



VILLAGE OF ANMORE

COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 6th, 2015 in the portable classroom at Anmore Elementary School, 30 Elementary Road, Anmore, BC

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor John McEwen
Councillor Ryan Froese
Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele
Councillor Kim Trowbridge *via telephone*
Councillor Paul Weverink

STAFF PRESENT

Tim Harris, Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McEwen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Council agreed to accept the addendum into the agenda, adding item 11(c). An addition to the In-Camera Agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R1/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

"THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Nil

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 9th, 2014

R2/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON DECEMBER 9TH, 2014 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.”**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on December 11th, 2014

R3/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON DECEMBER 11TH, 2014 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.”**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

7. BYLAWS

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE

R4/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT ALL CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED AND FILED IN THE
VILLAGE OFFICE BE RECEIVED.”**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

(a) Metro North Transmission Study

Tim Harris spoke to the letter dated December 10th, 2014 from Antigone Dixon-Warren, Project Manager, Metro North Transmission Study, BC Hydro. He explained the letter is a response that the previous council had requested which included questions and concerns from Anmore residents. He noted that an additional open house will be scheduled prior to March 2015.

Councillor Ann-Marie asked staff to request a copy of the environmental report from BC Hydro.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

11. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Anmore Election Procedure Bylaw No. 533-2014

Mayor McEwen spoke to the memorandum dated December 23rd, 2014 from Karen-Ann Cobb, Manager of Corporate Services noting that he had requested staff to revisit the bylaw to discuss a variety of amendments. In the memorandum from Ms. Cobb, items to be discuss by Council are Mail Ballot Voting, Election Signs and Order of Names on Ballots. Mayor McEwen stated now that it is a 4 year term there is a possibility during the last 2 terms there has been a by-election each time which has a significant cost.

Councillor Froese agrees with the elimination of Election Signs. Councillor Froese noted that he personally witnessed vandalism on election signs, there was a lot of Village's time and resources spent collecting signs not in the proper places. Councillor Froese also supports the Mail Ballot Voting.

Councillor Weverink supports the elimination of the larger election signs, however, not sure if he would support the elimination of the lawn signs as it is a democratic right to erect election signs on their property. Mayor McEwen stated that the elimination of Election signs would only be on public property and not private property. Councillor

11. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

(a) Anmore Election Procedure Bylaw No. 533-2014 (Continued)

Weverink agrees that if we could reduce the costs of elections he would be in favour. Councillor Weverink questioned why there is no question period during the election process. Mayor McEwen stated that the reason that there could be grandstanding during that time. Mayor McEwen stated that he believes the Public Question Period could be controlled during that period.

Councillor Thiele stated that she agrees with the Mail In Ballots. She also suggested to investigate the possibility of online voting. Councillor Thiele stated that she has strong feelings about election signs as it makes people aware that there is a campaign going on. Councillor Thiele believes it is a democratic right to erect a lawn sign on your property. Councillor Thiele agreed that it was a problem for staff enforcing that portion of the bylaw and suggested that maybe a fine section could be included in the bylaw as it would encourage candidates to be more stringent about erecting signs. Discussion ensued about the size of lawn signs. The Administrator noted that the sign size is in the sign bylaw and Councillor Thiele suggested that it be included in the Election bylaw,

Councillor Thiele noted that staff has been directed to review a number of other bylaws and queried what kind of time line because of other bylaws under review. The Administrator advised that it would be prioritized. Mayor McEwen noted that he wanted as a topic for discussion and at least get the notes together to proceed forward.

Councillor Trowbridge is in support with the changes to the bylaw.

Councillor Thiele commented on Councillor Weverink's comment about Public Question Period and stated that falls under the Village's Procedure Bylaw.

Mario Piamonte, Sugar Mountain Way, made comments regarding Mail In Ballots, Elections Signs, order of names on the ballots, public question period and electronic voting. A suggestion that Mr. Piamonte made was a blanket mail drop, he noted other municipalities do it and it is paid for by the candidate and then everyone would get all the information at one time.

Councillor Thiele commented about donations to candidates. Mr. Piamonte noted that the Village does not have any control over this as it falls within Elections BC.

Mayor McEwen requested staff to investigate the possibility of reducing the costs of an election and to contact the Chief Elections Officer, Laurie Darcus to provide a written report on potential cost saving strategies.

11. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

(b) In-Camera Council Meeting following Regular Council Meeting

R5/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 90(1) (c) [LABOUR RELATIONS OR OTHER EMPLOYEE RELATIONS] OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER COUNCIL WILL CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 6TH, 2015.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) In-Camera Council Meeting following Regular Council Meeting

R6/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 90(1)(G), [LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY] OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, AN IN-CAMERA COUNCIL MEETING CONVENE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 6, 2015.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor McEwen reported that:

- He was impressed with how clear and safe the Anmore roads were compared to other municipalities during the recent cold weather.
- He was happy to say that he has not received any complaints with regards to flooding issues.
- He was also pleased that he has not heard of any siltation issues and was impressed with the progress of the Mossom Creek Hatchery.

13. COUNCILLORS’ REPORT

Councillor Weverink reported that:

- He will be attending the LGMLA Elected Officials Seminar along with Councillor Froese on January 13th to 15th.
- He is hoping to attend the BC Mayors Climate Leadership Council Peer-learning Event on January 13th from 3 – 5 p.m.

13. COUNCILLORS' REPORT (Continued)

Councillor Weverink reported that:

- He plans on attending the Northeast Sector Area Transit Plan Elected Official Forum on January 28th.
- He met with a member of TORCA over the holidays and discussed TORCA's possible involvement with trail building in Anmore. TORCA members may be willing to do some of the actual trail building. He would also like to discuss teaming them up with our Scouts who have expressed interest in trail maintenance throughout the Village. He will be looking to have representatives of these two groups out to a future Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Councillor Froese reported that:

- He appreciated his Christmas break with his family and enjoyed driving around to see all the Christmas light displays in Anmore.
- BC Hydro announced that they were delaying the decision on the Metro North Transmission Study until March, 2015. He noted that if you have concerns or feedback about the expansions of the power lines you may contact BC Hydro at Stakeholder Engagement at www.bchydro.com or by phone: 604-623-4472.

Councillor Thiele reported that:

- She congratulated Anmore resident Isaac Heisler who received the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award at the Wee Day Celebration in October.
- She will be meeting the Red Cross on January 26th to speak about Emergency Social Services to find out what would be a good situation for Anmore.
- The call out for committee volunteers will be going out at the end of January.

14. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Tim Harris reported that:

- The request to the Province amending the contract to include a number of items that came out of our Parks Master Plan for the Outdoor Gym Grant has been denied. The Manager of Public Works will provide further information at the next regular council meeting.

15. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

On question from Mario Piamonte regarding the Green Gym, the Administrator replied that no money has been spent on any of the green gym equipment and the Village should be able to claim for the resurfacing of the tennis court.

Lynn Burton advised that she saw an article in the Tri-City News regarding municipal election expenses in the Tri-City area and noted that Coquitlam was approximately \$14.00 per person who voted and Port Moody and Port Coquitlam it was approximately \$5.00 per person. In Anmore taking the \$18,000 divided by the number of people who voted in Anmore it is approximately \$22.50 per person

16. CONCLUSION

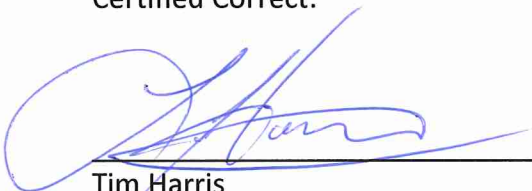
R7/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

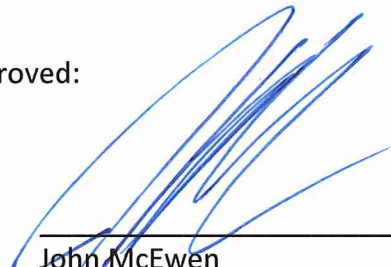
The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Tim Harris
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved:



John McEwen
Mayor