

Anmore Regular Council Meeting,
April 22, 2014

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:05 PM. All Council members, except Councillor Palmer-Isaak and Councillor Green, were present. Anmore CAO Tim Harris, Manager of Corporate Services Christine Milloy, Manager of Public Works Kevin Dicken, and five members of the public were also there.

The agenda was approved with the addition of an Agenda Addendum with a proposed change to the officer appointments for the General Local Election 2014 and a motion for Council to consider an Emergency Preparedness Working Group report at the next Regular Council meeting.

Editors note: At the Anmore Regular Council Meeting on January 28, 2014, Item 11 b, General Local Election 2014, Council had already approved the appointment of Anmore Manager of Corporate Services, Christine Milloy, as the Chief Elections Officer; Anmore CAO, Tim Harris, as the Deputy Chief Elections Officer; and former Anmore Manager of Corporate Services, Karen-Ann Cobb, as a special consultant to the project. CAO Harris indicated that Ms. Cobb's remuneration would be approximately \$1000 and that using the in-house resources would be far cheaper than contracting the process out.



Under Item 4, Petitions and Delegations, RCMP Constables Colin Kent and Ryan Smith provided an update on rural policing activity in Anmore. Constable Kent

indicated that from January 2013 until April 21, 2014 there had been 459 incident reports for Anmore. 120 of these were from Buntzen Lake. This averages 21 RCMP calls per month.

Constable Kent indicated that the nature of the incidents at Buntzen Lake were similar to those in the Village. He mentioned thefts, break-ins, missing people, and liquor and drug violations as examples. The fine for drinking liquor is \$230 and laws for drinking in the park will not change with new BC Liquor laws. He told Council that, including Federal and Provincial contributions, \$14,200 has been allotted for extra policing at Buntzen Lake for nine weekends during the summer.

Councillor Thiele was concerned about enforcing smoking and fire bans in the Buntzen Lake Park. Constable Kent said that Buntzen Lake is on BC Hydro private property and the Village of Anmore is not responsible, nor are Village bylaws applicable. Federal and Provincial laws prevail and are enforceable by the RCMP.

Councillor McEwen told the constables that he is worried about people not stopping at the stop sign on the intersection of Thompson and East Roads. Constable Kent explained that 8:30 in the morning was a good time to pull over violators, however with only three rural policing members the RCMP is limited in their ability to police and must set priorities.

Constable Kent is pleased with the new signs designating the school zone on Sunnyside Road. He thanked ICBC for providing the signs and Kevin Dicken, Manager of Public Works and his team for installing them.

Councillor McEwen then asked about efforts to control long boarding on steep slopes in Anmore. He referred to a recent complaint about a long boarding slalom course on Uplands Drive. Constable Kent talked about other long boarding incidents on Leggett Lane and in Pinnacle Ridge. He said that without a bylaw it is difficult to do anything. He also said that long boarders in the incident on Leggett were 12 and 13 year-olds where the only recourse police have is to talk to their parents. He advised Council to look at the bylaw to restrict long boarding on the municipal streets in West Vancouver. He also suggested that the Village post signs that indicate long boarding is prohibited on Anmore streets.

Mayor Anderson asked Constable Kent to report on the outcomes of the investigations into the two pedestrian fatalities on East Road in 2012-13. The Constable indicated that in one case, the driver had an undiagnosed medical condition. In the other case, while the truck was slightly overweight, this was not a problem. No charges were laid in either case. As well, other than the slopes, there was nothing wrong with the roads, streets or lighting.

Under item 5, Council adopted the minutes of the April 8, 2014 Regular Council Meeting. There was no business arising from the Minutes. Nor were any bylaws discussed.

Under item 8(a), Correspondence, Council recognized the New Westminster District Labour Council request for a day of mourning for workers killed and injured on the job and at 11 AM on Monday, April 28th there will be a moment of silence in their honour. Council received letters from the Cities of Pitt Meadows and Port Coquitlam on the Fraser Health Authority Strategic Review.

Under item 8(d) there was a discussion of medical marijuana zoning relative to a change in the City of Pitt Meadows zoning bylaw to prohibit it. Councillor Thiele indicated that she had attended a meeting where a lawyer discussed the need for municipalities to deal with this issue in their zoning bylaws. She was concerned that there is currently nothing prohibiting medical marijuana growth in the Village. CAO Tim Harris said that residents would be surprised to know that Anmore has one approved grow-op. Mayor Anderson indicated that the issue of medical marijuana growth should be flagged for the consultant planners. She said that this issue should be considered within the context of future changes to the Anmore Zoning Bylaw.

Item 8(e) a letter from the City of Vancouver relative to 'changes to BC Ambulance Service resource allocations: Impact on City and Citizens' from Janice McKenzie, City Clerk, indicates "grave concern with the unilateral decisions to change service delivery for BC Ambulance Service, which have created a negative impact on response time, patient safety, and the unprecedented downloading of costs and risks onto City First Responders." This letter was received, and staff members were asked to speak with the Fire Chief to see if there's a problem for SVFD. Item 8(f), Council received yet another letter from the Corporation of the Village of Lumby concerning recent amendments to the Canada Post service.

There were no Committee Reports or Unfinished Business. Under item 11(a) a motion by Councillor Tracy Green was tabled until she is in attendance.

Under item 11(b) Manager of Public Works, Kevin Dicken reported that he recommends that Smithrite Disposal Limited be awarded the contract for weekly organics collection and biweekly garbage collection. The contract price for Smithrite is \$79,550.10. The Halton Recycling Limited DBA Enterra Environmental proposal gave a quote of \$82,225.00. The contract with Smithrite would be for three-years, with an option for a two-year extension. Council approved this recommendation.

Mr. Dicken indicated that there would be an additional \$25,000 a year disposal fee. He also said that collection day would need to be changed to Fridays. He mentioned the need to deal with the additional costs for cart rollout and

purchase. He said there would be no more tags and the average cost per household would be \$200.

On the addendum item 11(c) under New Business, General Local Election 2014 – Officer Appointments, Christine Milloy, Manager of Corporate Services, asked Council to make two new appointments for the Chief Election Officer and the Deputy Election Officer. Ms. Milloy indicated that she had decided to step aside for personal reasons which she has discussed privately with all Council members. Instead of Ms. Milloy and CAO Harris, Council appointed Village Financial Consultant Mindy Smith as the new Chief Election Officer and Carmen Disewich as the new Deputy Election Officer. Training will be provided.

Councillor McEwen was astounded by “the outrageous cost” of \$18,000 budgeted for the 2014 Municipal election. He questioned how the costs could possibly be higher if there were 5 or 6 fewer employees at \$520 each for this election. Ms. Milloy explained that the going rate for a Chief Elections Officer is \$5-\$6000. As well, the cost of the voting machines has gone up. Further detail was not clear on why costs are expected to increase by 20% over the last election.

Under item 12, the Mayor’s Report, Mayor Anderson reported that the Council of Council's meeting on April 12 was very useful in informing Council members on topics such as solid waste disposal, Translink, and the Lions Gates sewerage disposal. She said that the Volunteer Appreciation night went well, as did the first OCP presentation. A second OCP presentation is planned for April 29th. She thanked Councillor Palmer-Isaak for the Easter Egg Hunt and mentioned the Scouts bottle drive on Saturday.

Under item 13, Councillor’s Reports, Councillor Thiele mentioned an observation at the volunteer recognition night that no new volunteers were present and the same people were honoured year after year. She explained that she feels the ongoing participation of the same people indicated that they liked volunteering for the Village. She also mentioned an upcoming Emergency Preparedness Meeting and a school safety meeting.

CAO Tim Harris gave a short report indicating that six auditors are currently reviewing Village operations. As well staff members are working on utility bills.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58. Council members then stayed on after the public left.