

Village of Anmore Regular Council Meeting

Date and Time - Tuesday, September 10, 2014, 7 p.m.

Place - Spirit Park, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC

In Attendance:

Mayor Heather Anderson
Councillor Tracy Green
Councillor John McEwen
Councillor Kerri Palmer-Isaak
Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele

Tim Harris, CAO
Christine Milloy, MCS
Brent Elliott, Planning Consultant
Kate Lambert, Planning Consultant

1. Call to Order - 7:04 Public attendees peaked at about 25 until the third reading of the OCP took place

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda - There were none.

3. Approval of the Agenda - It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously "that the agenda be approved."

4. Petitions and Delegations - There were none.

5. Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held August 12, 2014 - It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously "that the minutes of the regular council meeting held on August 12, 2014 be adopted."

6. Business Arising from the Minutes - Councillor Green quietly commented or asked a question and Councillor McEwen asked if work had begun on the \$26,000 to 30,000 retaining wall repair at Kinsey Drive. The CAO said that the repair work had not begun.

7. Bylaws - Anmore Official Community Plan (OCP) Designation Bylaw No. 532, 2014

Mayor Anderson stated that at the end of July Metro Vancouver approved Anmore's proposed growth statement (Regional Context Statement) and Official Community Plan. Neighbouring municipalities and organizations affected, such as BC Hydro and Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department also had a chance to review the plan. There were no proposed changes. Before asking the planning consultants to speak the mayor thanked Brent Elliott and Kate Lambert for all the time they spent on the plan and commended their work.

Mr. Elliott then spoke briefly about the OCP process to date emphasizing that it began in 2012 and involved committees, meetings and "numerous conversations". Comments about the quality of public input have arisen at meetings and through letters; as have concerns about various points of draft OCP. Even in light of some public comments upon reflection, Mr. Elliott felt that the draft plan did not require any changes. He thought that there were points which could be clarified and they have done that, but added that at this time any major changes would require a new OCP process.

He stated that the major changes in the new plan were to RS2 and CD zoning and in the clause around water courses (E9) which ensures that the Village will protect riparian areas through the application of a Development Permit. Provincial regulations and recommendations will define the process. If riparian repairs or studies have already been undertaken they will not need to be repeated. He felt that the adjustments made will satisfy many of the residents' questions and concerns.

Councillor Green raised the point that issues around minimum lot size in existing one acre zoning did not arise until a short time before the final hearing. She asked what changes in zoning bylaws might address these issues. Mr. Elliott suggested that "it so happens that the minimum lot size in Anmore is also one acre and if you take a one acre lot and subdivide in any way you create two lots per acre. Zoning could, however, get into such things as footprint, setback, duplexes or coach houses when looking at what is best in terms of the character of Anmore."

Councillor Thiele asked for a few moments to express her concerns with the actual OCP process. She stated that we have known since May 20th, when we made significant changes to the draft that we were coming to this point in September. Changes were posted on the website and in the newspaper but there was no publication of changes in terms of a public notice. The information on the website was sometimes available and sometimes not.

Furthermore, planners always provided a written report of any changes and when they happened but not in the May report. The minutes of the May 20th meeting appeared with the May 27th agenda but they did not convey important information. She added, "We have been told that we expect residents to inform themselves but I think we have done a poor job of communicating... We rushed the process. There was a perception that we tried to slip one past the public so I am having a hard time supporting the plan tonight although I too would like to move it along. There are people out there who would like to have known about the changes and maybe didn't have access to the information."

Mayor Anderson stated that at the end of May, the changes outlined were very clear. She said that people who were really interested and concerned came to the public hearings and at the end of the day, council makes the decisions. She concluded by asking if everyone was comfortable with the two proposed changes to the draft OCP (on page 39 E-9, a policy amendment and on page 63, text changes). These were included in the agenda package.

Councillor Palmer-Isaak said she felt proud of the OCP and that it reflected council's ability to listen and act.

Councillor McEwen felt overall the plan showcases the "new" Anmore. More debate would not have changed anything although it seemed like a lot of work was put into it but only spent the last 5 minutes of a meeting on RS2 zoning. He also stated that we didn't know about the appetite for development on existing lots until the meeting. The

councillor noted that because of the small venue in the portable classroom, some people who came were unable to get in to hear the proceedings and contribute. They just went home.

Councillor Green stated that she "was actually pleased with the amount of engagement" and thought that, in general the process was good. She added that we haven't looked at the OCP for 9 or 10 years and we now can move on to other by-laws.

Anmore Official Community Plan (OCP) Designation Bylaw No. 532, 2014 was given its third reading. It was unanimously endorsed. Mayor Anderson suggested Tuesday, September 30th for the fourth and final reading.

8. Correspondence - It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously "that all correspondence circulated and filed in the village office be received."

In response to a request from CERA (Communities Embracing Restorative Action) council agreed to send \$50 to support the 15th anniversary celebration at the Vancouver Golf Club on October 2nd. The request read in part: "At the event the support of the municipalities and referring partners will be recognized. We understand that Anmore and Belcarra are municipalities with smaller budgets, so are requesting \$50. "

9. Committee Reports and Recommendations - There were none.

10. Unfinished Business - There will be a special council meeting in October to discuss possibilities for the outdoor gym grant. Council will submit a request for an extension of the funding timeline to provide more opportunities to explore ideas.

11. New Business - **(a) Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials**

The mayor hoped to customize the oath office to make it unique to Anmore. Examples from Richmond and Kelowna were attached to the agenda. This, however, had to be done by August 5th in order to be used for the 2014 election. The mayor therefore suggested that the matter be raised in the new year.

(b) Dedication Ceremony for the late Michael Rosen

At the corner of Dogwood and Hummingbird a park will be dedicated to Michael Rosen, a former planning consultant to the village who passed away approximately two years ago. There will be a bench and a sign, most likely with the words, Michael Rosen Park. The ceremony will take place on September 27th, 2014, at 2 p.m. The mayor stated that previous village mayors and councillors have been invited as well as Mayors Ralph Drew of Belcarra and Mike Clay of Port Moody. Soft drinks and treats will be served.

12. Mayor's Report

- joined CAO and Councillor Thiele in meeting with principal and vice principal of Eagle Mountain Middle School to discuss transportation -there may be increased traffic since there is no longer bussing - RCMP will be keeping an eye on both school sites once schools are in session

- attended grand opening of Port Moody Arts Centre
- the Terry Fox Run begins at 10 a.m., organized by Gord Bytelaar at 604-839-0564 or gbytelaar@econobox.com
- it is Ma Murray Day on Sunday at Spirit Park- live performance by local band BLUE SMOKE
- all council will attend Union of BC Municipalities Convention in Whistler, September 23rd-26th.

13. Councillors' Reports

Councillor Green

- there has been feedback from the garbage system - people have stated that too many recycling bins are needed and are upset about the need to separate soft plastics and recycle them at "Return It" - a lot of soft plastics are ending up in the garbage
- Anmore Green subdivision was missed during the last pick up but people did not call Smithrite - councillors have been called when garbage is not collected - suggest we need to put it on the website that people should call Smithrite directly, not the village office or councillors, when there is a problem
- some people are finding the garbage and green bins hard to get to the curb

Councillor Thiele

- met with village CAO and school administrators to discuss traffic flow, concerns and plans - Eagle Mountain Middle School will discourage a "car culture" favouring walking your child to school - to encourage walking, Anmore Elementary school would like to see about improvements to make the pathway along Elementary Road more user friendly

Councillor Palmer-Isaak

- reminder - we are celebrating Ma Murray Day at Spirit Park on Sunday, September 14th, 2014, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. - there will be some new events including a "young talent showcase" - BBQ hosted by Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department

14. Chief Administrative Officer's Report - Staff has been seeking alternate venues to the Spirit Park gazebo for council meetings, should the school remain closed. A portable could be rented for \$2500 a month with a minimum six week commitment. Other considerations have been the Ioco Boat Club, the Coquitlam Library, Port Moody facilities, tents and Belcarra Village Hall.

15. Public Question Period - One citizen commented that he liked the OCP and one citizen asked if Old Orchard Hall in Port Moody had been considered as a possible venue for council meetings. Ms Milloy replied that a call has been made to explore that possibility.

16. Adjournment - 8:35 p.m. and 13 degrees

