

## Anmore Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2014



Due to an unadvertised in-camera meeting prior to the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, early entrance was not permitted. The Anmore Alternative Community News reporter did not arrive in the portable classroom until 7:03. Another resident outside was confused about the change in the meeting schedule and was looking for directions to the Official Community Plan meeting. He was told that the OCP meeting had been held the day before.

When the reporter sat down, the Mayor was already on Agenda item 8, correspondence. All members of Council except Councillor Palmer-Isaak were in attendance, so were Manager of Corporate Services, Christine Milloy, Chief Administrative Officer, Tim Harris, Financial Consultant, Mindy Smith, and three members of the public.

Under item 8, Correspondence, a number of letters received perfunctory attention. These included:

1. recognition of National Public Works Week May 18-24, 2014
2. a handwritten letter from a lady in Maple Ridge, wanting to create a specialty center in support of mentally ill and addicted homeless people at Riverview.
3. A letter from ChildFind British Columbia asking for a proclamation for Missing Child's Month and Missing Children's Day on May 25<sup>th</sup>.
4. Notice of the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments resolution concerning a two zone approach to Agricultural Reserve Land.

Under Agenda Item 9, Committee Reports and Recommendations, Councillor McEwen confirmed that the Parks Open House, scheduled for June 3, would be bumped because of current deliberations on the Official Community Plan.

There was no unfinished business. Under item 11, a positive resolution was passed to lift a motion by Councillor Green relative to longboarding from the table. Council asked staff to review this issue and bring a proposal back to Council in the near future. Councillor McEwen reminded Council that RCMP Constable Kent had said that West Vancouver has a very good by-law to deal with this issue.

Under item 11(b) Councillor Thiele walked Council through an eight page report on Emergency Preparedness in the Village of Anmore. She said that with a Municipal Election on the horizon for November, she had written this report to:

- give a status report on the work of the committee,
- ensure continuity between this committee and the next one, and
- to have the work of this committee on the public record.

Some of the highlights of the report include the following recommendations:

1. The Emergency Preparedness Working Group status should be change from a working group to that of the committee. [Or subcommittee of the Protective Services Committee].
2. Terms of reference should be drawn up for the Committee.
3. The committee should continue to serve in an Advisory role to Council. It would also advise the Emergency Coordinator, should one be appointed.
4. A member of staff should be appointed Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Village, and this would have operational and budgetary implications. The Chief Administrative Officer would need time and resources to implement this.
5. A training program for Emergency Operations Committee members [the team that responds to emergencies] should be developed.
6. The Village should adopt a policy or by-law that delineates the roles and responsibilities of the various people and groups involved in emergency planning. A proposed organization chart for emergency planning, along with an example of such a by-law was attached to the report.
7. Council should commit to more adequate, sustained funding for emergency planning.

CAO Harris indicated that there is already a consultant working on an Emergency Evacuation Plan. Given that the Working Group is winding down, Council voted to support all of the recommendations in Councillor Thiele's report and asked staff to come back to Council with advice on how to proceed.

Under item 12(c) Councillor Palmer-Isaak submitted a grant application for \$1300 on behalf of Anmore Youth in Action, which she chairs. The purpose of this grant is to enable the leaders to assist youth in volunteering/lunches/dinners and some activities, including taking the youth bowling and to the movies. Council approved this grant application.

Under item 11(d) New Business, housekeeping change was made to the wording of the April 22, 2014 motion, which approved the three-year contract for Waste and Organic Collection Services to Smithrite. The first year is for \$79,550.10. Each subsequent year would increase by the consumer price index (CPI).

The next item 11(e), under New Business, was a PowerPoint presentation on Solid Waste Rates by Financial Consultant Mindy Smith. Council decided to move the cost of solid waste pickup from general taxation and resident-paid garbage tags to a direct solid waste levy, which will be applied to the utilities billing in the fall. The costs for solid waste pickup would no longer be included in the general tax rates. The rationale for the separate levy is:

- it supports the Village's solid waste collection plan
- it is user pay and cost recovery
- it is simple to understand
- the Village controls the ownership and maintenance of the bins
- there are built-in incentives for doing the right thing.

July 31, 2014, the Village will no longer use garbage tags. Residents are encouraged to use or trade their garbage tags since no refund will be given. Councillor Thiele was concerned about this and thought perhaps staff could look into a credit which could be applied to the levy for those with a large number of tags.

Councillor McEwen was concerned about an administrative fee of \$19,000 for staff time with the new garbage and green-waste bin rollout. He said that the staff time for this should not increase over the current administration of the garbage tag system. The cost of the rollout of the new bear-proof bin system will be \$233,000 over 10 years. The rollout will require residents to pay an initial outlay for the solid waste levy of \$200 per bin x 2 bins per household + \$50 for administration.

Councillor Green was concerned that charging the same amount per bin, regardless of size was a disincentive to lessening garbage and green waste. Several councillors insisted that residents should be reimbursed for any surplus caused by the change in the garbage contractor, the \$80,000 saved on recycling, and for the changeover, including excess garbage tags.

Please note that the information showed that regular garbage pickup would now be on a bi-weekly pickup schedule. Although residents are required to pay a one-time \$450 levy for new garbage bins when the program starts, the Village will

own and be responsible for the maintenance of these solid waste bear-proof bins.

Under item 12, Mayor's Report, Mayor Anderson mentioned several meetings that she had attended.

Under Councillors' Reports, item 13, Councillor Green suggested that sample bins be available at meetings where people are expected to attend. She also indicated that since there will be no school buses in Anmore in the future, effort should be made to have traffic plans for the school zones. Councillor Thiele reported that the Emergency Preparedness Working group is working with Anmore Elementary School to coordinate efforts. Councillor Thiele is also concerned about traffic issues near the schools when school bussing stops.

The Chief Administrative Officer Tim Harris talked a bit more about garbage tags. He also indicated that the tennis courts had been power washed.



Under item 15, Public Question Period, Mayor Anderson explained to a resident that currently opts out of the existing garbage collection program that opting out will not be an option in the new waste management regime. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

