

Anmore Regular Council Meeting
July 29, 2014

The meeting was preceded by an in-camera meeting. There was also an in-camera meeting the day before on July 28th. Mayor Anderson called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Spirit Park behind the decommissioned Anmore Village Hall. All members of Council, CAO Tim Harris, Manager of Corporate Services Christine Milloy, Kevin Dicken, Manager of Public Works and approximately 5 members of the Public were in attendance, as well as far too many to count mosquitoes.

The agenda was approved with no changes. The Minutes for the Regular Council Meetings on June 24 and July 15 were approved. There was no business arising from the minutes.

Under item 7(a) Bylaws, the Election Procedure Bylaw number 533 – 2014 was passed, but not before some discussion about the incorrect conversion of the size of election signs. Number 15(f) in the bylaw read “the signed area does not exceed 4.88 m² (16 ft.²) and does not exceed 2.44 m (8 feet) in height from the ground, including support material.” Councillor Thiele questioned the conversion formula and wondered if Council really intends to have 18 or 20 foot signs. Christine Milloy said the staff would double check the conversions. Councillor McEwen also wanted some clarification about angled signs. He was told only one sign would be allowed although it could be double-sided.

Under item 7(b) Council considered and passed the Solid Waste Management Bylaw number 534 – 2014. A resident asked if it was legal for the Village to charge residents for their garbage and green waste bins and then immediately transfer the ownership of the bins to the Village. CAO Harris was asked if the Village lawyers had reviewed this. Mr. Harris did not know. Mayor Anderson indicated that one way or another the taxpayers would have to pay. There was a discussion about neighbouring communities similarly owning the garbage bins distributed to residents.

Editors' Note: We understand that in Port Moody, the city owns the bins and, unlike in Anmore, gives them to residents without charge.

This same resident was concerned that residents who are careful with their garbage and green waste will be subsidizing others since the tipping fee is the same regardless of the amount of garbage and green waste produced. There was further concern about plastic bags, styrofoam, and some other previously recyclable items now just going into the garbage because it is too difficult for residents to find places to recycle these items.

Prior to the final approval of the Solid Waste Management Bylaw number 534 – 2014, Councillor Green pointed out that throughout the document staff probably

meant 'Noxious Waste' not 'Obnoxious Waste'. A resident was heard muttering "Oscar the Grouch would like the obnoxious waste."

Under Item 8 Correspondence, Council decided to send a letter of support for the City of Port Moody in their request to the Metro Vancouver Board "to amend the Regional Growth Strategy by changing the Regional Land-use Designation of the Andres Wine site from Industrial to General Urban".

Under Item 9(a) Committee Reports and Recommendations, at a joint meeting of the Parks Committee and the Social, Youth and Recreation Committee, the following unanimous recommendation was made

"that, based on the results of the Parks Plan and discussions with the two committees, it seems like there might be a better use to talk to the Ministry about reallocating the funds from outdoor gym equipment to a bike park."

There was a great deal of discussion about this recommendation with Mayor Anderson and Councillor Green wanting to proceed with the original recommendation to build the Outdoor Green Gym for adults. Mayor Anderson said that while she would probably not use the equipment, others would and Spirit Park would become a hub of the community. Councillor Green was similarly supportive.

On the other hand, Councillors McEwen and Thiele were concerned about the budget overruns of close to \$15,000, the legacy costs of a minimum of \$25,000 a year, and the strong evidence from the community that residents were not interested in and would not use such a facility. Councillor Palmer-Isaak was excited about the prospect of new washrooms and storage space, but did not think that it would be wise to proceed with the green gym that nobody wants.

Councillor Thiele suggested that, while it was a little risky, Council should go back to the Ministry asking for an extension of the grant and a changing scope. The changed scope would be determined by further consultations with the community. Parks consultant Erik Lees' report indicated that parks and trails were the highest recreational priority for residents.

The three options for Council were:

- 1) proceed as per the terms of the grant,
- 2).gamble on the ministry approving an amendment and extension,
- 3) cease the project and return the money.

Council voted 3(Councillors Thiele, McEwen, and Isaak) to 2 (Mayor Anderson and Councillor Green) to approach the Ministry for an extension and for a change to the scope of the project.

****Note:** Councillor McEwen left the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Under item 11(a) New Business - the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Program, Manager of Public Works Kevin Dicken presented an overview of the program launch. He reiterated the schedule:

July 28 - Last Regular Service with Tags

Friday, August 1 - First Weekly Automated Green Waste

Friday August 1 - First Weekly Recycling Pick-up (New Blue Bin for Glass)

Friday, August 8 - First bi-weekly automated Garbage Pick up

Note: the pickup will be the first business day before a statutory holiday

The distribution of bins is well underway. Each home should receive a bin for garbage, a bin for green waste, a light blue recycle bin for glass, and a small bucket for collecting the green waste. If residents have not received these, they should get in touch with Smithrite the waste management contractors.

The carts should be unclipped on pickup day. Residents should put their addresses on the white strip on the top of the bin. Residents can still exchange their bins for a different size. They should also continue to use the blue bin and plastic bags for recycle goods. There was talk about residents freezing smelly green waste before pickup day and the use of brown paper bags and newspaper to line the bins.

Under item 11(b) the retaining wall repair at Kinsey Drive in Pinnacle Ridge, Manager of Public Works, Mr. Dicken, reported that the developer of the property had agreed to pay half of the \$26,000 repair estimate. He said that there did not appear to be any other problems at this point in time. Mayor Anderson asked if the consultants that signed off on the project should contribute as well

Under item 11(c) draft terms of reference for Council Committees were prepared by staff for Council consideration. Manager of Corporate Services Christine Milloy suggested that the draft terms of reference be considered by the individual committees for recommendations back to Council. Council agreed.

Under item 12, Mayor's Report, Mayor Anderson reported that the Village has received a grant of a thousand dollars in recognition of age-friendly work. She suggested that the Age-friendly Committee decide how to spend this money. She was also pleased to be invited to attend the Sod Turning Ceremony for Mossom Creek Hatchery.

She reported that the Metro Vancouver Board is reviewing the revised Provincial Water Act, that Translink had a wake-up call on emergency evacuation with

Skytrain problems last week, and she also asked staff to revise the bylaw to allow resident on-street parking for temporary events.

Under item 12 , Councillors Reports, Councillor Green thanked Mayor Anderson for attending the Mossom Creek Hatchery Sod Turning event. She also informed Council that 'Imperial' had donated \$75,000 to the rebuilding of the hatchery.

Councillor Palmer-Isaak was thrilled with the incredible Order of British Columbia Investiture Ceremony in Victoria for former Anmore Mayor Hal Weinberg and 22 others. Councillors Palmer-Isaak and Green, with the support of Anmore Council, nominated Dr. Weinberg for this honour.

The Chief Administrative Officer Tim Harris did not have a report.

In Public Question Period, a resident commented on subsequent phases in the Pinnacle Ridge development and the need to insure no further retaining wall damage.

Another resident thanked the Public Works staff for cutting the long swamp grass on Village property in front of her home. She also asked if Council had plans to address the issues identified by Metro Vancouver planners in their report on the Anmore Regional Context Statement. In the Summary/Conclusion the report indicated, "Metro Vancouver still remains concerned about the limited indication of steep slope policies to support the proposed higher density of 1.5 lots per acre on steep slopes. Addressing this lack of policy should be a priority for the Village of Anmore." Mayor Anderson said that the Anmore Planning Consultant has already addressed this and other issues in the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy.

Mayor Anderson reminded Council that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12 at 7 PM. She then adjourned the meeting at 9:25.