

Minutes of the **COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE MEETING** of Pitt Meadows City Council held on **Tuesday, May 13, 2008** at 7:00 p.m. in the Meadows Room of the Pitt Meadows City Hall, 12007 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, British Columbia.

**PRESENT:**

Elected Officials: Mayor D.F. MacLean  
Councillor J. Becker  
Councillor D. Bing, Chair  
Councillor D. Eisel  
Councillor A. Tolchard  
Councillor D. Walters

Staff J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Rear, Director of Corporate Services  
K. Grout, Director of Operations & Development Services  
L. Darcus, Director of Legislative Services  
M. Millward, Facilities Operations Manager  
B. McLeod, Manager, Parks and Open Spaces  
D. Boag, Director, Parks and Facilities  
Insp. J. Wakely, O.I.C. Ridge Meadows Detachment  
L. Kelly, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

**A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** by Councillor Becker, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT the agenda for the May 13, 2008 Council in Committee Meeting be amended by adding Item D.9 – Civic Centre Update; AND THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of the April 29, 2008 Special Council in Committee Meeting.**

**MOVED** by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the Minutes of the Special Council in Committee Meeting held on April 29, 2008, be adopted.

CARRIED.

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS****1. Movement of Basketball Court at Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre.**

Theresa Martin, a resident at 56 – 19060 Ford Road, circulated pictures of the present and proposed positioning of the basketball court. Her concern was primarily the noise (bad language and cars parked on the grass with loud stereos) that will emanate from the new court and its proximity to her condominium. Ms. Martin said she was not opposed to the basketball court, but was concerned with its relocation.

Staff advised that the use is changing to a leisure service centre function for the youth lounge. Mr. McLeod said that the court will be fenced and will only be open when the youth lounge is open, no lights will be installed, hoops can be portable and removed when the youth lounge is closed.

**D. REPORTS****1. RCMP Update. (7400-01)**

The following points are noted from Inspector Wakely's presentation:

- Outlined the methods used to compile the statistics and then reviewed the summary for the First Quarter, noting that mischief crimes are on the rise and increased attention will be given to them.
- Invited Council to attend a presentation by A/Commissioner Bud Mercer on June 9, 2008 at the Ridge Meadows detachment. He will discuss the Integrated Security Unit for the 2010 Olympics.
- Updated Council on the selection process for the Community Safety Officers (CSOs) for the 18-month pilot project, noting that two CSOs will be assigned to the schools in Maple Ridge, thus allowing regular members to attend to other police issues.
- Invited Council members to ride along with RCMP members.
- Outlined the need for more municipal staff assistance in four positions, noting that there is only one clerical position for 25 members in the Crime Reduction Section. There are increasing needs for providing assistance as court liaison, reports to crown counsel, transcription of interviews, and records management.

**1. RCMP Update Cont'd. (7400-01)**

Discussion ensued and the following points were noted:

- It was suggested that the RCMP check with ICBC about the number of thefts from vehicles and compare statistics;
- As part of the quarterly statistics, Inspector Wakely is to provide the total number of tickets written for traffic offenses;
- Inspector Wakely to provide information on the number of files that originate in Pitt Meadows as compared to those in Maple Ridge and how that impacts the workload of the respective officers assigned to the communities;
- Staff to provide a summary of formulas used for the allocation of policing services and funding by communities with shared detachments – one of the examples given was the City and Township of Langley; concern was expressed that it should not be based on population;
- The RCMP work with Safer Cities and ICBC and have determined that on Lougheed from Harris to the Pitt River Bridge is one of the most dangerous for speeding cars and that is why the RCMP are frequently at that location. Traffic safety is one of their strategic priorities as it often results in the prevention of other crimes.
- With respect to grow ops, members liaise with BC Hydro as well as respond to the complaints that are received. Properties identified by BC Hydro as having high consumption, the Bylaw and Licensing Officer starts a file which is forwarded to the CPO for review by the RCMP prior to proceeding with the inspection team.

**MOVED** by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council receive for information the report from the Director of Corporate Services dated May 8, 2008.

CARRIED.

(Inspector Wakely left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.)

**2. Outdoor Pool – Harris Road Park.**

Staff had been directed by the Parks & Leisure Services Commission to research the costs for assessing the structural condition of the tank at the Harris Park outdoor pool. Mr. Millward said the tank is 60 years old and has had little maintenance over that time, resulting in leakage which has increased over the past year. It was also pointed out that a new outdoor pool would cost approximately \$6M. Mr. Millward said he was looking for direction from Council before proceeding with awarding the contract for assessment.

**MOVED** by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council approve the spending of \$8,000 from the Parks/Facilities Infrastructure Budget in order for staff to undertake a structural tank assessment of the Harris Road Park outdoor pool.

CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT the verbal report from Michael Millward, Facilities Operations Manager, Ridge Meadows Parks & Leisure Services, be received.

CARRIED.

(D. Boag and M. Millward left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.)

**3. 2006 Census – Housing, Age Distribution and Income. (6600-00/08)**

**MOVED** by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council receive the report from the Director of Operations and Development Services dated May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 for information.

CARRIED.

**4. Information Report: BC SPCA Animal Control Contract. (2320-20)**

**MOVED** by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council receive the report from the Director of Operations and Development Services dated April 28th, 2008, for information.

CARRIED.

**5. 2008 Utility Fee Exemptions. (2000-03)**

**MOVED** by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council considers providing the following water and sewer fee exemptions:

- A. A water and sewer fee exemption (\$594) to the Pitt Meadows Athletic Association; and
- B. A water and sewer fee exemption (\$594) to the Pitt Meadows Lions Hall Society; and
- C. A water and sewer fee exemption (\$594) to the Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows Tourism Society; and
- D. A water, sewer, and solid waste fee exemption (\$680) for the Hoffmann House caretaker's residence at 12265 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, BC; and
- E. A water, sewer, and solid waste fee exemption (\$680) for the Harris Park caretaker's residence at 19235 Davison Road, Pitt Meadows, BC; and
- F. A water and solid waste fee exemption (\$420) for the Cottonwood Park caretaker's residence at 17310 129<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pitt Meadows, BC.

CARRIED.

**6. On-Line and Other Payment Options. (05-1610)**

Staff had been directed to research whether the City could charge a fee for residents who make on-line payments with credit cards. Mr. Rear said this was not possible because the agreement with the credit card company will prohibit the recovery of the service fee directly from the payee. However, he noted that almost all banks that provide on-line banking services allow property tax payments to be made on-line. He said staff could look into providing a direct link to the major banks to on-line banking websites from the city's website.

**MOVED** by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council receive for information the report from the Director of Corporate Services dated May 7, 2008.

CARRIED.

7. **Bylaw No. 2371, 2008: Tobacco Sales and Smoking in Public Places Regulation Amendment and Bylaw No. 2373, 2008: Ticket Information Amendment. (3900-20-2008-2371)**

**MOVED** by Councillor Eisel, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council:

- A. Grant First, Second and Third Readings to Tobacco Sales and Smoking in Public Places Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 2371, 2008; and
- B. Grant First, Second and Third Readings to Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 2373, 2008 to reflect changes in the charges and fines.

See Below.

Before the motion was put to a vote, it was:

**MOVED** by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT the main motion be amended by adding that a press release be issued by the City and a copy of the bylaws be forwarded to all municipalities in Metro Vancouver, the Provincial Government, Fraser Health Authority, and BC Cancer Society.

CARRIED.

The question was then called on the main motion, as amended, and it was:

CARRIED.

8. **Bylaw No. 2375, 2008: 2008 Amended Financial Plan. (1700-06)**

The Director of Corporate Services said that the amendment to the Financial Plan arose primarily due to the impact of the Spirit Square grant announcement on the Civic Centre and the acceleration of the project to be completed this year. Mr. Rear noted that Schedule A of the bylaw has been adjusted to include an additional \$1.48M of capital costs.

**MOVED** by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council grant First, Second and Third Readings to the "2008 Amended Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2375, 2008".

CARRIED.

**9. Civic Centre Update.**

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an update on the progress of the planning by staff and the consultants for the Civic Centre. It was noted that the Parks & Leisure Services staff will be meeting with special interest groups to receive input on the concept plans for the cenotaph and the Civic Square; in addition, an open house will be held for the public.

**MOVED** by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council support a public Contractor Prequalification Process (to be electronically posted) for the Construction of the Spirit Square.

CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT the verbal report from staff be received.

CARRIED.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT this meeting now be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

CARRIED.

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Chair

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