Council Workshop Meeting be adopted as circulated.**

CARRIED

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

**4. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 Maple Ridge Social Services Inventory Update - SPARC Presentation**

Presentation by the Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia ("SPARC")

- Monica Petek, Researcher, Department of Research, Planning and Community Development

Staff report dated May 26, 2020 recommending that the April 2020 Maple Ridge Social Service Inventory be endorsed and that staff begin a gap analysis based on the inventory to identify key trends, strengths and opportunities related to social services in Maple Ridge.

The Manager of Community Planning introduced the item.

Ms. Petek gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the purpose of the Social Services Inventory and providing information on how the inventory was created, key differences in programs offered in 2016 and in 2020 and the limitations on current services.

R/2020-225

Moved and seconded

- 1. That the Maple Ridge Social Service Inventory (April 2020) be received into the record as information.**

CARRIED

**4.2 Vaping Retail Discussion Paper**

Staff report dated May 26, 2020 recommending staff proceed with regulations pertaining to vaping retail outlets based on options provided within the report.

The Director of Planning introduced the topic.

D. Hall provided a presentation providing information on vaping, health impact concerns and current and suggested options for regulations to deal with vaping issues and the sale of the products. She answered questions from Council.

The Director of Bylaw and Licensing Services provided clarification on the current smoking bylaw.

R/2020-226

Moved and seconded

**That staff proceed with regulations pertaining to vaping retail outlets based on Option 4 Prohibition against further vape retail outlets as principal uses with Maple Ridge.**

CARRIED

Note: The meeting was recessed at 1:36 p.m. and reconvened at 2:02 p.m.

#### 4.3 **Open Government - Chatbot**

The Acting General Manager Corporate Services introduced the Chatbot and outlined its functions.

The Digital Marketing & Engagement Coordinator provided a demonstration of the functionality of the new Chatbot feature on the City of Maple Ridge website.

#### 5. **CORRESPONDENCE – Nil**

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

Councillor Robson inquired whether an upgrade on the City's current budget will be provided and requested information on the treatment of the City's tenants during COVID-19. The Chief Administrative Officer advised on a budget update and future discussion pertaining the City's tenants.

Councillor Duncan asked about an item added to Closed Council on short notice. The Mayor provided clarification on the addition to the agenda.

#### 7. **MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT – Nil**

#### 8. **NOTICE OF CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING**

MAIN MOTION

R/2020-227

Moved and seconded

**That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Sections 90 (1) and 90 (2) of the *Community Charter* as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:**

**Section 90(1)(e)** The disposition of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure might reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

Any other matter that may be brought before the Council that meets the requirements for a meeting closed to the public pursuant to Sections 90 (1) and 90 (2) of the *Community Charter or Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

AMENDMENT TO MAIN MOTION  
R/2020-228  
Moved and seconded

That the motion to close the meeting to the public pursuant to Sections 90 (1) and 90 (2) of the Community Charter be amended with the addition of:

**Section 90(1)(c)** Labour relations or employee negotiations;

**Section 90(1)(d)** The security of property of the municipality;

**Section 90(1)(k)** Negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; and

**Section 90(1)(m)** A matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT – 2:47 p.m.

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M. Morden, Mayor

Certified Correct

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D. Denton, Deputy Corporate Officer