

City of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

February 25, 2020

The Minutes of the City Council Workshop held on February 25, 2020 at 11:03 a.m. in the Blaney Room 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

L. Benson, Director of Corporate Administration (Corporate Officer)

D. Boag, General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture

C. Carter, General Manager Planning & Development Services

C. Crabtree, General Manager Corporate Services

S. Nichols, Deputy Corporate Officer

D. Pollock, General Manager Engineering Services

T. Thompson, Chief Financial Officer

Other staff as required:

J. Clelland, Assistant Chief Fire Prevention & Emergency Program

M. Orsetti, Director of Bylaw & Licensing Services

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1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2020-059

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda of the February 25, 2020 Council Workshop Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the February 11, 2020 Council Workshop Meeting

R/2020-060

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of February 11, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL – Nil

4. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Maple Ridge Wildlife and Vector Control Amending Bylaw No. 7619-2020 and Maple Ridge MTI Amending Bylaw No. 7621-2020

Staff report dated February 25, 2020 recommending that the attachment to the February 25, 2020 report titled “Maple Ridge Wildlife and Vector Control Amending Bylaw No. 7619-2020 and Maple Ridge MTI Amending Bylaw No. 7621-2020” be forwarded to the March 10, 2020 Council Meeting.

The General Manager of Planning and Development Services introduced the item. The Director of Bylaw and Licensing provided a presentation and responded to questions from Council.

R/2020-061

It was moved and seconded

That the attachment to the February 25, 2020 report titled “Maple Ridge Wildlife and Vector Control Amending Bylaw No. 7619-2020 and Maple Ridge MTI Amending Bylaw No. 7621-2020” be forwarded to the March 10, 2020 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

4.2 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Area Transport Plan: Additional Tasks Proposed by TransLink

Staff report dated February 25, 2020 for information.

The General Manager of Engineering Services spoke to the staff report, providing background information and responded to questions from Council.

The Mayor provided information relative to recent meetings with TransLink.

Councillor Svendsen and Yousef left the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

4.3 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – ESS Application

Staff report dated February 25, 2020 recommending that staff be authorized to submit an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities 2020 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$23,951.12 toward the “ESS Modernization” project.

The Assistant Chief Fire Prevention & Emergency Program spoke to the staff report and responded to questions.

Councillor Svendsen returned to the meeting at 12:29 during the staff presentation.

It was moved and seconded

That staff be authorized to submit an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities 2020 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$23,951.12 toward the “ESS Modernization” project.

With the approval of Council, the mover and seconder withdrew their motions to allow comments and consideration at the table.

R/2020-062

It was moved and seconded

That staff be authorized to submit an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities 2020 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$23,951.12 toward the “ESS Modernization” project.

CARRIED

4.4 Mayor and Council Correspondence Policy

Staff report dated February 25, 2020 recommending that the Mayor and Council Correspondence Policy No. 3.08 be repealed in its entirety and replaced with the policy attached to the February 25, 2020 staff report titled “Mayor and Council Correspondence Policy”.

The Director of Corporate Administration spoke to the report, advising that a redline version of the policy had been provided, and responded to questions from Council.

The Mayor noted that given the recent restructuring all correspondence must come through CAO’s office from the start to ensure that responses and requests are handled by staff.

Councillor Yousef returned to the meeting at 12:37 p.m. during the Mayor’s comments.

R/2020-063

It was moved and seconded

That the Mayor and Council Correspondence Policy No. 3.08 be repealed in its entirety and replaced with the policy attached to the February 25, 2020 staff report titled “Mayor and Council Correspondence Policy” as amended to include comments from Council.

CARRIED

Councillor Duncan – OPPOSED

4.5 Code of Conduct – Accountability Mechanisms

Staff report dated February 25, 2020 for information only.

The Director of Corporate Administration spoke to processes recently adopted by other Lower Mainland municipalities to ensure procedural fairness.

The Mayor spoke to the reference document circulated to members of Council prior to the meeting.

R/2020-064

It was moved and seconded

That the Mayor be authorized to work with staff to develop a tool to address the code of conduct and mechanisms for accountability.

CARRIED

Councillor Robson – OPPOSED

5. CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

5.1 UPCOMING EVENTS

Events were provided in the agenda package for Council and public.

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

7. MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT – Nil

8. NOTICE OF CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING

R/2020-065

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting will 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 acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests 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

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*.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT – 3:18 p.m.

M. Morden, Mayor

Certified Correct

L. Benson, Corporate Officer