

Minutes of the **COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE MEETING** of Pitt Meadows City Council held on **Tuesday, February 13, 2007** at 6:00 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
Councillor D. Eisel, Chair
Councillor J. Elkerton
Councillor A. Tolchard
Councillor D. Walters

Staff J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Rear, Director of Corporate Services
K. Grout, Director of Operations and Development Services
L. Darcus, Director of Legislative Services
M. Murray, General Manager: Community Development,
Parks and Community Services
L. Jones, Administration/HR Officer
L. Kelly, Executive Assistant

GUESTS: Jeff, Carpenter, President Chamber of Commerce Serving
Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows

Tourism Vancouver, Coast and Mountains:
Kevan Ridgway, President and Chief Executive Officer
Shawna Leung, Director, Community Relations

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the agenda for the February 13, 2007 Council in Committee Meeting be amended by adding Items D. 9, D.10 and D.11 – Section 57 Notices – Building Bylaw No. 2131, 2003; AND THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of the January 23, 2007 Council in Committee Meeting and the Minutes of the January 24, 2007 Special Council in Committee Meeting.**

MOVED by Councillor Tolchard, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bing, THAT the Minutes of the Council in Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2007, and the Minutes of the Special Council in Committee Meeting held on January 24, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATION

1. **Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows Chamber of Commerce Board.**

Jeff Carpenter, President, presented an overview of the Chamber's initiatives for 2007, as well as the programs they are involved with; the presentation is included as Attachment 1 and forms part of these minutes.

It was noted that the Business Excellence Awards presentations will be held on February 22nd at the Pitt Meadows Golf and Country Club, beginning at 6 pm. Also, February 19th to 24th is Chamber Week in B.C. and the Chamber will be hosting an Open House on February 19th, 3 pm to 6 p.m.

(Chamber of Commerce delegation left the meeting at 6:12 p.m.)

2. **Tourism Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows and Vancouver, Coast and Mountains Tourism Region.**

Kevan Ridgway, President and Chief Executive Officer, Vancouver, Coast and Mountains Tourism Region (VCMTR), provided a presentation, including outlining the structure of the tourism industry in B.C.; this presentation is included as Attachment 2 and forms part of these minutes.

(L. Jones joined the meeting at 6:25 p.m.)

Points from the discussion:

- o Are the tourism partnerships supported with a percentage of government tax dollars or with private sector tourism businesses, and how do all businesses in the community see the benefit from the tourism initiatives?

2. **Tourism Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows and Vancouver, Coast and Mountains Tourism Region Cont'd.**

Vancouver, Coast and Mountains (VCM) contract under Tourism BC who provide \$518,000 of program funding; their total revenue is \$2.5 to \$3M; the investment in tourism returns funds to provincial revenues that can be used in other sectors of the economy; resulting in an overall vibrant economy;

- Confirmation was requested in determining the tracking of 50,000 tourists to the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Visitors Information Centre; these tourists spend an average of \$145 per person per day. Cheryl Johnson was requested to provide seasonal statistics at a future Council workshop;
- Tourism is one pillar for economic development in the community; what trends are expected for the area? It was noted that the Circle Farm Tour and Scenic 7 Highway are two of the partnership programs that extend the tourism season into the Spring and Fall; VCM is also working with First Nation partners to celebrate 150 years on the Fraser River;
- VCM offers various mediums as marketing tools to increase interest and participation in visitor programs for businesses of all sizes;
- Mr. Ridgeway explained the relationship between VCM and the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Tourism Society and the synergies between the two. The cornerstone to the largest degree is (with the limited human and financial support) to eliminate duplication of efforts between VCM and local Destination Marketing Organizations. Cheryl Johnson is involved in developing tourism initiatives in cooperation with VCM.

(K. Ridgeway, S. Leung and the members of the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Tourism Society in attendance left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.)

D. REPORTS

1. **UBCM Emergency Planning Grant Application.**

MOVED by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Becker, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council approve and support the UBCM Emergency Planning Grant application prepared by the Joint Emergency Coordinator for submission to UBCM.

CARRIED.

2. **Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Application.**
(05-1855-20/07)

MOVED by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Elkerton, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council approve the Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Application for the Upgrade to Energy Efficient Lighting and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) for multiple City buildings.

CARRIED.

3. **Bylaw No. 2298, 2006 - Rezoning Application – 21045 Ladner Road.**
(3360-20-2006-P)

MOVED by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bing, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council receive for information the communication from GERI Partnership dated February 12, 2007.

CARRIED.

(D. Rear joined the meeting at 6:53 p.m.)

The Director of Operations and Development Services reviewed the conditions attached to the rezoning application for property located at 21045 Ladner Road, and the points contained in the communication from GERI Partnership dated February 12, 2007.

MOVED by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the item with respect to Bylaw No. 2298, 2006 be referred to staff to revisit the issues contained in the communication from GERI Partnership dated February 12, 2007.

CARRIED.

4. **Bylaw No. 2308, 2007 – Rezoning – 12240 Harris Road and 12534 Harris Road. (3360-20-2007-01)**

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

- A. Grant First and Second Readings to Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 2308, 2007;
- B. Schedule a Public Hearing for the March 6, 2007 Regular Meeting of Council;
- C. Authorize staff to notify qualified property owners that the approval of DVP 2007-001 respecting property at 12240 Harris Road will be considered at the March 6, 2007 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED.

5. **Application Procedures for Non-Farm Use and Subdivision of Lands in the Agricultural Land Reserve. (6635-00/07)**

MOVED by Councillor Becker, **SECONDED** by Councillor Elkerton, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council receive for information the report by the Director of Operations and Development Services dated February 7, 2007, and that Council and the Agricultural Advisory Committee provide comments on all applications for non-farm use or subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve though such applications do not require Council authorization to proceed to the Land Commission.

CARRIED.

6. **Application to Minister of Community Services to Reverse Property Taxes. (05-1900-20/07)**

MOVED by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Elkerton, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council apply to the Minister of Community Services under S315.3 of the *Local Government Act* to reverse duplicate 2006 taxes for portion of Lot 1, Plan 82337 Richardson Road, Roll# 1209-495 Aujla Farms.

CARRIED.

7. **Council Indemnity Review. (2510-01)**

MOVED by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Elkerton, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council authorize staff to appoint an independent body to undertake a comprehensive review of Council indemnities including remuneration and benefits.

CARRIED.

8. **2007 Community Grants.**

MOVED by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council approve a cash grant of \$4,000 and an in-kind grant of up to \$2,000 (Operations staff support) to the Pitt Meadows Day Committee to help fund the costs of the 2007 Pitt Meadows Day Event.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council approve a cash grant of \$500 to the Pitt Meadows Secondary Dry Grad Committee to help fund the costs of the Dry Grad Celebration.

CARRIED.

With Mayor MacLean and Councillor Becker voting in the negative.

8. 2007 Community Grants Cont'd.

MOVED by Councillor Bing, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council approve a cash grant of \$300 to the Highland Park Elementary School Fine Arts Program to help fund the costs of their Spring Musical.

DEFEATED.

With Mayor MacLean and Councillors Becker, Eisel, and Elkerton voting in the negative.

MOVED by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Tolchard, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council approve a cash grant of \$300 to the Quantum Acrosport Booster Club to help fund a provincial competition to be held at the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre.

DEFEATED.

With Mayor MacLean and Councillors Becker, Bing, Eisel, Elkerton, Tolchard and Walters voting in the negative.

(L. Jones left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.)

MOVED by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bing, THAT the request for a cash grant of \$300 from the Quantum Acrosport Booster Club to help fund a provincial competition be referred to the Parks & Leisure Services Commission for consideration.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council direct staff to arrange for presentations at a future Council Meeting by all approved grant recipients.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council direct staff to review Policy C02, "Grants and Donations" and forward to Council for its consideration at a future Council in Committee Meeting.

CARRIED.

9. Section 57 Notice – Building Bylaw No. 2131, 2003. (4020-01)

MOVED by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Tolchard, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council direct the Director of Legislative Services to file a notice in the Land Titles Office against the title of the following property, in accordance with Section 57 of the *Community Charter*: 18939 119 Avenue.

CARRIED.

10. **Section 57 Notice – Building Bylaw No. 2131, 2003. (4020-01)**

MOVED by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council direct the Director of Legislative Services to file a notice in the Land Titles Office against the title of the following property, in accordance with Section 57 of the *Community Charter*: 12213 Chestnut Crescent.

CARRIED.

11. **Section 57 Notice – Building Bylaw No. 2131, 2003. (4020-01)**

MOVED by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council direct the Director of Legislative Services to file a notice in the Land Titles Office against the title of the following property, in accordance with Section 57 of the *Community Charter*: 18905 118B Avenue.

CARRIED.

E. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Bing, **SECONDED** by Councillor Tolchard, THAT this meeting now be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

CARRIED.

Chairman

