

**Anmore Council Meeting  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011**

**Councillor Sedergreen's Report**

There has been much comment on process of late at both full council meetings and at committee meetings. Mayor Heather Anderson reminds us all frequently about her knowledge of council procedures based on her long service on council; and just prior to opening the previous council meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> she read an impassioned statement concerning the importance of correct observance of the established procedures and protocols.

This was ironic, since she had violated one of the most fundamental Rules of Order towards the end of the preceding council meeting (February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011), a rule which must be familiar to anyone who has ever participated in a business meeting conducted under Roberts Rules of Order. These are the rules established by bylaw which are supposed to govern our own council meetings.

In fact this violation was recorded in the minutes of that meeting, which council went on to approve as part of the agenda for March 8<sup>th</sup> 2011. But this was not the first nor the last time that Mayor Anderson has ridden roughshod over a Village bylaw.

At the Finance Committee meeting held on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2011, just two days after the previous fiasco, I made an attempt to amend the agenda so as to conform to the bylaw, and as required under provincial statute, namely the Community Charter. Under the Village bylaw (363-2004) Section 13 defines the agenda format; while section 32 states "The rules of Council procedure must be observed during committee meetings...."

My agenda amendments were made to follow the council procedure by including the customary items of New Business and Public Question Period. Mayor Anderson exercised her authority to forbid these amendments, yet they are not only consistent with our bylaw, they are required by it.

What are Anmore residents supposed to conclude from this? Is Mayor Anderson trying to suppress legitimate questions of residents that may prove embarrassing to herself? Is she trying to conceal from residents information that is already in the public domain? You be the judge.