

Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of Pitt Meadows City Council held on **Tuesday, November 6, 2007** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber 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
Councillor A. Tolchard
Councillor D. Walters

Staff

J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Rear, Director of Corporate Services
L. Darcus, Director of Legislative Services
M. Murray, General Manager: Community Development,
Parks and Recreation
A. Berry, Planning Technician
L. Kelly, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Councillor J. Elkerton

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT the agenda for the November 6, 2007 Regular Meeting of Council be amended by adding Item C.6 – World Town Planning Day – November 8, 2007; AND THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of the October 16, 2007 Regular Meeting of Council and the Minutes of the October 16, 2007, October 17, 2007 and October 23, 2007 Special Meetings of Council.**

MOVED by Councillor Bing, **SECONDED** by Councillor Tolchard, THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 16, 2007, and the Minutes of the Special Meetings of Council held on October 16, 2007, October 17, 2007 and October 23, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

In an effort to make the community aware, the following are announced:

MOVED by Councillor Becker, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT the following communications be received:

1. National 4-H Month – November 2007.
Communication from the British Columbia 4-H Club received October 30, 2007, including Fall 2007 4-H in BC Newsletter. (*Copy of the newsletter is available in the Legislative Services Department*)
2. Adoption Awareness Month – November 2007.
Communication from the Adoptive Families Association of BC received October 31, 2007.
3. Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week – November 11 to 17, 2007.
Communication from the British Columbia Safety Authority dated October 16, 2007.
4. YMCA World Peace Week – November 17 to 24, 2007.
Communication from the YMCA Association dated October 30, 2007.
5. Restorative Justice Week 2007 – November 18 to 25, 2007.
Communication from Correctional Service Canada received September 7, 2007.
6. World Town Planning Day – November 8, 2007.
Email communication from the Planning Institute of British Columbia received November 6, 2007.

CARRIED.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

There were no items received for this Meeting.

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**1. Remembrance Day Presentation – Change of Parade Route.**

Sieb Swierstra, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 88, said the Remembrance Day ceremony would begin with Fall In at 10:30 am, starting at the Pitt Meadows Elementary School parking area, then onto 119 Avenue, Harris Road and to the Cenotaph. It will conclude at 11:10 am, with the placing of the Wreaths, singing of God Save the Queen, and the March Past and Salute taken between the City Hall and the Library, and dismissal at the Family Recreation Centre.

F. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE**1. RECEIPT OF MINUTES.**

MOVED by Councillor Eisel, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bing, THAT the Minutes of the Council in Committee meeting held on October 23, 2007, be received.

CARRIED.

2. REPORTS**2.1 Temporary Commercial Use Permit Application – 19089 Advent Road. (4520-20-2007-02-P)**

The following Defeated motion was brought forward from Council in Committee but received no support and so was lost:

THAT Council, without the recommendation of the Council in Committee, authorize staff to notify qualifying property owners that Temporary Commercial Use Permit No. 2007-002 will be considered by Council at the November 20, 2007 Meeting of Council.

LOST - No Mover/Seconder.

2.2 The British Columbia Climate Action Charter. (13-6410-05)

MOVED by Councillor Tolchard, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT Council, upon the recommendation of the Council in Committee, receive for information the staff report dated October 5, 2007, and attached correspondence related to The British Columbia Climate Action Charter.

CARRIED.

2.3 Proposed 2008 Fraser Valley Regional Library Budget. (7960-01)

MOVED by Councillor Eisel, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT Council, upon the recommendation of the Council in Committee:

- A. Receive for information the report from the Director of Corporate Services dated October 17, 2007; and
- B. Support the Library budget option that has a 0% increase in the Library materials component.

CARRIED.

3. BYLAWS

BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD READINGS:

3.1 Bylaw No. 2350, 2007: Proposed Housing Agreement for 12000 190A Street. (3360-20-2006-05-P)

MOVED by Councillor Tolchard, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT Council grant First, Second and Third Readings to Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 2350, 2007.

CARRIED.

G. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

MOVED by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Becker, THAT the Minutes of Committees and Commissions be received:

1. Pitt Meadows Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) held on June 1, 2007.
2. Pitt Meadows Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) held on September 7, 2007.
3. City of Pitt Meadows Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) held on September 13, 2007.

CARRIED.

H. COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Councillor Eisel, attended the Pitt Meadows Day Committee AGM - congratulated the new Board members - staff liaison is Kathryn Baird – encouraged everyone who would like to help to call 604.467.7325 – this year marks the 70th anniversary of the crowning of Miss Pitt Meadows; noted that residents who are

unable to attend the November 11th Remembrance Day ceremony can contact the School District to find out when schools will be holding their ceremony, which then public can attend; attended the Open House for the relocation of the skateboard park – encouraged the public to provide input.

Councillor Walters, attended the Community Police Open House/Workshop on October 24 – it gave the public an opportunity to learn about the RCMP and volunteer services provided throughout the community – main focus of the Workshop was “Tips to Stay Safe Online” – for more information or to request a presentation on the topic, contact the Community Police Office at 604.465.2407; attended the Official Community Plan Open House on October 25 – disappointed with the low turnout, but thanked staff for a professional and informative presentation; on October 27 attended TransLink’s Transportation 2040 Forum to discuss a regional mass transit system – discussed trends and challenges – working toward provision of a workable, safe and secure transit system; on October 31, participated in a tour of the commercial main street and Waterfront Park at Sawyers Landing/Osprey Village – very impressed; on November 3, judged the Chilli Cook Off at Willow Manor – congratulated the Pitt Meadows Fire Department who won first place – Willow Manor is holding a holiday craft fair November 10, 9 am to 4 pm; noted that the Arts Council is holding their annual Christmas Fair on November 17, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm at The Act – admission by donation; congratulated Sarah Boulton as a member of the Capilano Blues Women’s Soccer team for winning the Gold Medal at the University Provincial Championships – she also won the Best Forward Award

Councillor Bing, attended the Official Community Plan Open House on October 25 – expressed his thanks to staff for the preparation and presentations; attended the Transport 2040 Workshop put on by TransLink on October 27– excellent presentations by Tom Wright and Petra Todorovich on future growth and development in the U.S.A.

Councillor Becker, attended the Chamber of Commerce Ritz gala on November 3 – Jeff Carpenter will be standing for another year as President – Chamber will be making a presentation as part of their business planning process.

Mayor MacLean, said China’s Consul-General paid him a courtesy visit which was very interesting; Pitt Meadows won the BC Hydro Turn It Off Challenge – now encouraging residents to participate in the BC Hydro Challenge 2 – residents are asked to sign up on the BC Hydro web site under www.bchydro.com/powersmart/ by December 15, 2007 – the municipality that signs up the highest percentage of BC Hydro account holders, in each category, will win a \$20,000 Power Smart makeover for their community.

I. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items received for this Meeting.

J. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED by Councillor Eisel, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bing, THAT the following twenty-six items of correspondence be received:

1. Communication from the BC SPCA dated October 1, 2007, regarding UBCM Support for Provincial Regulation of Exotic Animals.
2. Communication from the Western Wilderness Committee dated October 5, 2007, regarding a report on *Western Canada's Provincial Parks – How does BC measure up? (Copies of the Report are available in the Legislative Services Department)*
3. Fax communication from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) dated October 10, 2007, regarding Municipal Infrastructure Survey October 5 – November 1, 2007.
4. Joint communication from the City of Abbotsford, City of Coquitlam, Township of Langley, and the City of Surrey dated October 10, 2007, regarding the Livability Accord between these municipalities.
5. Communication from Rivers for Generations received October 15, 2007, regarding Pledge of Support from local residents.
6. Communication from Martin Zlotnik and Dr. Bob Hindmarch dated October 15, 2007, regarding saving the University of British Columbia golf course.
7. Joint communication from the First Nations Summit and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) dated October 16, 2007, regarding Guide to Community to Community Forums in British Columbia. *(Copy of the Guide is available in the Legislative Services Department)*
8. Communication from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) dated October 16, 2007, regarding 2008 FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards. *(Copy of the DVD is available in the Legislative Services Department)*
9. Fax communication from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) received October 17, 2007, regarding Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Legislation Introduced.

10. Communication from Community Living British Columbia received October 17, 2007, regarding an invitation to an open house relating to the Simon Fraser community meetings scheduled for November 13th, 22nd and 28th.
11. Fax communication from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) dated October 17, 2007, regarding Emergency Planning Program for Farmed Animal Mass Carcass Disposal.
12. Communication from the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform dated October 18, 2007, regarding the Single Business Licence Initiative.
13. Communication from CivicInfo BC on behalf of the Ministry of Community Services dated October 19, 2007, regarding the Asia Pacific Intercultural Awareness and Communication Courses.
14. Communication from the Ministry of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues dated October 19, 2007, regarding the *BC Asia Twinning Tool Kit: Opening BC Communities to the World*. (Copies are available in the Legislative Services Department)
15. Communication from Maple Ridge resident, Paul Laity dated October 20, 2007, regarding flooding of Brookfield farm located at 20983 123rd Ave in Maple Ridge.
16. Fax communication from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) dated October 22, 2007, regarding FCM's Green Municipal Corporation Opens Carbon Offset Market to Canadian Municipalities.
17. Communication from the Greater Vancouver Community Services Society received October 22, 2007, regarding Lower Mainland Handydart Operator Wins New Westminster Accessibility Award.
18. Email communication from BC Hydro received October 22, 2007, regarding "Winner's Circle" program for the Turn It Off Challenge.
19. Communication from Simon Fraser University (SFU) dated October 22, 2007, regarding introduction of the Adaptation to Climate Change Team (ACT).
20. Communication from the Province of British Columbia Legislative Assembly dated October 22, 2007, regarding the Hansard Debates of the Legislative Assembly held on October 15, 2007.

21. Communication from TransLink dated October 23, 2007, regarding Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) – iMove Web Portals.
22. Communication from the Fraser Basin Council dated October 23, 2007, regarding Fraser River Flood Protection.
23. Communication from the Homeowner Protection Office dated October 24, 2007, regarding Homeowner Protection Amendment Act which comes into effect November 19, 2007.
24. Communication from the Fire Services Liaison Group dated October 24, 2007, regarding the BC Fire Service Model Development Project update and survey. *(Copy of the survey is available in the Legislative Services Department.)*
25. Email communication from Alouette River Management Society (ARMS) received October 25, 2007, regarding request for supporting construction of a fish passage on the Alouette Dam.
26. Email communication from the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Parks & Leisure Services received October 25, 2007, regarding the November 2007 Community Calendar.

CARRIED.

K. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

L. NOTICES OF MOTION

M. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

N. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

O. NOTICE OF CLOSED MEETING

P. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT this meeting now be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CARRIED.

Signed:

Certified Correct:

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Q. QUESTION PERIOD

1. Community Concerns at Sawyers Landing

Dr. Nancy Buss, 11083 Barnstonview Road, Pitt Meadows, said when she moved to Sawyers Landing a year ago, she was told that there would be transit service available, which has not occurred. This is a problem because she has four children and only one vehicle. To resolve the issue, TransLink said she had to get Council’s support. City Hall said she had to get 22 signatures on a petition, which she has done. She would like immediate representation by Council for a shuttle bus to provide service to Sawyers Landing. Dr. Buss asked who would be accountable, what can be done about the lack of service, and who will take action?

Dr. Buss said she had a second concern. Several houses in Sawyers Landing have been purchased by investors and leased, but the houses have not been completed (ie., no shutters or landscaping). Can that be remedied?

Mayor MacLean provided the background to the bus service that is currently available in Pitt Meadows; however, he said staff will be asked to contact TransLink to get Pitt Meadows on their planning list. He said it was reasonable to expect bus service into Sawyers Landing by the time it is built out.

1. Community Concerns at Sawyers Landing, Cont'd.

With respect to the completion of houses, Mayor MacLean noted that the City's responsibility ends when the occupancy permit is issued; however, staff will look at the issue. If a developer is not following the master covenant, the City can enforce that part.

Mark Fitzmorris, 19597 Fraser Way, Pitt Meadows, said he moved to Sawyers Landing in August 2007. He had several issues: (1) transportation – he must drive whereas he used to take West Coast Express. At a minimum, a transit system that operates at least during the peak hours and ties in with the school system is needed. He felt Council should take the issue forward to TransLink. No public transit also results in a bad carbon footprint. (2) He questioned Council's relationship with the Katzie First Nation. Also, his house has been broken into since moving to the area. He said he has phoned the police, who do not respond quickly; questioned whether Council has considered having a Community Police Office in the Sawyers Landing area? (3) Speeding cars in the neighbourhood; need to post speed limit signs – it is also an enforcement issue that needs to be addressed. (4) When is the next municipal election?

Mayor MacLean provided background details regarding Council's relationship with the Katzie First Nation; he said the City has an excellent working relationship with the Katzie – also, the Katzie are members of the CPO (Community Police Office) Committee; Councillor Walters will take Mr. Fitzmorris' concern to the CPO committee, and said he was welcome to attend their open meetings. Staff noted that the next municipal election is the third Saturday in November 2008.

Name withheld, has been a resident for two years; he said the Sawyers Landing area is suffering from a rash of on-going crimes, including vandalism and break and enters. He asked what the residents can do to get involved, in addition to a Block Watch. He has also called the police, but felt the response was not prompt.

Councillor Walters suggested that Mr. Maude contact the Community Police Office (CPO); she said they would be happy to make a presentation to them, and will listen to their concerns. Councillor Walters noted that the next CPO meeting is November 14th.and it is open to the public.