

Anmore Regular Council Meeting
February 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM when Councillor McEwen arrived. All Council members, CAO Tim Harris, Manager of Public Works, Kevin Dicken, Manager of Corporate Services Christine Milloy, and seven members of the public were in attendance.

Council approved the meeting Agenda with the addition of an Addendum from the Environment Committee. The January 21, 2014 and January 28, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Minutes were approved with a slight change in the January 28th minutes from Mayor Anderson. "She attended a Metro board meeting where they discussed **oil and coal transport** by rail."

In Business arising from the Minutes, Mayor Anderson indicated that she was not sure why, but Financial Planning consultant Mindy Smith had decided to take the five-year financial plan back to the Finance Committee Meeting on February 17 2014 rather than directly to Council for final approval.

Under item 8, Correspondence, there was a short discussion about a Municipal Councils Guide to Infrastructure Construction from the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association. School District 43 Board of Education Chair, Melissa Hyndes, thanked staff for their snow removal efforts on Friday, December 20th. Council directed staff to send a letter of support for "more adequate notification to all Coast communities in the event of a natural disaster" to UBCM. Lastly, Council agreed to support the initiative for a National Dementia Strategy: Municipal Resolution C-356 proposed in a letter from MP Claude Gravelle.

A further request in letter from Kyle Pilon, President of the Burrard Inlet Marine Enhancement Society (BIMES) (Mossom Creek Hatchery) on the February 11, 2014 Meeting Agenda Addendum was approved. Council will send a letter of support relative to a \$250,000 grant application by BIMES to the Pacific Salmon Foundation with a quick turnaround time of February 14th.

Under item 9. Committee Reports and Recommendations, the Environment Committee asked the Village of Anmore to apply for a \$2000 SEED grant to provide WildSafe BC services within the community. WildSafe BC is an organization that evolved from the Bear Aware Program and includes a much broader range of wildlife. Anmore previously contributed \$1000 to the Bear Aware Program. A municipal contribution of \$500 would be needed to apply for the grant. Instead of a direct contribution of \$500, Mayor Anderson suggested that members of the Environment Committee submit a grant application to the Anmore Community Grants Program.

Under item 11, New Business, Manager of Public Works, Kevin Dicken spoke to his report on the Location Analysis for the Outdoor Fitness and Recreation Park. The site that he was asked to review is an undeveloped half-acre situated to the south of Spirit Park. Since the lot is generally lower than the gas pipeline ROW to the north, it appears that this area naturally collects ground water from Spirit Park as evidenced by wet conditions at the time of this inspection (January 2014). The challenges with this site include:

- The center one third of the lot appearing to be an ephemeral watercourse will require the installation of a permanent drainage swale to extend from the Northern boundary to the existing ditch on Ravenswood drive to the south. Alternatively this portion of the lot could be filled and subsurface drainage installed to control groundwater.
- Many of the deciduous trees on the site are Western Red Alder in various stages of decay. The removal of these trees as well as the number of non-native species would be required during the site preparation.
- The neighboring resident to the west currently enjoys the privacy of the vacant treed lot. With very little in the way of existing trees along the fence line, a vegetative buffer would be required as a physical screen as well as to aid in sound dampening.
- Safe access to the lot is limited to the northern boundary. Ideally visitors to this location would park in the Village Hall parking lot, cross Ma Murray Lane and enter the lot from the pipeline trail. Access from the south is possible, however a crosswalk at this location would be challenging as the corner on Ravenswood drive is somewhat blind. A fence along the southern and eastern lot lines would also be recommended to control access and egress.

Mr. Dicken indicated that \$50,000 would likely be required to prepare this site for the addition of the Outdoor Fitness and Recreation Park equipment.

Council discussed the possibility of preparing less than the full half-acre and whether or not another site might be more appropriate. Mr. Harris indicated that the grant needs to be used by March 31, 2015. He also indicated that the consultants hired to do the Parks Master Plan were intending to look at this site for the Green Gym.

Councillor Green recommended that staff prepare a report on optional directions for Council to consider by March 11th. Mayor Anderson talked about the possibility of using money in the Park Reserve Fund for site preparation.

Councillor McEwen indicated that the Green Gym grant application had been made in a hurry (10 days) because cheap and easy money was available. The numbers were not concise and did not include the costs of site preparation and mounting the equipment. \$30,000 worth of equipment was purchased from a company that has now gone bankrupt. Councillor McEwen suggested that three companies be asked to look at what it will really cost to prepare the site and

install the equipment. He said that given the scarceness of financial resources identified by Mindy Smith, Council might just want to say “goodbye” to this project in the same way as that they gave back the money for the day care center in Anmore.

Mayor Anderson corrected Councillor McEwen and said they did not give back the money for the daycare centre.

Councillor Isaak indicated that the Anmore Youth Committee was excited about the prospect of the green gym and were hoping to be included in the discussions. She also suggested that perhaps the building of washrooms could be deferred with the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development until the new Village Hall is built.

Council decided to proceed with Councillor Green’s request for a staff report on Green Gym options which would include how much it will cost to prepare the sites and install the equipment. CAO Tim Harris indicated that if the Village is to reach the grant deadline the construction should commence by May 1st.

Item 12, Mayor’s Report, Mayor Anderson attended the opening of the Port Moody Fire Station, and a Mayors’ meeting on Translink.

Under item 13 Councillor’s Reports, Councillor Isaak indicated that members of the Metro Vancouver Agricultural and Regional Planning Group were concerned about illegal soil dumping. CAO Tim Harris indicated that a quick way of dealing with this in Anmore would be to include an item on dumping intentions for developers in their PLR and also to add this to the tree by law.

Councillor Thiele is pleased with the progress of the Emergency Preparedness Working Group and said they are hopeful that the contact lists in the book would be up to date in 2014. Village staff is taking an Emergency Preparedness Course in June. Unfortunately, the callout for volunteers for the Protective Services Committee was not successful. When there are enough members to form a committee, she is hopeful that they can work on the emergency wildfire plan.

Councillor Green welcomed people to the upcoming Environment Committee Meeting. Mayor Anderson asked about the effectiveness of the invasive plant contract. CAO Harris indicated that there is a warrantee on the contract and that the Village has committed money in the MRN budget for future knotweed eradication. There was no report from the Chief Administrative Officer.

In Public Question Period, a resident asked if the BC Supreme Court ruling on the need to preserve the donated 1941 Binning House in the District of West Vancouver would impact on Anmore Council decision to get rid of the donated 1916 heritage home of the ‘Newspapering Murrays’ which has served as the Village Hall since Anmore incorporation 25 years ago. Mayor Anderson,

Councillor Green, and Councillor Thiele were convinced that this would be the case, although they did not suggest seeking a legal opinion from Anmore counsel.

Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting and Council went into an in-camera meeting with Brent Elliott, Planner with Cityspaces Consulting and a group of other people to discuss matters pursuant to section 90(1)(j) of the *Community Charter* that refers to 'information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*'.