

Report on the Village of Anmore Regular Council Meeting
October 12, 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, Manager of Corporate Services, Karen-Ann Cobb, Manager of Public Works, Tim Harris, planning consultant Michael Rosen, Engineering consultant Max Coupland, and approximately 25 residents were present.

The Agenda was approved with the addition of a proposed rezoning application from Countryside Village Ventures. The motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 14, 2010 was passed with no discussion arising.

The first item addressed was Tabled Item 6(a) - Day Care Working Group – Proposed Day Care Centre Recommendations. Mayor Anderson spoke at length about a meeting between the Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Children and Family Development, Mayor Anderson, and Councillors McEwen and Palmer-Isaak, at the Union of BC Municipalities Conference in Whistler about the continuation of the MCFD \$499,500 grant to build a Child Care Centre in Anmore.

In the discussion of this topic, Mayor Anderson indicated that Councillors Piamonte and Sedergreen were not apprised of the meeting and, although Councillor Piamonte is a member of the Daycare Working Group (DCWG), neither Councillor Piamonte nor Councillor Sedergreen were invited to this meeting. There were eight non-Council members of the DCWG, only two of whom supported moving forward with this project. Mayor Anderson did not and, does not plan to, tell the Minister about the recommendations from the non-Council members of the Daycare Working Group. Mayor Anderson indicated that she plans to disband the DCWG. Councillor Palmer-Isaak wants staff to send a letter to the two current RFP bidders for construction of the Day Care Centre to let them know that the Village plans to reopen the process because their bids were too high. The audio tape of this section of the Council Meeting is linked below this report.

The Minutes of the July 19th Finance Committee Meeting were approved. Mayor Anderson asked Councillor Piamonte about the status of the purchases for Emergency Preparedness. Councillor Piamonte explained that he and Tim Harris, Manager of Public Works, had participated in an auction to buy an Emergency Preparedness mobile storage unit. However, they were not successful bidders. Mr. Harris is putting together specifications for a mobile storage unit in order to get price quotes from

suppliers. Karen-Ann Cobb is preparing a JEPP grant application (deadline October 31st) to leverage the available funds (50-50) for the purchase of a mobile unit after April 1, 2011. Tim Harris has stated that he can make space available in a storage unit in the Village Public Works Yard in the interim. The Emergency Preparedness Committee at their next meeting will also be prioritizing the supplies to be purchased to replace those damaged or contaminated.

The Minutes of the September 27th Advisory Planning Commission were received. In response to the Agenda item "Council has decided to leave it with the APC as to what type of support they would like from Council and from which member of Council." The APC unanimously approved "that the APC will gladly accept a Council liaison as appointed by the Mayor." Mayor Anderson proposed "That Mayor Heather Anderson be appointed as Council liaison member to the Advisory Planning Commission." Instead, after considerable discussion, it was proposed that Council members assume this roll on a rotating basis. Councillor Palmer-Isaak indicated that she is too busy with other things. Since there is only a year left in the APC's mandate, the Mayor decided to leave this topic "under advisement." The APC also discussed the proposed zoning by-law changes to accommodate the West proposal. This advice was incorporated into a report by Planner Michael Rosen under Unfinished Business which was presented a little later in the meeting.

Under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Anderson talked about the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) conference and mentioned that she was surprised that the delegates turned down a proposal to change the term of Municipal Governments from three to four years. She reported on a SVFD Trustees meeting and the need to fast track the Fire Underwriter's survey in preparation for the building of the Middle School. She reported that the SVFD fire chief, Larry Scott had a number of concerns relative to access to the Middle School, underground gas pipelines, and the possible need for a new truck. Mayor Anderson also reported on an Emergency Translink Meeting on October 12 where municipalities made it clear that they did not want new taxes to support the Skytrain Evergreen Line. Mayor Anderson also mentioned the Volunteer Recognition night and thanked the Village staff for organizing the event.

Under Councillor's Reports, Councillor Piamonte gave a detailed accounting in writing about his participation in the UBCM Conference. This is linked below the link to this report. The Councillor indicated that he had found some very interesting sources for possible funding in a 3 hour workshop session on the Monday before the start of the conference. He is planning to write a further report detailing these funding possibilities for the rest of Council and for Village staff.

Councillor Palmer-Isaak reported on a meeting of the Green Families Working Group. She indicated that they are planning to set up a drop box for batteries and light bulbs in the Village Hall, and look into litter free school lunches, and roadside bear-proof composting. She also mentioned that art classes for children will be starting in the Village Hall.

Under Administrator's report, Karen-Ann Cobb noted that by October 15th the Village is still looking for one volunteer for the Board of Variance and volunteers to serve on a Committee to review Council stipends.

Moving on to Unfinished Business, after a good deal of discussion, Council voted to move to a second reading of a Bylaw which would have the effect of amending 408 (1) of the Zoning Bylaw by reducing the minimum size of the parent parcel of land from 2 acres to 1.85 acres *with regards to a subdivision for a relative.*

Next there was a presentation by Anmore Planning Consultant, Michael Rosen on his preliminary report on the construction of the proposed middle school. He reported that since SD-43 was unable to work things out with Port Moody the school was again planned for Anmore. SD-43 representatives presented an overview of their preliminary plans for the proposed middle school in Anmore, adjacent to Heritage Woods High School. They talked about a very ambitious time-line with construction hopefully beginning in May 2011 and with a completion date of September 2012.

There are a number of issues to be resolved relative to existing covenants, safety and fire protection, access and traffic, sewers and collaboration with Port Moody, time constraints and public participation. While a Middle School Working Group, Chaired by Councillor Piamonte, currently exists, it has been inactive since SD-43 decided to move the school to Port Moody. Now that the SD-43 proposes to site the middle school in Anmore once again, Mayor Anderson is hoping to change this method of community engagement and follow through. Instead she seems to support the Public Information Sessions proposed by SD-43. Staff of SD-43 and Anmore would then work things out and make recommendations to Council. Council unanimously voted for this.

Metro Vancouver is in the last throws of finalizing the Regional Growth Strategy. In this, Anmore is designated as rural. The definition of rural has however been changed to accommodate Anmore's semi-rural nature and special provisions have been added to designate the IOCO lands as a special study area. A letter will be sent to Metro Vancouver to indicate acceptance of the plan by Anmore.

Lastly, there was a discussion about Council underwriting the \$40 cost of library cards for students. Some members of Council challenged the need, fairness, and affordability of such a plan. Councillor Palmer-Isaak made a motion to cap the amount contributed at \$2,000. Councillor Sedergreen indicated that in a wealthy community like Anmore this was not a good plan, especially given that the money would be given to the first 50 students who applied regardless of need. He also said it was not advisable since there is a 6% tax hike proposed by the Finance Committee looming on the horizon. Council approved Councillor Palmer-Isaak's motion with Councillors Sedergreen and Piamonte opposed.

Under New Business:

- the lowest cost water meter upgrade was approved as proposed by Engineering Consultant, Max Coupland.
- Council agreed to have a letter written to Port Moody thanking them for giving them a chance to review their Official Community Plan and raising concerns about the location of a possible extension of David Avenue.
- In response to a proposal for a proactive by-law on beekeeping from Karen-Ann Cobb, Manager of Corporate Services, Council asked her to come back to Council with a proposed by-law in the Village format.
- And finally, the rezoning of four areas in Countryside Village, including the convenience store, was tabled to a later date.

The meeting adjourned after 10:00.