

Minutes of the **COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE MEETING** of Pitt Meadows City Council held on **Tuesday, June 26, 2007** at 3:00 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 J. Elkerton  
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. Murray, General Manager: Community Development,  
Parks and Recreation Services  
K. Swift, Director of Recreation  
B. Park, Fire Chief  
L. Kelly, Executive Assistant

**ABSENT:** Councillor A. Tolchard

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

**A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** by Councillor Walters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Becker, THAT the agenda for the June 26, 2007 Council in Committee Meeting, be adopted.

CARRIED.

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of the June 12, 2007 Council in Committee Meeting.**

**MOVED** by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT the Minutes of the Council in Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2007, be adopted.

CARRIED.

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

(D. Eisel joined the meeting at 3:15 p.m.)

**1. Community Wildfire Protection Planning Project.**

The Fire Chief said that, in 2005, the Greater Vancouver Regional District began a program to look at urban/rural interface fires. Chief Park said that several communities were involved in the project, including Belcarra, Anmore, Port Moody, North Vancouver and West Vancouver. The consultant, who is a Professional Forester, prepared individual plans for each community, and Pitt Meadows' Community Wildfire Protection Plan will be available shortly.

**2. Tourism Update.**

Cheryl Johnson, Executive Director, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Tourism Society, updated Council on the tourism function and the benefits to the community as a result; the presentation is included as Attachment 1 and forms part of these minutes.

Ms. Johnson introduced Director Frank Asin, Pitt Meadows Golf Club, who thanked the City for supporting the Tourism Society.

**D. REPORTS****1. South Bonson Amenity Building. (02-0890-20)**

Council's concerns and staff's responses are noted below:

- Staff indicated that meetings will be held to obtain input from community stakeholders; there is a desire to build an amenity building that is special, not just utilitarian; staff to review options to pursue LEEDS construction certification;
- It was suggested that the caretaker unit could alternately be used as commercial space and that it would be more appropriate to have a caretaker located at South Bonson Park, rather than living in the amenity building. Staff noted that the caretaker at the amenity building would focus on operational issues in the building, including setting up and tearing down for functions, whereas the caretaker at South Bonson would aim to resolve security issues at that site;

1. **South Bonson Amenity Building Cont'd. (02-0890-20)**

- There is a need for more multipurpose rooms in the building; there were concerns about having a daycare/preschool located in the building if dedicated space was required. Staff noted that uses such as daycares or preschools are revenue generators and are not in use during the peak evening hours;
- The question was raised as to whether it is better to wait to begin construction until after the 2010 Olympics. Staff noted that costs seem to continually rise; as well, the amenity building is tied to some of the commercial buildings; the developer would like to see construction begin as soon as possible;

**MOVED** by Councillor Bing, **SECONDED** by Mayor MacLean, THAT the Committee recommends THAT staff be directed to proceed with the South Bonson Amenity building stakeholder and preliminary design phase outlined in the 2007-06-18 report on this subject.

CARRIED.

1. **Union of B.C. Municipalities Resolutions. (01-0230-20)**

**MOVED** by Councillor Eisel, **SECONDED** by Councillor Elkerton, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council receive for information the report submitted by the Director of Legislative Services dated June 20, 2007;

CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Councillor Elkerton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT the Committee recommends THAT WHEREAS there is a practice of presales of housing units scheduled to be constructed;

AND WHEREAS there have been instances of contractors who have failed to honour the agreed to presale price for buyers who have entered into a contract with the seller;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of B.C. Municipalities request that the Provincial Office of Housing and Construction Standards review provincial requirements for presales of housing units to ensure that buyers who commit to a purchase are protected against the cancellation of their contracts by the builder.

CARRIED.

With Mayor MacLean and Councillor Becker voting in the negative.

**2. BCMRIF Grant – Synthetic Turf Field. (1855-20)**

The Director of Corporate Services explained that staff was still working through the grant process with the Ministry of Economic Development. Mr. Rear said that the funding formula is one-third federal, one-third provincial and one-third municipal. Pitt Meadows' share would be adjusted by the amount contributed by the School District and the Soccer Association.

**MOVED** by Councillor Eisel, **SECONDED** by Councillor Elkerton, The Committee recommends THAT Council:

- A. Receive for information the report by the Director of Corporate Services dated June 21, 2007; and
- B. Confirm that if BCMRIF Grant Application #17612 for the Synthetic Turf Field project was approved, the Parkland Acquisition Reserve Fund and the Future Capital Reserve Fund combine for more than sufficient funding to provide for the City's share of the estimated costs.

CARRIED.

**• ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eisel, THAT this meeting now be adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

CARRIED.

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Chair







































