

**Anmore Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 following a closed meeting of Council. All members of Council, Chief Administrative Officer Tim Harris, Manager of Public Works Kevin Dicken, Manager of Corporate Services Christine Milloy, Financial Consultant Mindy Smith, Planning Consultant Brent Elliott, and approximately 15 members of the public were in attendance.

The agenda was approved with the addition of two pieces of correspondence. Item 8(e) under Correspondence is a letter from the City of Burnaby relative to the impacts of the proposal to eliminate home delivery service by Canada Post. The second letter was a notification of a proposed amendment to the Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future [Metro 2040] The Regional Growth Strategy – Type III Amendment.

Under item 4, Petitions and Delegations, two delegations prepared to make presentations to the Council. The first delegation Agenda Item 4(a) was a delegation from TransLink to present information to Council on the North East Sector Area Transit Plan. Representatives of TransLink, Matt Craig and Shirley Samujh, led the Council through a PowerPoint presentation on the future vision (30 years) and near-term plans (1 to 10 years) for transportation in the Northeast Sector. They also spoke about the public engagement process to date, including an online survey with 1700 respondents.

The TransLink representatives spoke about creating park-and-ride hubs for transit near the stops for the new Evergreen line of the Skytrain which is expected to open in the summer of 2016. They also indicated that the West Coast Express service will continue. A stakeholder conference is planned for March 12, 2014. Consultants from CitySpaces who serve the Village in a planning capacity will be in attendance.

Mayor Anderson indicated that residents of Anmore rely heavily on the TransLink shuttle bus service to Anmore. She also pointed out that the increased density expected to cluster around the Evergreen line will create increased demand recreational amenities and for transportation to and from Buntzen Lake. She also indicated the need for Major Road Network Funding. Councillor Green referenced the need for increased rider capacity for students in Anmore. When the new Eagle Mountain Middle School is ready, students in Anmore will no longer go by school bus to Moody Middle School but rather will be on their own to get to school.

Under Item 4(b) a delegation of three staff members from BC Hydro made a PowerPoint presentation on three possible transmission line routes, one of

which is through Anmore. Judy Dabrowolski, Community Engagement and Capital Projects Communication representative for BC Hydro explained the consultation process to date. Two other representatives, Matt Drown and Antigone Dixon-Warren, talked about the technical and design elements.

They indicated that the project is necessary because existing circuits have reached capacity. There is a need to replace the 230 KV transmission line aging infrastructure and meet the 2% a year growth in demand. The representatives indicated that overhead lines are less expensive than underground service and last almost twice as long. The options presented also consider existing BC Hydro rights-of-way.

The first transmission line option 'the Southern route' goes overhead from Como Lake via Highway 7 and Highway 1 through Burnaby and ultimately to Mount Pleasant. The third transmission line option starts at Como Lake sub-station and goes underground all the way to Mt. Pleasant. Both of these two options will require new power feeds into Como Lake sub-station within four to six years.

The second transmission line option 'the Northern Route' comes from the Meridian substation and uses existing rights-of-way through Anmore. It goes overhead across Burrard inlet then travels underground in road corridors to Mount Pleasant.

Open House Meetings to consider the transmission line options have been held in Coquitlam, Vancouver, Port Moody and Burnaby. Ms Dabrowolski indicated that to date, over 200 people have participated in this consultation. She apologized for spotty mail-drop notification in Anmore for these meetings and explained that they did not have addresses for people directly affected. While Mayor Anderson was concerned that Council had not been consulted on these plans until now, Ms. Dabrowolski stated that she had been in touch with Village staff since July of last year.

Ms Dabrowolski indicated that the people in Anmore who have participated in the consultations so far were concerned about trees; water crossings; health and safety concerns; property values; and visual impacts. Mayor Anderson indicated that Council should send a letter requesting that the new lines not go through Anmore.

In response to concerns about the possible health impacts of the new lines, BC Hydro engineer Matt Drown explained that there are strict standards established by the International Committee on Non-ionizing Radiation Protection that they must adhere to. As well, the British Columbia Utilities Commission has oversight on major projects like this one of \$100,000 and more. Golder Associates provides independent environmental review.

There were a number of questions posed to the BC Hydro representatives. Not only are Council members and residents concerned about health, safety, and environmental issues, but also possible construction mess and inconvenience for residents near the rights-of-way.

Antigone Dixon-Warren indicated that the ultimate route choice of the transmission line route must be in the best interest of BC rate payers. Considerations include: cost, constructibility, environmental considerations, and replacement in the future.

Editors Note: The Anmore Alternative News has contacted Ms Dabrowski and asked for any pertinent material used in the consultations to date. We will attempt to keep you up-to-date on anything important we receive from BC Hydro relative to the possibility of the new transmission lines being routed through the Village of Anmore.

Under item 5, the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2014 were adopted. These include the Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw Number 528-2014, the Water Rates and Regulations Amendment bylaw number 530-2014, and the Reserve Fund Bylaw number 531-2014 which provides greater flexibility in the transfer of funds. These By-laws were 'finally passed and adopted' at the Regular Council Meeting of March 11, 2014.

Editor's Note: From a presentation by Mindy Smith (Finance Manager) at the January 21, 2014 Anmore Special Council Meeting

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 to be covered from Reserve.**

As well, the February 25, 2014 Minutes show that Council approved a grant in the amount of \$1000 to First Anmore Scouts for their anniversary dinner, \$1300 to Friendly Forest Preschool for a Community Learning Garden and \$250 for the Glenda Treffry-Goatly bursary, and \$437.02 Communities Embracing Restorative Action for the Community Youth Justice Program.

Under agenda item 8, Council considered a number of pieces of correspondence. Mayor Anderson indicated that with reference to 8(a) a Kinder Morgan letter dated January 15, 2014 and received February 21 2014, Anmore would not be seeking intervener status in the proposed

pipeline discussions but would instead participate in a group organized by Metro Vancouver.

8(b) the UBCM 2013 Age-Friendly Community Project was completed on time and only slightly over budget. In items 8(c) and 8(e) the Cities of New Westminster and Burnaby are protesting changes to Canada post home delivery. Item 8(d) was a letter of support to the Union of BC Municipalities Board of Directors from Pitt Meadows re-updating or replacing provincial emergency notification systems. Finally, item 8(f) a notification letter dated March 7, 2014 proposing an amendment to Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping Our Future. [Metro 2040] the Regional Growth Strategy (no reference to Anmore) was referred to Brent Elliott, planning consultant for possible implications.

Under Item 11, New Business, Anmore Chief Administrative Officer Tim Harris presented his analysis of the proposed Outdoor Fitness and Recreation Park. Mr. Harris gives four options on how to proceed.

Option One: Direct staff to install the outdoor gym along the property line between the civic lot and Spirit Park, and further install the washroom and storage building in Spirit Park along the Western property line.

Option Two: Direct staff to apply to the province for an extension of the project completion deadline from March 31st 2015 to March 31st 2016.

Option Three: Install the outdoor gym at Spirit Park and utilize the remaining \$67,750 to renovate the current Village Hall addition built in 2006. This would include finishing basement washrooms and storage area. The upper floor can be utilized for Council and Committee meetings until such time as we are able to build a new Village Hall.

Option Four: Cancel the project and return the grant.

At the request of Council, in a March 6, 2014 letter attached to the Agenda, Park Planning Consultant Erik Lees, LEES and Associates advised on the findings of a question which sought the opinions of residents on whether or not they would use the proposed outdoor gym. He said *"The results confirm our sense that the population of Anmore would not use an adult fitness circuit that often."*

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

Mr. Harris estimates the cost to build the outdoor gym and washrooms to be \$135,000 if built in Spirit Park. The Village of Anmore would be required to contribute 20% (\$27,000) of this direct cost of \$135,000, with the Ministry of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development paying 80%. Council decided to move forward on the proposed green gym despite the concerns of Councillors McEwen and Thiele.

Councillor McEwen was concerned that the grant was hurriedly put together because of the lure of the 80% grant from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. He said he was talking to the parks consultant who indicated that the facility was not likely to be used at all. He also thought the project should be considered within the context of the Parks Master Plan. He said that the \$10,300 already spent on the tennis courts would not be wasted if the grant was returned because the work needed to be done. He was also concerned about the legacy costs of the project for such things as security and equipment maintenance.

Councillor Thiele said she was not a fan of the project and was not there when it was originally conceived. Given the current financial stresses in the Village, she expressed concerns over costs and a \$15,000 over budget amount. She said that there are other priorities that need to be addressed.

On the other hand, Councillor Palmer-Isaak and Councillor Green thought the facility could become “a bit of the destination” for Anmore residents, especially the older youth. There was considerable discussion about the need for washrooms to fulfill the terms of the grant. This was confounded by uncertainties about building a new Municipal Hall.

In the end, Mayor Anderson put forward a motion to refer the issue to the Youth, Social, and Recreation Committee to look into the kind of equipment that they want. The second part of the motion was for staff to look into the cost of building washrooms and storage.

Under item 12, Mayor’s Report, Mayor Anderson reported that she met with MLA Linda Reimer about grant possibilities and attended a couple of other meetings. Under Councillors’ Reports, Agenda Item 13, Councillors Isaak and Green reported on the Healthy Communities and Youth workshop. Chief Administrative Officer Tim Harris reported that tenders are out for the Water System Modeling and Waste and Organics requests for proposals.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 9:18 and Council moved into another in-camera meeting.

