

Report on Anmore Council Meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Weinberg at 7:05 pm. All Councillors were present, as were Karen-Ann Cobb, Manager of Corporate Services, Tim Harris, Manager of Public Works and Michael Rosen, Planning Consultant. Over 30 residents were also in attendance.

The Adoption of the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on October 27, 2009, Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 27, 2009 and the Minutes of the Emergency Preparedness Working Group Meeting held on October 26, 2009 were adopted and passed unanimously.

There were no Mayor's, Councillors' or Administrator's Reports.

Under Correspondence, the Letter of October 28, 2009 from Mayor Joe Trasolini, City of Port Moody regarding the extension of sewer services to the Village of Anmore was just received as Council felt that they should not respond to the letter at this time, but wait to see what the configuration of the new Middle School was going to be - i.e., would it be located in Anmore or Port Moody?

The email correspondence between Mayor Weinberg and Doug Richardson was tabled until discussion of the Anmore Parking Bylaw to follow in the evening.

The email correspondence from Darren Woodworth, Program Manager, Roads, Translink was then discussed. Mr. Woodworth's email informed the Village that the current bylaw restricting truck weights on East Road was invalid. "Anmore needs to either revise Bylaw 423-2007 and remove the truck prohibition on East Road or send him a letter formally requesting the prohibition of truck traffic on East Road, giving reasons for the request." As well, Mr. Woodworth stated that the "speed bumps would reduce the capacity of East Road, which is part of the major road network and are therefore not to be installed without Translink's approval". He further went on to say "Please remove all speed bumps on East Road or submit a letter formally requesting the installation for speed bumps on East Road and the reason why speed bumps are required". Karen-Ann Cobb, Manager of Corporate Services, stated that the Village should apply to Translink for the installation of speed bumps and truck load limitations.

The Passing of Anmore Parking Regulation and Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 482-2009 was then discussed. Discussion between Council and the public evolved around the following concerns:

- Doug Richardson's email to Mayor Weinberg expressing concern over not allowing parking on the streets of Ravenswood
- whether the Village was ever supposed to allow parking there in the first place due to the narrowness of the street
- the ability of Emergency Vehicles gaining access to the street if parking was allowed
- whether permit parking should be allowed on the street by just Ravenswood residents
- whether the Village could issue one day only parking permits on the street to accommodate a resident having a party

Ultimately, Council unanimously passed the bylaw whereby Ravenswood is to be included in the no parking zone and "Parking is not permitted on any pathway/walkway in the Village of Anmore". However, Councillor Piamonte asked Staff to follow-up on the concept of permit parking for guests for one night only and whether or not that would be feasible. No Parking signs are now to be installed on Ravenswood.

Under Unfinished Business, a Report, dated November 6, 2009 from K. Cobb, Manager of Corporate Services, was discussed wherein Council directed staff to have a verbatim transcript for the Council Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2009 where Councillor Sedergreen made comments regarding the Mayor of Port Moody. The transcript reads that, "Within the last while the Mayor of Port Moody has lied to this Council at an In-Camera Meeting" and "We were told that there is a restrictive covenant involving the School District and that piece of land and the sewer connection and we were subsequently told that that is not the case. It does not exist. We were not told the truth".

Michael Rosen, Planning Consultant, then presented his report dated November 5, 2009 on Metro Vancouver's Draft Regional Strategy Updated Draft. He stated that the Village's residential area is still designated **Rural**. Metro Vancouver decided against creating a new land use designation. Since **Urban** designated areas are intended to accommodate higher densities and be connected to the regional sewer system, that leaves Anmore with only one option - **Rural**. Belcarra has also now been re-designated as being **Rural**. A Rural designation enables the Village to continue with its current residential land use and density policy. However, Mr. Rosen cautioned Council that they should take notice of two site specific areas within this proposed **Rural** designation; namely, the new Middle School and the loco lands. Rural designation does not allow for sewers and these two sites will require sewer connections. As well, the Village can apply for sewer connections in an area with health related issues. In conclusion, Mr. Rosen told Council that the Village must position itself for the future, but it is premature to take any action now. Council passed unanimously to have Mr. Rosen's report be received for information.

Next, Mr. Rosen introduced his report regarding the Proposed New Middle School after his and Mayor Weinberg's meeting with School District 43 and the Mayor of Port Moody on October 28, 2009. The School District has identified an alternative location for the new Middle School - that of the extreme north east corner of the Secondary School site where the ball field is currently located. The ball field would be relocated where the Middle School was proposed in Anmore. The School District believes that the relocation plans could result in an approximately \$8-million cost saving due to the "presence of the high pressure gas line, the challenges associated with a sloping site, the off-site road improvements to resolve traffic issues, and the jurisdictional complexities associated with the GVS&DD sewer connection". Council and the public expressed concerns over the idea of the school's proposed relocation. Mr. Rosen assured Council that the present covenant protected Anmore on the utilization of the land designated for the construction of the new Middle School and that any relocation change would require the unanimous consent of both the Village of Anmore and the City of Port Moody. The idea is only in its inception stage and a conceptual plan is being prepared by the School District and is to be forwarded for review to the Village, hopefully, within two weeks. A formal response from both municipalities would be needed by March 2010 in order to avoid creating scheduling problems for the school's construction. In the meantime, our School Trustee, Holly Butterfield, asked the public to email her any concerns. hbutterfield@sd43.bc.ca

Next, Councillor Piamonte requested that Susan and David Butterson be allowed to speak about their concern over the pump house on Uplands Drive. Councillor Palmer Isaak excused herself from this part of the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Butterson voiced three concerns:

- a very large stainless steel stack has been added to the pump house's roof that was not in the original drawings - they asked how can a developer do this?
- the 15-foot trees have still not been planted to block the view
- the site is in disrepair and an eyesore

Tim Harris, Manager of Public Works told the Susan and David Butterson that the trees should be planted within the next few weeks and site clean-up should be finished once construction was completed. Councillor Piamonte asked staff to follow-up on these issues and for the developer to give a timeline.

Under New Business, Karen-Ann Cobb, Manager of Corporate Services, stated that she had regretfully accepted a letter of resignation from Mayor Hal Weinberg, effective December 31, 2009. She stated that Section 37(A) of the Local Government Act states that the local government must appoint a Chief Electoral Officer as soon as reasonable possible after a vacancy occurs. Therefore, she has asked for a Special Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday,

January 4, 2010 to chose a Chief Electoral Officer. As well, Section 37(5) states that the Chief Electoral Officer must set a general voting day, which must be on a Saturday no later than 80-days after the date the Chief Electoral Officer has been chosen. Since Mayor Weinberg is not resigning until December 31st, the by-election will probably be held in March. As well, Section 68(3) states that if a current member of the local government wishes to run for the position of Mayor, he/she must resign from office within 14-days after the day on which the Chief Electoral Officer is appointed.

Next, Councillor Palmer Isaak discussed the issue of Library fees. The policy of giving free library cards to ``K`` students in Anmore ended due to a lack of funds. Therefore, Councillor Palmer Isaak would like this policy issue re-examined by the Finance Committee.

The final item on the Agenda was a report dated November 3, 2009, prepared by Michael Rosen concerning a rezoning application by Cordovado Development Inc. David Naime gave a presentation to rezone Lot 1 , Sections 16 and 20, Twp 39, NWD, Plan 3350, 2307 Sunnyside Road, from Single family residential (RS-1) to **Comprehensive Development (CD)** to accommodate an 18-lot subdivision, referred to as Mossom Court Estates. The subject property is 13.3 acres and is located on the west side of Sunnyside Road close to Ludlow Corner. The proposal offers a total amount of dedicated land to the Village of 21% (minimum for CD development is 20%). However, Council pointed out that the lands they were donating were protected riparian areas anyway and, thus, protected greenspace. Thus, the Village was not really being offered anything. Councillor Piamonte reminded all Councillors and the Mayor that they had all campaigned during last November's election against CD's and in favour of maintaining the one-acre concept in Anmore. Thus, he proposed that the applicant revise the proposal and resubmit before proceeding to referral. This time the riparian area should not be included in dedicated land to the Village. Passed by Council unanimously.

The meeting concluded at approximately 9:15 pm.

Written By: Camille Tribe, Editor
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