

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANMORE



Minutes of the Protective Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC

Members Present

Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele (Chair)
Sheri DeVito
Olen Vanderleeden

Members Absent

Mel Mercier (Resigned)

1. Call to Order

Chair Thiele called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Chair Thiele announced that Mel Mercier tendered his resignation as a Committee member, as he no longer resides in Anmore.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Agenda be approved.”

Carried Unanimously

3. MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Meeting held on May 12, 2016

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Minutes of the Protective Services Committee Meeting held on May 12, 2016 be adopted.”

Carried Unanimously

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

6. NEW BUSINESS**(a) Wildfire Protection Plan Review – Update**

Chair Thiele reported that Council considered the Committee's recommendation and they were not in agreement to adopt all recommendations. She added that Council referred the report to staff for review and to provide a complete cost analysis; and directed staff to proceed with implementation of no cost or low cost priority items, and any grant funding opportunities that may be available. She further added that copies of the 'Wildfire Protection Plan Review' were provided to the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department and the Emergency Preparedness Committee for their review and comment.

Members requested that staff provide a status report following recommendations directed by Council.

(b) Wildlife Interaction

Chair Thiele reported that, following her review of the 'Human Bear Conflict Management Plan for the Resort Municipality of Whistler', there may be similar wildlife scenarios in Anmore that should be reviewed.

Members requested that staff provide hard copies of the Human Bear Conflict Management Plan to members and advise when available for pick up at village hall.

Action item: Members to review the 'Human Bear Conflict Management Plan' and to bring forward their ideas and recommendations to the next meeting.

Members shared the following points on this matter:

- Strategies and methods used in Anmore are quite good
- Problems occurred a couple of years ago in the mobile home on Sunnyside Road
- Defined rules are not adhered to
- Most people are generally aware of the surroundings in the Village, although the demographics are changing
- Generally speaking, residents are good with setting out and removing their garbage and recycling bins appropriately
- The new Bylaw Enforcement Officer is doing an extremely good job enforcing bylaws
- Bear aware information has been regularly distributed via residential mail drops, is available via the website, and is available by pamphlets offered at village hall
- Providing alternative wildlife information in a variety of languages should be considered in future correspondence.

Members requested that staff expand on Bear Aware and Wild Safe BC information provided on the website.

Members requested staff to post a sign board notice in early-spring that reads: “Bear season is coming, please keep garbage and recyclables store inside until 7:00 a.m. on collection days.”

Members requested that staff provide residents with a Bear Aware/Wild Safe BC/Bylaw notice to be included with the spring utility billings.

Chair Thiele reported that Charlene from Wild Safe BC attended a recent council meeting, and stated that Anmore is doing well with their bear aware and wild safe practices; Council requested that Wild Safe BC share any materials that they may have available in alternate languages.

The Committee suggested that staff include notation in mail drops and other correspondence shared with residents (using the top three languages based on upcoming Census) that reads: “This is important information. Please have it translated.”

Action item: Chair Thiele to review the ‘Anmore Wildlife Management Bylaw’.

(c) Buntzen Lake Traffic Issues – Update

Chair Thiele reported that there was a delay with her relaying concerns surrounding traffic issues as she and staff had been awaiting a meeting with BC Hydro, Buntzen Lake and Coquitlam RCMP. During that meeting, BC Hydro provided a traffic safety update, discussed current challenges and advised of their plan to post lake closure information on their signs posted at Heritage Mountain Boulevard (Port Moody) and at Aspenwood Drive (Port Moody), in an effort to improve traffic congestion. She added that BC Hydro anticipates providing updates on their website, social media and traditional media regarding lake closures and other updates for residents in the lower mainland; and that the Village agreed to look at sharing BC Hydro’s updates and notices on its own sites.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thiele called the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Certified Correct:

C. MILLOY

Christine Milloy
Manager of Corporate Services

Approved:

A. THIELE

Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele
Chair, Protective Services Committee