

Report on Anmore Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, January 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor McEwen at 7:00 pm. Councillors Isaak, Piamonte and Sedergreen were present as were Administrator, Howard Carley, and Planning Consultant, Michael Rosen. Approximately 30-residents were also in attendance.

Under **Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**, Councillor Sedergreen asked that a resolution be added to the Agenda to hold an in-camera meeting to discuss legal issues immediately after the Council meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2010.

As well, Acting Mayor McEwen asked that Issue 5(C) concerning the delegation from the Coquitlam School District be moved forward before the Adoption of the Minutes, and 13(A), a Report from Michael Rosen, Planning Consultant regarding Metro Vancouver's Draft Growth Strategy be moved forward to be discussed immediately after 5(B), a Delegation from Michael Geller & Associates Ltd. regarding the potential designation of the IOCO lands.

Under **Comments from the Public Regarding the Agenda**, a resident asked what the status was for the removal of the stop signs on East and Strong Roads. Councillor Sedergreen responded that this issue would be discussed at the Public Works Committee meeting this Thursday evening, January 28, 2010.

A **Delegation** of six students led by Harriette Chang from the Coquitlam School District (Aspenwood Elementary, Hampton Park Elementary and Anmore Elementary), then, gave a presentation requesting Council to proclaim February 14 - 20, 2010 as Real Acts of Caring Week. Real Acts of Caring Week encourages everyone to participate in spreading and practicing generosity, patience and consideration of others at all times in order to create a better, kinder, safe and more peaceful Village. Passed unanimously.

Editor's Note: The students did an exceptional job in making their presentation. They were articulate, poised and confident. Well done and congratulations to all of you!

The **Minutes** of the Regular Council Meetings of December 1, 2009 and January 12, 2010 were adopted and circulated.

Under **Business Arising from the Minutes**, Councillor Isaak read a speech saying that, even though she had been advised by the Village Solicitor not to rebut Councillors

Piamonte and Sedergreen as to their reasons why they did not chose Village Manager, Karen-Ann Cobb as Chief Election Officer, she still wanted to state that she did not agree with their decision and wanted an election as soon as possible, as she felt that, unlike Coquitlam, the current Council was inexperienced and required leadership.

Under Petitions and Delegations, Christina DeMarco, Metro Vancouver's Regional Development Division Manager presented a review of Metro Vancouver's November 2009 Draft Regional Growth Strategy; stated that Metro Vancouver had made two map changes addressing Anmore's concerns relative to Buntzen Lake and East and Sunnyside Roads designations; explained the amending procedure of the Regional Growth Strategy; and, provided the benefits of designating the IOCO lands as a Special Study Area.

Then, Michael Geller and Associates Ltd. spoke about the need to declare the IOCO lands as a Special Study Area in order to keep all options open. Even though Devan Estates Ltd. (the real estate arm of Imperial Oil Ltd, owners of the IOCO lands) would prefer an **URBAN** designation for Anmore, Mr. Geller stated that by maintaining a **RURAL** designation, it could be years before any consideration could be given to a change in the designation.

Following this, Michael Rosen, Planning Consultant, presented his report on the IOCO lands issue and asked Council to make a definitive directive to the matter. Council passed the motion to support the Metro Vancouver - Draft Regional Growth Strategy: Updated Draft (November 2009) and to designate the IOCO lands as a Special Study Area.

Matthew Danchuk, Director of Marketing, Tri-Cities 10 by 10 Challenge, then, gave a presentation updating what has happened with the programme since 2008 and to seek the Village's support for upcoming initiatives, such as recognizing the International Day of People with Disabilities on December 3, 2010. He also reiterated to Council that the Village had taken on the 10 X 10 challenge to increase employment for persons with disabilities by 10% by the year 2010.

Finally, Paul Lockwood appeared before Council to discuss the delay in commissioning of the Uplands Drive pump house and requested that the "no build" covenants registered on title of all affected areas be relaxed, so that he could commence construction of his house without a bona fide water supply. His letter was only received as Council felt this was an issue that needed to be rectified by the subdivision contractor, Mr. Isaak. Councillor Isaak excused herself from this discussion.

Tabled Items remained tabled.

Under **Council Committee Reports**, the Minutes of the Emergency Preparedness Working Group Meeting of December 14, 1009, Finance Committee Meeting of December 17, 2009 and Joint Advisory Planning Commission and Environment Committee Meeting of December 3, 2009 were received and passed.

There was no **Mayor's Report**.

Under **Councillors' Report**, Councillor Isaak talked about the Torch Relay taking place in Anmore on February 11 at approximately 6:15 am and the fact that there were 50 remaining tickets for the pancake breakfast. Everyone is encouraged to attend the event.

Under **Administrator's Report**, Howard Carley stated that the Village had saved a significant amount of money this past winter due to not having to do any snow removal.

Under **Correspondence**, the submission to Request Resolution in Council for Metro Vancouver Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) was received.

Next, a request from Mayor Richard Stewart, City of Coquitlam for Metro Vancouver to consider and advise of the requirements for designating Coquitlam's City Centre as the third Metro Centre of the Region was discussed and carried unanimously as a motion by Council.

Finally, a letter prepared by Stephane Mitchell of 2345 Sunnyside Road, Anmore was presented and discussed. Mr. Mitchell's concern dealt with the access road for the proposed Cordovado Development Inc.'s development. As proposed, the access road would create too much traffic and noise due to its proximity. Council advised Mr. Mitchell that the proposed development had not been approved yet by Council and, thus, his letter was only received.

Under **Unfinished Business**, Planning Consultant, Michael Rosen presented a reapplication from Cordovado Development Inc., 2307 Sunnyside Road, Anmore to rezone 13.4 acres to 17 Comprehensive Development (CD) lots. This revised application increased the total land dedication to the Village. However, Councillors Isaak, Piamonte and Sedergreen all stated that they were uncomfortable with CD zoning as they had campaigned in the past election on maintaining the one acre concept; therefore, they could not support the application. As well, Council passed a

motion that a policy regarding parkland dedication for environmentally sensitive areas be drafted and adopted.

A Report from Max Coupland, Engineering Consultant with regard to the East Road Reconstruction was only received as Mr. Coupland was unable to attend the meeting.

Under Appointment of Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer, Councillors Piamonte and Sedergreen asked that this matter be deferred for discussion at the in-camera meeting of February 9, 2010. Acting Mayor McEwen and Councillor Isaak voted against this resolution. Thus, it was defeated.

Administrator Howard Carley, then, presented his report to appoint Margaret Warwich as Chief Election Officer to conduct the Anmore by-election and Christine Milloy as Deputy Chief Election Officer. Councillor Isaak's motion to this effect was defeated. A resolution was, then, passed to discuss this matter at the in-camera meeting of February 9, 2010.

Acting Mayor McEwen read a prepared statement that he and Administrator Howard Carley would ensure resolution of this matter by contacting the Minister immediately (Wednesday, January 27, 2010).

Councillor Sedergreen stated that he was sure that the issue could be agreed upon at the in-camera meeting of February 9th.

Councillor Piamonte also stated that he was not trying to stall an election, but was trying to ensure a fair, unbiased election process. He reiterated that staff issues could not be discussed at public meetings.

Under **New Business**, Councillor Sedergreen stated the need for the Village to recognize seniors that have reached certain age groups or milestones; i.e., 90+ birthdays, 60+ anniversaries, etc. Administrator Howard Carley said that staff could prepare a list of such residents in Anmore.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Written by: Camille Tribe
January 27, 2010

Editor's Note: There are still some residents attending the Council meetings who are not respecting the scent free policy.