

Report on the January 24, 2012  
Anmore Regular Council Meeting

Residents gathered outside of the Council Chambers as Council held a pre-meeting caucus. At 7:02 Mayor Anderson called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Mayor Anderson, and Councillors Green, Laidler, Isaak and McEwen were in attendance. Anmore Chief Administrative Officer, Howard Carley, and Manager of Public Works, Tim Harris, were in attendance. As well, there were approximately ten residents there.

Anmore resident Harriette Chang, and six students from Maple Creek Middle School, made a compelling presentation on 'Real Acts of Caring'. The young people had a number of suggestions for kind actions. The group was rewarded for their excellent suggestions through applause, and Anmore hummingbird pins.

Under new business, Mayor Anderson announced that Anmore Manager of Public Works, Tim Harris, would be replacing Howard Carley as Chief Administrative/Approving Officer on an interim basis. Mr. Carley is retiring at the end of January after 17 years of service.

The Minutes of the January 10, 2012 Regular Council Meeting (which were not included with the Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> RCM on-line) were approved. They are included with this report.

Council then discussed the Report of the Honorarium Committee, comprised of Robert Devlin, Ken Juvik, and Elaine Willis. Mr. Devlin, the only Committee member in attendance, recommended quickly increasing the honorariums in an effort to catch up to similar like-sized communities.

The report recommends increasing the Mayor's compensation to \$16,459.00 and Council members to \$8,445.60. It also recommends a 5% yearly increase for the following two years, and then following the Consumer Price Index for Vancouver for the next three years.

While all members of Council supported increasing the honorariums, Anmore resident Mr. Charles Christie did not. He claimed that Council was trying to ram through a recommendation for their benefit with no public consultation. Mayor Anderson said that the Council Meeting was a public consultation.

When Mr. Christie was not satisfied with this answer, Mayor Anderson told him to sit down or she would call the RCMP. Then, Councillor Laidler, a former Vancouver policeman, stood up, faced Mr. Christie, and told him to "Sit down and shut up." Mayor Anderson called a recess in the meeting at 7:20. The RCMP ejected Mr. Christie from Council Chambers at 7:50 when the Regular Council Meeting reconvened.

Councillor McEwen continued the discussion on remuneration and made a motion, seconded by Councillor Isaak, to ask staff to come forward with a by-law change which

would change the compensation, as indicated in the attached report of the Honorarium Committee, and add an immediate 10%. This motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Anderson reported on some meetings and the Councillors reported on Committee recruitment efforts. CAO Howard Carley had no report other than, with his tongue firmly placed in his cheek, he said he had broken his chair and he didn't care.

In Public Question period, Councillor Green explained that the trial Styrofoam recycling project, in the large 40 yard bin beside the Village Hall over the Christmas season, by Mr. Mark Obedinski's company had been very successful. The bin was 80% full and they are proposing to do it on a regular basis. As well, a public meeting on Green Waste plans is set for Feb. 21, 2012 at 7:30.

Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting to go into an in-camera (secret) meeting at 8:10. So far every regular council meeting of the new Council has been followed by an in-camera meeting. Although the Community Charter requires it, no reason was given for the meeting.