

## Report on Anmore Regular Council Meeting April 26, 2011

The Anmore Regular Council Meeting of April 26, 2011, began when Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00. Councillors Sedergreen, Palmer-Isaak, and McEwen were physically in attendance and Councillor Piamonte attended electronically by Skype. It was 4:00 am in Italy when Councillor Piamonte called to participate in the RCM. Howard Carley, Anmore Chief Administrative Officer, Sharleen Karamanian, Manager of Finance, Tim Harris, Manager of Public Works, Karen-Ann Cobb, Manager of Corporate Services, and Planning Consultant, Michael Rosen were also all in attendance, as were a handful of Anmore residents.

The Agenda was approved with the addition of a delegation from the Village on the Financial Services Five Year Financial Plan and Ten Year Capital Plan. It was unclear why the 5 & 10 Year Financial Plans along with tax projections and budget for the year were presented by the Finance Officer as a 'delegation'.

However, Sharleen Karamanian, Manager of Finance, took Council through the Budget Process in her usual orderly fashion. The Financial Plan must by law be adopted by May 15th to be in compliance with the Charter; however, it isn't carved in stone and may be amended throughout the year as needed by Council. It is adopted *before* the Tax Rate Bylaw.

The Financial Plan looks at projected revenues versus projected expenditures. While the Village of Anmore has direct control over only about 27% of the taxes levied, the remainder is levied by the Village on behalf of others as follows: School taxes 54%; GVTA 8%; GVRD 5%; policing 4%; MFA/BCAA 1%.

Council was informed that a significant contributor to increased taxes this year would be the increased costs of re-cycling. The newly increased Asset Levy to prepare for future infrastructure needs is also a contributing factor. The pie chart shows that Village Taxes are 22% of the total, while the Asset levy is 5% of the total, (or around 20% of the total 'Village' contribution to the tax burden).

The 2011 Expenditure Analysis (page 13 of her presentation) shows that Anmore spends 29% of the budget on "General Government". It was not clear if this includes legal consultations and expenses. Public Works is a separate item at 15%; Planning and Development is also separate at 28%; reserve transfers 25%; protective services 3%. The Public Services portion was further broken down on page 14 of the presentation.

Water use fees will be increased from \$1.27 to \$1.36 per cubic metre, or about 7%. This is the combined result of increases imposed by Port Moody and the GVRD. The projected spending on the new Village Hall was not included in the 'highlights' of the 10 year capital expenditure plan. This is the by far the costliest of the projected expenditures, and it is generally agreed that it is an unavoidable

one. Ms Karamanian does however list it at the top (most expensive) of the list on the following page (24). The Day Care Centre continues to appear as a projected expense, although this seemed to be mentioned with a sense of uncertainty as to its future.

Next on the Agenda, Councillor Palmer-Isaak talked about a meeting on Emergency Information to be held at Anmore Elementary School on June 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Under Tabled Items, the item on the bus stop at Sunnyside and East Road was removed from the table until a written request is sent to Translink. As well, the original unanimous decision to put a three way stop at East Road and Sunnyside was unanimously rescinded.

Mayor Anderson reported that Middle School designs and plans will be available at the May 4 Meeting at Heritage Woods Secondary. She also reported that Metro Mayors are looking at sustainable funding for Translink. The Administrator reported that Thursday, June 9, 2011, will be Anmore Volunteer Appreciation night.

Under By-laws, the Anmore Five Year Financial Plan and Tax Rate By-laws were passed. The Anmore Procedure Bylaw took up much of the rest of the By-law discussion. Karen Ann Cobb, Manager of Corporate Services put the proposed procedural by-law together based largely on the Local Government Act, the Community Charter and a review of other municipalities. The benchmark material makes it clear that you can't have a working group providing direction to council unless there is a council member on it. As well, if there is a council member on a Select Committee (Working Group) and if it is a committee of Council, then it must by law follow the same procedural protocol as for a formal council meeting.

The new draft also makes a provision for the public to speak at Council meetings under exactly the same terms as before. The Bylaw was given a first and second reading. Ms Cobb will do some further fine-tuning.

Under New Business, Planning Consultant, Michael Rosen presented a report "An Alternative Approach to Managing Development & Construction Activity". His premise was that the enactment of a Development Permit Process would be cumbersome and take a long time to accomplish; and wouldn't necessarily meet all the objectives of Council.

In essence the proposed plan is to double the base fee for developers from \$1K to \$2K. This would make Anmore's Development fees significantly higher than Belcarra's but still lower than Port Moody's. For a 5500 square foot home this would be in the region of \$3500, compared with about \$4500 in Port Moody. The projected revenues from these increased fees would be used to retain an Environmental Consultant on a contractual basis for a certain number of hours a

month. The goal would be to be 'revenue neutral' to the Village. Council was unanimous that this was an acceptable measure for the time being.

In the Public Question Period, there was a question about the Tri-city News article on the Avion-Multiplex law suit against the Village. The speaker, Linda Weinberg, was not so much concerned about the law suit against the Village for the alleged mismanagement of the daycare bidding process, but rather she wanted to bring in the police to determine how Avion-Multiplex was alerted to the possible problem.

After Question Period, the meeting adjourned to go into an in-camera meeting.