

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Kennedy Centre Programs & Services

Council received a presentation from Liz Gibson, Senior Citizens Coordinator and Lil Jones, President, Kennedy Seniors Board regarding programs and services offered at the Kennedy Seniors' Recreation Centre. For an annual fee of \$15, the Kennedy Seniors' Recreation Centre offers a multitude of programs, events, and activities for people over the age of 50. [View the presentation](#)

Closure of River Road at Centre Street

Council received a presentation from George V. Harvie, Chief Administrative Officer and Steven Lan, Director of Engineering, regarding the closure of River Road at Centre Street. Council asked staff to report back at the June 10, 2013 Regular Meeting with a full plan for public consultation, allowing Council to make a decision regarding the closure of River Road informed by a survey of the community. [View the presentation](#)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/VERBAL UPDATES

2013 Spring Freshet Update

Council received a verbal update from Hugh Fraser, Deputy Director of Engineering regarding the 2013 spring freshet. This year's freshet is in line with average years and staff will continue to monitor the snowpack and Fraser River water flow.

BYLAWS

MK Delta Lands Group – 10770 72 Avenue

Council gave first and second readings to Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. 7196 which would allow for a comprehensive mixed-use development at 10770 72 Avenue, and requested the Metro Vancouver Board to amend the Regional Growth Strategy to include the subject property in the Urban Containment Boundary and re-designate the same property from Conservation and Recreation to General Urban. Following a decision by the Metro Vancouver Board, Delta staff will report back to Council and, if supported by the Metro Vancouver Board, Delta will provide an outline of next steps, which would include the introduction of zoning bylaw amendments and additional public consultation on the details of the proposal.



MK Delta Lands Group is proposing to develop up to 1,000 residential units and up to 40,000 m² of commercial floor area, a multi-modal road and trail network and up to 45 percent of the site for green space, stormwater detention, and walkways. The proposal also includes transportation infrastructure improvements, including \$10 million towards intersection improvements at Highway 91 and 72 Avenue, as well as the transfer of 78 hectares of land on the west side of Highway 91 to The Corporation of Delta for protection within the Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area. [View the staff report](#)

72nd Avenue Revitalization Bylaw and Corridor Redevelopment Concept

Council gave first, second, and third readings to 72nd Avenue Revitalization Bylaw No. 7224, 2013. This bylaw would allow Delta to provide economic incentives to encourage the revitalization and increased residential density of the 72nd Avenue corridor between Nicholson Road and York Crescent. These incentives include reduced Development Cost Charges, waiving of Municipal fees, and an expedited permit process.

Council also resolved to not accept any applications for new infill single family residential development along the 72nd Avenue corridor pending completion of the North Delta Area Plan. Staff will be seeking input from the public on potential land use designations for the 72nd Avenue corridor and an alternative road cross section as part of the North Delta Area Plan review process.

DISCUSSION REPORTS

Intermunicipal Business Licence

Council supported the two year Intermunicipal Business Licence pilot program and directed staff to bring forward a bylaw providing for the program for Council's consideration. The Intermunicipal Business Licence pilot program would begin October 1, 2013 and allow construction trades to purchase an Intermunicipal Business Licence in addition to their regular Delta Business Licence, that would allow them to work in any of the six participating municipalities of Delta, Burnaby, New Westminster, Richmond, Surrey, and Vancouver. This will save time and money for construction-related businesses that operate in multiple municipalities.

Left Turn Lane Closure on 62B Street at 65B Avenue

Council authorized the permanent closure of the left turn lane on 62B Street at 65B Avenue. Temporary turning restrictions implemented during the 2012 harvest season to deter shortcutting traffic were successful and a permanent closure will now be implemented.

TransLink Bus Service for Students

Council resolved to request that TransLink work with the Delta School District to consider revising bus routes and schedules to provide more accessible public transportation options for students.



Wilkes James Totem Pole

Council resolved to have the Wilkes James Totem Pole removed from its current location at 4858 Delta Street and placed in a location to be decided by Tsawwassen First Nation. Council also directed staff to work with Tsawwassen First Nation to bring back a proposal for Council's decision for a replacement cultural artifact. The Wilkes James Totem Pole was presented to Delta on July 1, 1932 and after more than 80 years has physically deteriorated to a condition where the upper unsupported portion may topple in high winds. The pole's removal and relocation will be done in a safe and culturally sensitive manner at the direction of Tsawwassen First Nation's.

View the Council reports and complete agenda from the May 27, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council

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