



VILLAGE OF ANMORE

COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 21st, 2015 in the portable classroom at the Anmore Elementary School, 30 Elementary Road, Anmore BC

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Karen-Ann Cobb, Manager of Corporate Services
Kevin Dicken, Manager of Public Works

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 add items 10(a) – Mayor's TransLink Vote and 11(a) – In-Camera Meeting following Regular Council to the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R69/2015 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 April 7th, 2015

R70/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON APRIL 7TH, 2015 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED AS AMENDED."**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

7. BYLAWS

(a) Anmore Prepayment Plan Bylaw No. 539, 2015

Karen-Ann Cobb, Manager of Corporate Services spoke to the report dated April 17th, 2015. She explained that this bylaw is to allow residents to make prepayments for both property taxes and/or utility bills.

Councillor Froese suggested and Council agreed on Page 19 to amend the wording on 5(b) "one year" to be change to "a given year."

Councillor Thiele questioned if it is common for residents to make overpayments and if so, where is that noted within the bylaw? Staff noted that the credit remains on the account and is applied onto the following year's taxes.

Councillor Thiele suggested that overpayments should be noted within the bylaw. Staff agreed to add a clause to item No.7, Page 2 of the bylaw and ask Council to proceed in giving the first three readings, as amended, to be adopted for the next meeting. Staff will bring back to the meeting in May with the amendments.

7. BYLAWS (CONTINUED)

(b) Anmore Prepayment Plan Bylaw No. 539, 2015 (Continued)

R71/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT ANMORE PREPAYMENT PLAN BYLAW NO. 539, 2015 BE
READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AS AMENDED.”**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Charles Christie, Sunnyside Road noted that he did not see a reference within the bylaw that prepayments are voluntary. Council noted that it is referenced within Paragraph 3 of the bylaw.

(c) Anmore Tax Rates Bylaw No. 540, 2015

Karen-Ann Cobb, Manager of Corporate Services spoke to her and Mindy Smith, Manager of Financial Services report dated April 17th, 2015 and stated the purpose of the bylaw is to establish tax rates for the Village and the Regional District (Metro Vancouver) for 2015.

Councillor Thiele made reference to the Schedule “A” and suggested for clarity to state “per \$1000 assessed value.” Staff agreed to make the amendment.

Councillor Froese questioned on paragraph 2(b) (i), why it states; the water distribution system shall be “exempted “from the Water Utility Levy? Staff explained when the Villages fire ratings improved, which in turn provided residents with a reduction in fire insurance costs, Council at that time established the Water Utility Levy to build up the Water Utility Reserve Fund. The levy is only charged on the assessed improvements on the tax notice and if a resident is outside of 1000 ft. of a hydrant, they would be exempt. Currently there are only 3 or 4 properties that are exempt from paying.

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT ANMORE TAX RATES BYLAW NO. 540, 2015 BE READ A
FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AS AMENDED.”**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CORRESPONDENCE

R72/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Environment Committee Appointments

R73/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT COLEEN HACKINEN AND ELAINE WILLIS
BE APPOINTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.”**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Emergency Preparedness Committee Appointment

R74/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT TERRY HUGHES BE APPOINTED
TO THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE.”**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) TransLink Vote

Mayor McEwen noted that Council had discussed putting forth a statement regarding their position on the voting of the plebiscite. Highlights of the discussion are as follows:

Councillor Froese stated that with the property values being so high in Anmore, he felt it would be better to take the 0.5% tax, rather than from our property taxes.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

(a) TransLink Vote (Continued)

Councillor Weverink agreed with Councillor Froese and felt that the Liberal government should have taken the Mayor's recommendations and funded it that way, as opposed to a plebiscite. He felt that it would be best for Anmore residents.

Councillor Trowbridge also agreed.

Councillor Thiele noted that she is in support of the Congestion Relief Tax and felt that Council should adopt a resolution to make a statement showing that it is positive for Anmore.

Mayor McEwen explained that during the meeting that he attended with TransLink a doctor from the Fraser Valley made a presentation about how the Congestion Relief Tax is beneficial for our health and living. He noted that there were a couple of issues with the electronic filing of the vote which has since been resolved. He felt that this is the most equitable way to pay for a new transit system that is in need of money and would be afraid of the alternatives which would have an impact in our community.

Peter Albitt from Sunnyside Road stated his objections to the 0.5% tax. He noted that future projections of one million additional people in the Vancouver area, are only projections. He also stated that it is similar to climate change which he felt is nonsense and objects to the 0.5%. He also stated that TransLink is not doing a very good job in managing their money.

Charles Christie from Sunnyside Road stated that if "their" projections are correct you will have that many more people and cars on the roads.

R75/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**"THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE
MAYORS' COUNCIL ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION,
REGARDING THE METRO VANCOUVER TRANSPORTATION AND
TRANSIT PLEBISCITE AND THEREFORE, ENDORSES A YES VOTE
ON THE PLEBISCITE."**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NEW BUSINESS

(a) In-Camera Council Meeting

R76/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 90(1)(C) [LABOUR RELATIONS} OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, COUNCIL WILL CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 21ST, 2015.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor McEwen reported that:

- Last Friday and Saturday he took part in the developing of the Metro Vancouver Strategic Plan along with Metro Vancouver’s directors in Harrison. Discussions were around growth, financial sustainability, environmental aspects, and growth within TransLink.
- He attended a TransLink meeting regarding an update with the referendum.
- He and Councillor Weverink will be meeting this coming Wednesday with Fortis BC regarding possible trails and a Mossom Creek crossing. He welcomed anyone on Council to join.
- This Friday he will be representing the Village in Victoria to attend an award ceremony which is being presented to Anmore resident, Gordon Marks. He will be receiving the British Columbia Achievement Foundation Award.
- Last Thursday, April 9th, he and Councillors Froese and Weverink along with other local Mayors and Councillors attended the opening of the Eagle Mountain Middle School.
- He also was saddened to hear of the passing of local Anmore residents, Jim Roberts, long time Anmore resident and member of SVFD, and a true Anmore pioneer, Vern Sparks, as well as Robert Tribe.
- A few weeks ago he was invited as a local Mayor in tasting savoury and sweet restaurants which included 9 local restaurants for the Tri City Care Society at the Hard Rock Casino. The Hard Rock kindly donated \$5,000.

13. COUNCILLORS’ REPORT

Councillor Froese reported that:

- He offered his condolences to the Tribe, Roberts, and Sparks family.

13. COUNCILLORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Councillor Thiele reported that:

- She unfortunately missed the Eagle Mountain Middle School opening due to the first APC meeting which was scheduled for the same evening.
- The Village Planner, Brent Elliott was in attendance for the APC meeting in which he provided a 1 hour presentation on the Zoning Bylaw and opened it up for discussion, where mainly density was discussed.
- She attended the TransLink Transportation Demand Management meeting.
- Last year a local family lost their 3 year old boy to childhood cancer and is holding a fundraiser for him called "Giggles for Grady." This will be a special comedy night at the Inlet Theatre on May 22nd and tickets are available online or you may speak with her about it.

Councillor Weverink reported that:

- On Sunday he attended the Blue Dot Event in Port Coquitlam which is an environmental movement with discussions around a right to clean water, air, etc.
- He is looking forward to the upcoming Parks Committee meeting and to meet with Fortis BC to talk about the trail over Mossom Creek.
- He is planning on attending the Tri-Cities Early Childhood Development Community Awards Dinner.
- He attended the Eagle Mountain Middle School opening.

Councillor Trowbridge reported that:

- He is getting ready to attend the first meeting with the Heritage and Cultural Committee.

14. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer was not present at the meeting.

The Manager of Public Works informed Council that the Water Master Plan will be presented at the May 19th Council meeting.

15. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Lynn Burton, Sugar Mountain Way questioned the selection process for Committees and noted that the Terms of References were brought forth to each committee but were tabled. She also noted her concerns in regards to putting a limit to the amount of members for each committee.

15. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD (CONTINUED)

Mayor McEwen explained that the Village has never had many applicants come forward in the past to be on Committees. He noted that the Terms of Reference were lost prior to the election and wanted to revise each committee to be more effective within the community. He further noted that they are currently being worked on in order for everyone to be appeased.

Lynn Burton explained her experiences with committees and objects to a selective process by Council which she feels ranks volunteers against others. Mayor McEwen explained that Council is working it out so that everyone is placed on a committee of their choice.

Councillor Thiele stated that if the process is changed, the outcomes will be better.

16. CONCLUSION

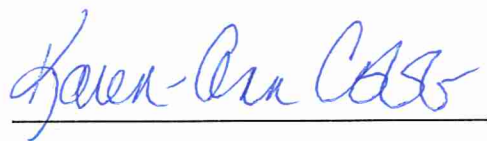
R77/2015 It was MOVED and SECONDED:

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED."

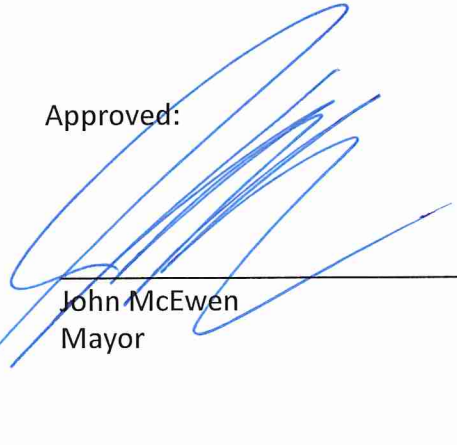
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The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Approved:



John McEwen
Mayor