

Report on the March 22, 2011 Anmore Regular Council Meeting

The Anmore Regular Council Meeting of March 22, 2011, began when Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00. Councillors Sedergreen, Piamonte, Palmer-Isaak, and McEwen; and Howard Carley, Anmore Chief Administrative Officer, along with approximately 30 residents were in attendance.

The Agenda was approved, with clarification of the purpose of the in-camera meeting to follow the Regular Council Meeting. At the request of Councillor Piamonte, CAO Howard Carley explained that the meeting was to discuss labour relations issues.

The Minutes of the March 8, 2011 Regular Council Meeting were tabled to more fully reflect proceedings and to include three statements from Councillor Piamonte that he had requested be on the record. Mayor Anderson permitted discussion on the tabled minutes and Councillor Sedergreen asked for an update on the recent 'break and enter' in the Village Hall. Mr. Carley said that the RCMP had visited the Village Hall and had started a file.

Under Petitions and Delegations, Mr. Carlos da Ponte from Synergy Environmental Strategies, Inc. presented a March 1, 2011 '2007-2010 Corporate Energy & Emissions Inventory Report for the Village of Anmore' to the Council. He indicated that this report would help benchmark Village corporate actions to reduce our carbon footprint. He indicated that this pro bono work by Synergy would normally have cost \$5,000.

His presentation was done in three sections. He began by showing baseline energy consumption from 2007 to 2010. 2/3 of the energy consumption was for vehicles in the Village fleet. He indicated that other communities were looking at alternate fuel sources such as electricity and the use of bio-fuels. Mr. Carley confirmed that there are currently no Village vehicles that use hydrogen fuel cells. A resident was concerned about using bio-fuels when there are concerns about food shortages around the world.

Mr. da Ponte reported that the solar panels beside the Village Hall are not hooked into the grid. He also indicated that the pump house owned by the Village which provides water to the Uplands development was a consideration in the benchmarking. He stated that the first priority in reducing the corporate carbon footprint in Anmore should be to reduce consumption. The consultant indicated that there are some easy things that the Village administration could do immediately, like producing double-sided documents and conserving on Village Hall lighting.

Mr. da Ponte proposed ongoing monitoring and indicated that, in addition to the legislated reporting requirements, better tracking could result in increased grant

money for the Village. He proposed creating a community action plan with emission reduction targets and indicators. He also indicated that he had looked into the availability of grants, but that the funders were largely in a holding pattern until the Fall. He did, however, mention a BC Hydro matching grant to reduce Community Emissions. BC Hydro would match Village contributions to 50%.

Councillor Sedergreen confirmed that by-laws can be used to reduce emissions. The consultant said that some communities are requiring that new buildings be built to Bronze level LEED standards, and some are requiring that water heating be 'solar ready'.

This report focussed only on what the corporation can do to reduce emissions. Public consumption is a different matter. The consultant from Synergy Environmental Strategies agreed to present his report to a joint meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and interested Standing Committee members.

Under Tabled Items, the Translink Bus Stop at East Road and Sunnyside and the mail drop to consult the community on the Three-Way Stop previously approved by Council were re-table pending more information. While Mayor Anderson confirmed that she had received a detailed e-mail from SVFD Chief Larry Scott, she said she had asked him to send it to her as a letter. CAO Howard Carley was careful to explain that if the letter arrived after noon on Thursday, it would not be included in the Agenda package.

The Minutes of the February 3rd Finance Committee Meeting were received and, at the request of Councillor Sedergreen, CAO Howard Carley explained the purpose for the rushed approval by Council of a records management contract. He explained that the purpose of the contract was to organize and purge 10-20 years of documents in boxes in the basement at the Village Hall. He said that, with the pending retirement of some senior staff, it was imperative to start immediately, so they could help out. Mayor Anderson also indicated that the price would likely go up if they waited.

Council authorized the contract. Anmore resident, Mr. Charles Christie, indicated that he thought that bringing this recommendation from the Finance Committee to Council was somewhat disingenuous since all members of Council sit on the Finance Committee.

Under the Parks Committee Report, Councillor McEwen apologized for having to cancel the February meeting. The meeting was subsequently held on March 9th and included Consultant Michael Rosen. Councillor McEwen talked about how there were many pieces of parks and trails throughout the Village. A motion by Councillor Piamonte to see how much it would cost the Village to map this inventory of park land and trails as a beginning point was passed. Councillor Sedergreen indicated that he thought it was very important for the Parks

Committee to finish the comprehensive parks plan that he had helped to start before the Mayor moved him to another Standing Committee.

Councillor Sedergreen also asked about the paving of the walkway between Anmore Elementary and Ravenswood. CAO Howard Carley indicated that it would be paved in the very near future as soon as the final house is built. Councillor Sedergreen suggested that regular paving might cause a safety problem for walkers in bad weather. Mayor Anderson indicated that a large number of residents had asked her to have the Village quickly move forward with the paving. Councillor Sedergreen suggested that staff explore the use of textured paving to reduce the chance of slipping on ice in bad weather.

Mr. Charles Christy asked if the Village had to keep the parkland as parkland. Mayor Anderson said she wanted to keep the parkland but that if someone wanted to convince future Councils to develop the parkland that they could.

Under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Anderson announced a public meeting on the Budget before the Regular Council Meeting on April 26 at 7:00. She said that she had talked to the Chairperson of SD-43 and they have come to a decision about the middle school in Anmore. Mayor Anderson did not elaborate. She also indicated that Anmore Council has been invited to attend a briefing in Belcarra on the actions of Eagle Ridge Hospital to remediate the problems identified in the recent report. Neither she, nor Councillor Palmer-Isaak, had been able to follow-up on their commitment to attend the earlier Summit Meeting on this topic.

Councillor McEwen said that the Scouts would be doing a clean-up of Birch Wynde park on April 9th at 12:00. Councillor Palmer-Isaak talked about the March 26th Earth Hour and a fundraiser for the Friendly Forest Pre-School on April 26th. Councillor Sedergreen presented a written report to Council on the need to follow proper procedures in Council. He asked that this report be included with the Minutes. With the encouragement of Mayor Anderson, Councillor Piamonte made a motion to append Dr. Sedergreen's report to the Minutes. This motion failed to pass for lack of a seconder.

Councillor Chris Sedergreen, MD, had his statement passed out at the meeting. He indicated that he believes civility and decorum in Anmore Council and Committee Meetings are very important. He requests that Mayor Anderson adhere to the British Columbia Community Charter requirements and the Village Procedural By-law 363-2004 in chairing Council meetings. Mayor Anderson also stated that she intends to revise the Rules of Order and said that she would likely be seeking restricted public input and questions. To read the full report from Councillor Sedergreen click on the item below this report. There was no Administrators Report.

Under Correspondence, a request by Susan Butterson to have a sign erected pointing to her B&B on Uplands Dr. was approved. There was also some

discussion of a letter from Kathryn and Greg Zeitler about the parkland beside their property on Summerwood Lane and above Mossom Creek. Ms Zeitler spoke to this issue and said that there is danger because of a steep cliff. She also said that there was theft, vandalism, and loitering along the trail. She requested that the trail be blocked off on both ends. She indicated that she had spoken with Ms Ruth Foster of the Mossom Creek Hatchery and she has similar concerns about environmental degradation and security.

When asked, Mayor Anderson indicated that she had walked that land which was the 5% contribution required by the developer. She said that Ms. Foster's current position was different from what it was when the land was received and stairs were planned down to Mossom Creek Hatchery. She said that previous Councils on which she served had received engineering reports that helped them to decide to accept this parkland.

Anmore resident, Mr. Charles Christie, asked if these were the developer's reports, or if they were done independently by the Village. Mayor Anderson said that they were done by the Village Engineering consultant STANTEC. CAO Howard Carley indicated that the Village has \$35,000 from the developer which was intended to build the stairs.

Councillor Sedergreen re-iterated that he believed that an overall parks plan is required. Councillor Piamonte made a resolution to table the item pending further information from staff. The motion passed.

In Question period, one resident requested that rules of decorum be introduced. As well, the Founding Editor of the Anmore Alternative News asked the Mayor about Council procedures for receiving correspondence.

This related to a mail drop from the Village requesting proposed street names for Anmore, and in particular the Pinnacle Ridge steep slope development, by December 16, 2010. In response to this request, the Anmore Alternative News ran a 'Name Game' for a couple of weeks. There were 105 proposed street names submitted by readers, many of these with ties to the Mossom Creek Hatchery which had been severely damaged by the Pinnacle Ridge washout in 2009.

A letter with these results appended to it was sent to Anmore Mayor and Council on December 13th, three days before the deadline in the mail drop from the Village. This letter was never distributed to Mayor and Council and it was not included in the Correspondence attached to the Agenda for the next Council Meeting. Mayor Anderson confirmed that this should have happened. A revised letter and list of street names will be resent to Anmore Mayor and Council.

The meeting adjourned and Council went in to an in-camera meeting.

