

## Anmore Regular Council Meeting Report January 28, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Anderson at 7:04 PM. All members of Council plus, Chief Administrative Officer Tim Harris, Manager of Corporate Services Christine Milloy, and three consultants; Mindy Smith, financial consultant, and Brent Elliott and Kate Lambert planners from CitySpaces consulting were present. The meeting room in the portable classroom behind Anmore Elementary School was packed with students and parents from Maple Creek Middle School. A number of local developers were also present.

The agenda was approved with the addition of an addendum. The addendum included a request to have Mark Ferrari, Secretary-Treasurer, of School District 43 give an update on long and short-term capital programs at a future date. As well, the recommendations from the Advisory Planning Committee at their January 9, 2014 meeting relative to the Draft Official Community Plan was appended.



The meeting began with a delegation of students from Maple Creek Middle School led by their teacher, Anmore resident Harriet Chang. The delegation asked Council to proclaim the week of February 9-14, 2014 as Real Acts of Caring Week. The young people explained that this meant being kind and caring

without expecting anything in return. This is the ninth year for this growing initiative. The young people gave examples of kind things that they were doing and suggested a Google search for other possibilities. They ended their presentation by sharing Valentine's Day cookies with the Council and other people in attendance.



The minutes of the meeting held January 14, 2014 were approved with one minor change. Under Item 7, Bylaws, Council gave third reading and final approval to the Anmore Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw Number 528-2014 after Financial consultant Mindy Smith added an additional \$30,000 to the original Schedule B.

Editors' Note:

**The important points noted for the 2014 budget are as follows: (1) The Property Tax Impact is a 15.5% increase. (2) The Water Tax Impact is a 12.2% increase. (3) The Budget showed Total Revenue of \$2,640,749 and Total Expenses of \$3,695,268 resulting in a deficit of \$1,054,519. Deficit funding from Reserves.**

Under item 8 Correspondence, in response to a letter from the Council for the District of North Vancouver (Item 8a) relative to the Provincial Core Review and Agricultural Land Commission, Anmore Council members agreed to send a letter to the province requesting that the Core Review Minister and the Minister of Agriculture ensure the Provincial Core Review process served to protect and enhance the Agricultural Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission in support of objectives regarding the regions supply of agricultural land and agricultural viability. Item 8b was a letter from the Hon. Selena Robinson, MLA for Coquitlam-Maillardville requesting feedback on proposed changes to campaign expense limits. Council decided to respond to her on an individual member basis.

Under item 9. Committee Reports and Recommendations, the Minutes of the July 29, 2013, and September 23, 2013. Environment committee meetings were approved. A recommendation from the Environment Committee that *"members request that Council consider a recommendation to staff, listing all significant development applications and development related information, such as subdivision, printer preliminary layout review and building permit information on the website, with direct links to current application approvals and other development related material."* Councillor Green, Chair of the Environment Committee, while recognizing this might take staff time, indicated that this was common practice in other communities. CAO Harris indicated that staff could work on this.

Councillor Green also asked about the status of a letter to the owners of the IOCO lands relative to eradication of invasive plants in the vicinity of Anmore. It had not been done. The September 23, 2013. Environment Committee Minutes had been a unanimous recommendation to Council: *"that the Environment Committee would like to request Council to again direct staff to send a letter to Imperial Oil Lands and/or any new parties involved in the IOCO regarding cooperating with an Invasive Plant Management Plan, more specifically, following the current Village of Anmore Invasive Plant Management Plan."* Council agreed.

Under item 10, New Business, the Addendum Recommendations from the Advisory Planning Commission Meeting on January 9, 2014, Council deferred this discussion to item 11 a under New Business, the Anmore Draft Official Community Plan.

Item 11 a, Anmore Draft Official Community Plan, dealt with a report dated January 24, 2014 from Brent Elliott and Kate Lambert, planning consultants with CitySpaces Consulting. Ms. Lambert made a presentation to Council, which highlighted the process to date, gave an overview of the content, and recommended next steps for the Official Community Plan. She indicated that the Advisory Planning Commission was very concerned about inaccuracies and omissions in previous maps of major watersheds and hillside areas. She suggested that a Special Meeting of Council, open to the public, be setup for Council to review the draft OCP and then go to a Hearing for public input.

Planning consultant Brent Elliott suggested a Special Council Meeting focusing on areas where the Advisory Planning Commission did not agree and also on the specific interests of individual Council members. He agreed that the public should be able to sit in on the meeting in real time. Council voted to receive the information in the Advisory Planning Commission recommendations of January 9, 2014.

Item 11 b, General Local Election 2014, Council 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.

Item 11c. Council approved a cost overrun of \$5250 incurred by Vann Struth Consulting Group for the Financial Sustainability Plan.

Item 11 d. Council lauded Anmore Manager of Public Works for his initiative in applying for a grant up to \$10,000 towards the Water Utility Master Plan, which is expected to cost between \$80,000 - \$100,000, not including GST. Council approved.

Item 11 e. Echoing the recent Belcarra initiative, which honoured long-time Village Planner, Michael Rosen, posthumously, Mayor Anderson said that at a future date Council members would brainstorm on a tribute to Mr. Rosen for sometime in late Spring. May was mentioned. Mr. Rosen died two years ago.

Under item 12, Mayor's Report, Mayor Anderson spoke about the Metro Mayors Council opposition to a provincial government recommendation to have a referendum question on Translink funding. She also indicated that the mayors are concerned about the derailment of the coal train in Burnaby within the broader context. She reminded people that they are invited to attend the opening of the new Port Moody Fire Hall.

Under Councillors reports, Councillor Green thanked Public Works for the giant neon signs designating the School Zone. She noted that there is a \$6000 grant for youth consultation and that this could lead to a \$20,000 implementation plan. Other Councillors gave updates on upcoming meetings. The Chief Administrative Officer indicated that staff will be attending an Emergency Preparedness training session on February 18. He also commented on the new school zone signs.

In public question, there was only one question. It was to CAO Harris and asked about the quality of Anmore drinking water. The resident was concerned because a neighbour reported calling in Anmore Public Works to test chlorine levels in the water in her house. She said it smelled like bleach. The staff person reported that the level of chlorine was 2.3 and the maximum is 1.7. Another neighbour had indicated to the resident that the village staff was flushing the water mains on Fern Drive for over four hours on the same day. No notice had been given.

Mr. Harris said that staff was "twerking" the levels of chlorine. He was not sure what was going on Fern Drive. However he assured the resident that the water was perfectly fine to drink.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Editors Note: The Anmore Alternative Community News will be dividing the draft Official Community Plan into sections to be presented in a series of articles. The entire Official Community Plan is too large a file to load on the website at one time.