

Report on the Village of Anmore Regular Council Meeting (RCM)
Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010

**** Note: Documents referenced in this report, unless otherwise noted, are attachments to the RCM Agenda**

The Council Meeting started at 7:00 with Mayor Anderson, Councillors Piamonte, Sedergreen, Palmer-Isaak, and McEwen all in attendance. As well, Chief Administrative Officer, Howard Carley, Manager of Corporate Services, Karen-Ann Cobb, and approximately 15 residents were present.

Councillor Piamonte requested the addition to the Agenda of an urgent item on possible construction contamination of the Mossom Creek Fish Hatchery. He referenced a letter from Ruth Foster of the Mossom Hatchery which had been sent to all Council members. Mayor Anderson disallowed this request because she had not had time to read her e-mail. The agenda was approved without the addition of the Mossom Creek Hatchery item.

The minutes of the Public Hearing held on October 26th relative to the West request for a family subdivision were adopted as circulated. The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 26, 2010 required several changes.

Councillor Piamonte said that he did not request that there be a Council Resolution to disband the Daycare Working Group, as shown. (This was Mayor Anderson's idea). Rather Councillor Piamonte reminded Council that if the Daycare Working Group was to be disbanded this would need to come from the Community Engagement Committee of Council and not from the Mayor alone. The Community Engagement Committee of Council was later reconstituted half way through the Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Anderson, and Councillors Palmer-Isaak and McEwen voted to disband the Daycare Working Group. On a separate topic, Councillor McEwen noted that the Metro Vancouver Water meeting is on November 10, 2010.

A further change to the October 26th RCM Minutes proposed by Mayor Anderson was to state that Councillor Piamonte's request for a verbatim transcript of a portion of the meeting was not approved. This was where "Councillor Piamonte questioned why his comments regarding his exclusion from a meeting with the Minister of Children and Family Development during the UBCM, did not form part of the meeting minutes. This meeting had been arranged by the Mayor and attended by both Councillors McEwen and Palmer Isaak. Councillor Piamonte, a member of the Child Care Working Group, had not been invited to attend this meeting with Minister Polak. Councillor Piamonte requested a verbatim transcription in order that residents could have a better

understanding of the tone of the October 12th Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Anderson did not agree with Councillor Piamonte's request.

A heated exchange followed. Councillor Sedergreen expressed support for his colleague's request; the chair did not agree. The rules as to how Council behaves were discussed, and the words "favouritism" and "selectionism" were bantered about. Again, the Mayor confirmed that she did not invite Councillor Piamonte to the meeting with the Minister. She said that neither she nor Councillor Piamonte spoke during the UBCM Conference, nor do they speak to each other at all. A resolution to adopt the Minutes, with an agreement that at a later meeting a discussion regarding the disbanding of the Day Care Working Group would be held, was passed. Two Councillors opposed, therefore the adoption of the Minutes was carried." (AAN Oct. 26th RCM Report).

Under Tabled Items, an RCH-1 Zoning Amendment Request was made by Ted Littlewood, President of the Countryside Village Strata BCS 3635. "The zoning change request only addresses whether or not the square footage of a garage, when it is built into the main floor of a two-story home should be included or excluded when calculating the main floor square footage. This is an important issue when calculating the second story square footage because the zoning dictates that the area cannot exceed 80% of the main floor square footage." Mr. Littlewood asked that the Strata be exempted from the approximately \$1,500 charge of such an amendment. Council did not endorse the request, but rather made a motion to receive the letter.

Karen-Ann Cobb, Manager of Corporate Services, provided a copy of the existing Anmore Council Procedural By-law. She is reviewing the procedural by-laws for other communities and will have recommended revisions to Council in the near future. A copy of the existing by-law 363-2004 is linked below this report. Ms Cobb also indicated that it is the turn of Anmore Elementary to submit a grant proposal to the UBCM for \$25,000 + in playground equipment for the school. The Villages of Anmore and Belcarra are asked to provide letters of support for this 'School Community Connections – Supporting Neighbourhood Learning Centres' grant application. Council voted to have staff draft a letter of support.

Under Council Committee Reports, Council reconvened as the Community Engagement Committee to deal with Mayor Anderson's request to disband the Daycare Working Group. Councillor Piamonte expressed concern about losing the contracting, building, and early childhood education expertise of the eight non-council members of the Committee. Mayor Anderson indicated that she is working with the staff of the Ministry of Children and Family Development on a number of issues related to building the daycare.

She thanked the non-Council Committee members and said that there are many different avenues to deal with the issues – including not doing a new RFP, reconstituting a new Committee, and calling in the necessary expertise as need. Councillor Palmer Isaak proposed sending a thank you letter to the eight citizen volunteers on this committee. Mayor Anderson indicated that she wants to deal exclusively with the Ministry and staff and Council will be handling things.

Anmore resident Larry Barron said that this was just another form of excluding the Village from the deliberations about the proposed Daycare Centre. He said, first Councillor Piamonte was not invited to the meeting between the Minister and the Mayor, and Councillors Palmer-Isaak and McEwen at the UBCM. Now the Anmore volunteers serving on the Daycare Working Group are being excluded from further involvement with this issue. Note: of the eight non-Council members on the Daycare Working Group, only two were in favour of proceeding with the project. Anmore resident Elaine Willis reiterated Mr. Barron's concern that the disbanding of the Daycare Working Group is at best premature. Another resident, Tracy Green agreed with disbanding the Working Group. The resolution to disband the Anmore Daycare Working Group was passed by Mayor Anderson, and Councillors Palmer-Isaak and McEwen.

The Regular Council meeting was then reconvened and the Minutes of the Public Works Committee of August 26th were addressed. Councillor Piamonte spoke about a problem on the North end of Fern Drive. Vehicles are turning around in the driveway at the end of the street. The signage shows both a cul-de-sac and no exit signs. Howard Carley, Village CAO, explained that there is no cul-de-sac because the road is not finished and will eventually be extended. He agreed to have the cul-de-sac sign removed.

Mayor Anderson expressed concern about a proposed draft letter to get citizen input into the possibility of a three way stop on Sunnyside and East Road and wondered where this idea had come from. Both Councillors Piamonte and Sedergreen explained to Mayor Anderson that this proposal had been on the books since the beginning of their mandate on Council and from when Councillor McEwen worked with Councillor Sedergreen on the Public Works and Transportation Standing Committee established by previous Mayor Weinberg.

Councillor Sedergreen reported that this earlier Committee had recommended proceeding with the establishment of the three-way stop. Councillor McEwen indicated that the previous Committee had looked at traffic calming in its entirety and had not wanted to proceed with this three-way stop until East Road construction was complete because of possible

grade change. Mayor Anderson said that Council should be involved in decisions about Village consultations. Both Councillors Piamonte and Sedergreen explained to Mayor Anderson that this was always the intent of the Public Works and Transportation Standing Committee and having the discussion of the Minutes was the first step.

There was also some discussion about the necessity for the turn-out bus stop in front of the Fire Station. Mayor Anderson said that if it was funded by a grant from Translink, it can't be changed. The Committee will look further at this.

Under the Green Families Working Group, Councillor Palmer-Isaak explained that this Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at Anmore Elementary School. It has open agendas and schedules, and open membership. When asked about terms-of reference and minutes, she said they felt that they worked better without them. She said the Green Families Working Group was a casual "drop-in" group where members come and go as they please. Mayor Anderson said a Working Group can operate differently from a Select Committee of Council and they are much more informal in structure. In the Weinberg model from West Vancouver the Working Group is the Select Committee. The Anmore procedural by-law No 363-2004 with Committee requirements and the West Vancouver Working Group policies and procedures on which Former Mayor Weinberg based the Anmore model is linked below this report.

A motion to make the Village Hall a 'drop zone' for batteries and light bulbs was passed. The Green Families Committee is looking at bear proof garbage cans and there are some other ideas shown in the attachment appended to the RCM Nov. 9, 2010 Agenda.

In the Mayor's Report, she thanked Councillors Palmer-Isaak, McEwen, and Piamonte and all of the volunteers who helped with the Hallowe'en Fireworks. CAO Howard Carley confirmed that, other than a few rowdies setting-off fireworks, things were relatively quiet on Hallowe'en. Mayor Anderson also restated her concerns about Translink and the possibility of tax money being used to fund the Evergreen Line of Skytrain.

Councillor McEwen reported that he had had a first meeting of the Recreation Working Group. Councillor Palmer-Isaak praised the young folks at Moody Middle School where her daughter goes for raising \$39,000 in the Terry Fox Run. She also asked that the sign clutter around the Village be cleaned up.

The Administrator, Howard Carley, did not have a report however he told the Council that Pinnacle Ridge drainage still has a problem. As well, the development is planning some 'beautification' planting.

A mail drop has been sent to residents asking for volunteers for the Mayor's Environment Standing and a Select Committee on Environmental Policy. A third member of the Board of Variance was also called for. Mayor Anderson said that she had called former Councillor Ken Juvik and he had agreed to be the third member of the Council Honorarium Committee. Elaine Willis and Robert Devlin had also agreed to serve on this Committee.

Mayor Heather Anderson also appointed herself as the Council liaison to the Advisory Planning Commission. She replaces Councillor Piamonte who said he was willing to continue in this capacity. Councillor Piamonte had voluntarily assumed this role when previous mayor Weinberg was asked not to attend because of his 'development interests' on Fern Drive. Councillor Piamonte has no development interests in Anmore.

There will be only one Council Meeting in December on the 14th. And finally, Mayor Anderson called to eliminate any taping of in-camera meetings. Councillor Piamonte asked that other than the leak of the Anmore Renewable Energy Foundation demise by the two Councillors on the Environment Committee, and the leak around the ability of volunteer Firefighters to serve in an elected capacity, if there were other leaks that she was concerned about. Councillor Sedergreen said that they had all committed to the secrecy of in-camera meetings. He was concerned about the Mayor's "double standard" (she had put this item on the agenda without forewarning). He wondered if she might be trying to hide something in an upcoming in-camera meeting. Eliminating taping of Council in-camera meetings was passed by Mayor Anderson, and Councillors Palmer-Isaak and McEwen.

In Public Question Period, the whole question of the siltation of the Mossom Creek Hatchery by construction damage was opened up by members of the general public. Elaine Willis and Tracy Green were very concerned about the prospect of a repeat of the environmental catastrophe that occurred in 2008. As well, Donna Woodward expressed her concern about traffic on Fern Drive turning around in her driveway.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 9:00.