

Anmore Regular Council Meeting,  
April 8, 2014

There was a gathering of all Council members before the Anmore Regular Council meeting, and afterwards. No in camera meeting had been announced, however the public was not permitted to enter until the meeting was complete.

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

The minutes for the March 25, 2014 Regular Council Meeting and the April 1, 2014 Special Council Meeting were approved. Correspondence from the City of Burnaby about Canada Post cuts and a notification of a proposed amendment to the federal Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping Our Future [Metro 2040] were received.

Under new business, Council approved Mindy Smith's recommendation that the Tangible Capital Asset Policy – Policy Number 46 be moved from Council purview to administrative responsibility.

Under Item 11 b, Kevin Dicken, the Manager of Public Works reported on the proposals received in response to the Water Utility Master Plan RFP. He indicated that there were three responses from 1) Opus DaytonKnight Consultants Limited, 2) GeoAdvice Engineering Inc. and 3) Stantech Consulting Limited. Mr. Harris and Mr. Dicken assessed the three proposals based on a series of criteria.

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any other costs. Mr. Dicken indicated that the scope of the project might change when they get into it. However, at this point he did not anticipate any other charges. Councillor McEwen asked if the \$25,000 authorized last September when the Boil Water Advisory was in place had been used. Mr. Dicken indicated that it had been used on temporary chlorinators.

Councillor Thiele requested that if there are changes in the scope of the contract that these changes come before Council. She also brought up the question of 'buy local'. She thought that Council should have a discussion at some point about possible preferential treatment for local companies. She said that on the plus side, Council would be supporting local business. On the negative side, Council would need to guard against "hiring your brother-in-law". Mayor Anderson indicated that there are international trade agreements which don't allow preferential treatment for local companies.

Council agreed to the staff recommendation to award the Water Utility Master Plan project in the amount of \$87,444 to the low price bidder Opus DaytonKnight Consultants Limited.

Item 11(c) under New Business was a report dated April 8, 2014 from Tim Harris, Chief Administrative Officer, giving further details on costs for the proposed Outdoor Fitness and Recreation Park. Mr. Harris had received an all-in quote from a local builder for grand total of \$83,500. This included a washroom/storage building at \$63,500, and site clearing and service connections at \$20,000. The BC Ministry of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development grant for the installation of a washroom and outdoor gym was \$104,848 from the province with an additional \$26,212 (20%) contributed by the Village.

Mr. Harris indicated that at this juncture the cost, the shareable amount to be provided from the Village Capital Reserve Fund was now \$31,652. Councillor Thiele indicated that while she did not have her precise notes, she remembered that the numbers presented at the last meeting were \$13,000 over budget. Since this amount was considerably less, she wondered why. After a bit of conversation, Councillor McEwen determined that the repaving of the tennis courts had been forgotten in this final number. The amount to come from the Village Capital Reserve Fund was revised to \$41,652.

Councillor Green did a little napkin math to explain who would use the Green Gym for Adults that Mayor Anderson wants built in Spirit Park this summer. Councillor Green extrapolated the 17% of people surveyed who said that they might use the facility once a week (4 people) to hundreds of people in the entire Village who would use the facility.

Editors' Note: Park Planning Consultant Erik Lees of LEES and Associates had another perspective in his March 6, 2014 letter to Anmore Chief Administrative Officer Tim Harris. He said, "The results confirm our sense that the population of Anmore would not use an adult fitness circuit that often."

Mr. Lees drew this conclusion based on the small sample of residents who took the time to complete the survey and conversations with others including those who attended the Parks Open House but did not have time to complete the survey. In the survey results:

- 4.2% (1 respondent) said that they would use it more than once a week.
- 17% (4 respondents) said they might use it once a week.
- 50% (15 respondents) said they would not use the proposed facility.

Mr. Harris indicated that the facility will be built between the gazebo and the former Hurley property in Spirit Park. He reported that this site is supported by the Garden Club because there's plenty of room and the bathrooms are not too close to the children's playground. He also said that the proposed 20x20 building would contain 2 accessible washrooms and a storage space. Mr. Harris said he

had not passed this latest information by the Youth, Social and Recreation Committee, chaired by Councillor Palmer-Isaak, because they were simply going to give advice on the pieces of equipment to buy. Councillor McEwen wondered if there had been any consideration for the ongoing legacy costs related to maintaining the bathrooms and inspecting the equipment. CAO Harris indicated that the Village would have to go to tender on this issue.

Further discussion was tabled until the Youth, Social and Recreation Committee have their input. Mr. Dicken indicated that he would be willing to help them.

Item 11(d) under New Business was a motion from Councillor Green on long boarding in Anmore. This was tabled for subsequent Regular Council Meeting.

Under item 12, Mayor's Report, Mayor Anderson indicated that a public meeting on the final draft of the Official Community Plan will be held Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00 pm in the Anmore Elementary School portable classroom beside the tennis courts. She also mentioned the upcoming Easter egg hunt, Spirit Park cleanup, and Volunteer Appreciation Night. She said she had been talking to RCMP Constable Kent and he will speak to Council at the Regular Council Meeting on April 22. He said that theft from community mailboxes is on the rise, and the criminals are now taking the whole unit.

Under item 13 Councillors' Reports, Councillor Green asked if Anmore children could still be reimbursed for their library fees. Mayor Anderson said. Yes, they need to bring in their receipts for reimbursements. She also indicated that parents were concerned about SVFD fire trucks at the school. She also indicated that there are three fund-raising events for Mossom Creek Hatchery: on May 9 Zumba party, May 23rd trivia night, and barbecue planned.

Councillor Thiele indicated that the Emergency Preparedness Committee plans to coordinate with Anmore Elementary School, and work with the SVFD on emergency evacuation plans for Buntzen Lake.

Councillor McEwen indicated that there was a very short Parks meeting several weeks ago. The group is waiting for Lees and Associates to complete their report, but they are currently completing one for Metro Vancouver.

There was no Chief Administrator's Report.

In Public Question Period, item 15, at the end of the Council Meeting, two of the four residents in attendance asked questions about the Green Gym project. A member of the Parks Committee, chaired by Councillor McEwen, wondered why consideration of the Green Gym had been moved out of the purview of the Parks Master Plan to the Social, Youth, and Recreation Committee, chaired by Councillor Palmer Isaak. He also questioned the wisdom of spending this much

money on a facility that was not likely to be used when Anmore taxes have increased over 15% this year.

Another resident gave an example of regular public washroom maintenance at SFU - the need for paper towel and toilet tissue, cleaning of toilets, sinks, floors, and mirrors, unclogging blockages, and removing graffiti. She asked if this ongoing maintenance had been considered, especially considering the summer traffic to Buntzen Lake and the visitor parking at Spirit Park. CAO Harris said that ongoing maintenance of the washrooms would indeed be a challenge and that his preference was to only have the washrooms open for special events.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08. Council then stayed together for a follow-up gathering.