

Minutes of the **SPECIAL JOINT MEETING** of the **COUNCILS OF THE DISTRICT OF MISSION** and the **CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE** held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on Monday, May 25, 2015 commencing at 5:35 p.m.

District of Mission Council Members Present:

Mayor Randy Hawes
Councillor Pam Alexis
Councillor Jim Hinds
Councillor Rhett Nicholson
Councillor Danny Plecas
Councillor Jenny Stevens

District of Mission Council Members Absent:

Councillor Carol Hamilton

City of Maple Ridge Council Members Present:

Mayor Nicole Read
Councillor Corisa Bell
Councillor Kiersten Duncan
Councillor Gordy Robson
Councillor Tyler Shymkiw
Councillor Craig Speirs

City of Maple Ridge Council Members Absent:

Councillor Bob Masse

District of Mission Staff Members Present:

Glen Robertson, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Michael Boronowski, Manager of Civic Engagement and
Corporate Initiatives (joined meeting at 6:49 p.m.)
Tina Penney, Acting Manager of Corporate Administration
Mike Younie, Director of Development Services
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

City of Maple Ridge Staff Members Present:

Jim Rule, Chief Administrative Officer
Kelly Swift, General Manager Community Development,
Parks and Recreation
Frank Quinn, General Manager, Public Works and
Development

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Mayor Randy Hawes and Mayor Nicole Read welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Mayor Hawes and Mayor Read were both in agreement that the District of Mission and the City of Maple Ridge Councils should meet regularly to discuss matters of mutual interest.

2. TRANSPORTATION

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Lougheed Highway Improvements

The District of Mission and the City of Maple Ridge Councils recognized that there are limited funds available from the Province for road improvements. Discussion ensued on traffic flow and safety concerns related to the Lougheed Highway, the impact of future development on both municipal and provincial infrastructure, the role of tourism as an economic driver, and the need to coordinate efforts to lobby the Provincial Government for funding for priority projects.

A number of projects were discussed and it was recognized that the following are of paramount importance:

- safety concerns in the area around and including the Haney Bypass, Kanaka Creek and the Lougheed Highway; and
- the need for Lougheed Highway widening to accommodate current demands and future growth.

It was agreed that the two municipalities should work together to lobby the Provincial Government to address these and other issues of mutual concern.

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West Coast Express Service / CP Rail

Discussion ensued regarding West Coast Express costs and service levels, and the status of the negotiations between Translink and CP Rail.

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Bus Service Between Mission and Maple Ridge

Both Councils expressed concern about the lack of intercity connectivity and it was agreed that Translink representatives should be invited to the next Joint Council meeting in Maple Ridge to participate in discussions on this matter.

3. HOMELESSNESS

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Overview of Strategies – Maple Ridge and Mission

Mayor Read provided an overview of the challenges faced by Maple Ridge with regard to homelessness and the various steps that the municipality is currently taking to address these issues.

Mayor Hawes provided an overview of the Stone Soup program and its various initiatives and District of Mission staff were directed to forward copies of the following documents to Maple Ridge staff for their information:

- Stone Soup Initiatives – Phase One Report Out (May 11, 2015); and

- the Fraser Valley Regional District's 2014 Homelessness Survey.

General discussion ensued on homelessness, mental illness, substance abuse and addiction, needle exchange, and the lack of adequate funding to address the various social problems that exist within our communities. Further discussion also ensued on the services provided by the Fraser Health Authority and the challenges associated with their service delivery model.

Mayor Hawes informed the Maple Ridge Council that the District of Mission is putting together an addictions forum and that further details will be made available in the near future through the office of the Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives.

In response to questions from Maple Ridge Council, Mayor Hawes confirmed that there is currently no paid parking at Mission Memorial Hospital.

4. MAPLE RIDGE APPROACH TO MEDICAL MARIHUANA PRODUCTION FACILITIES

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Medical Marihuana Production Facilities - Approaches

Discussion ensued regarding the different approaches taken by the two municipalities with regard to medical marihuana production facilities and Mayor Read identified some of the challenges that Maple Ridge has encountered as they work through the process with the Agricultural Land Commission, and both the Federal and Provincial Governments.

5. ADJOURNMENT

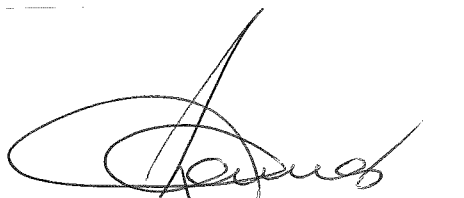
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Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Hinds, and

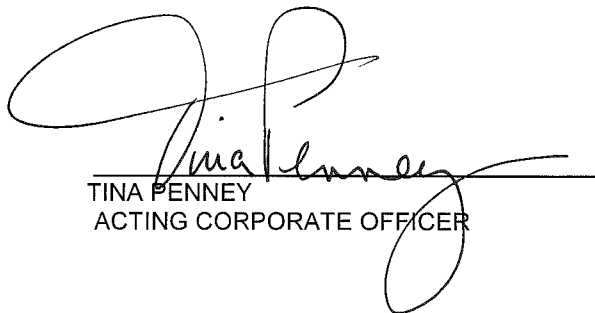
RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



RANDY HAWES
MAYOR



TINA PENNEY
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER

