

## **DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING NOTES**

### **VLADISLAV KOUCHNAREV**

A lot of delegates from School District 43 were in attendance at this meeting – for the purpose of answering questions that pertained to the construction of the upcoming middle school. The first non-administrative item on the agenda was, however presented by Councillor McEwen – it concerned the restructuring of the funding model for the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC). The new proposal outlined voluntary membership, with member municipalities involved in population-proportional sharing of the Committee’s costs. Mayor Anderson and Councillor McEwen were keen on keeping Anmore involved in the committee – assuming that the Village finds the final funding model to be reasonable.

With treaty discussion concluded, talk of the middle school stepped to the middle of the stage. For a brief run-down on the school’s progress – tree retention is still a matter of discussion between SD43, and the Village. Sewage access was a settled matter with MetroVancouver (Although no mention of a potential sewage extension, for the residents of nearby properties was mentioned). Parkland plans have not yet been finalized – the upcoming daycare service, on the other hand, was a sure thing. Fire safety surveys were still in progress, and talks were going strong with Port Moody, regarding the use of the city’s fire services. A traffic study has been done – and was taken into consideration, when planning for the school’s pickup and drop-off areas. In addition, the school’s operating hours will be staggered, compared to those of Heritage Woods Secondary. We can only hope that, this will not mean that residents of East Road will have to look forward to an half an hour of backed up traffic a day, instead of the current 15 minutes.

In response to all of those points, Council posed the delegation a number of questions pertaining to traffic – Councillors Laidler and Green were most concerned about congestion, while Councillor Isaak suggested that the school strongly encourage walking and busing for students. A resident posed safety questions pertaining to the gas pipeline running under school grounds – a delegate assured him that the school’s proximity to the pipe is not unusual in the province.

In Council reports, Mayor Anderson announced the retirement of Anmore’s Chief Administrative Officer, Howard Carley – the Mayor thanked him for his many years of service to the village. Councillor McEwen reported on the Village’s progress with the recreation grant application – the Village opted to apply for funding for outdoor gym equipment near the tennis court. Councillor Green briefly spoke of a resident’s intriguing idea for recycling Styrofoam, and his request for the installation of a recycling bin by Village Hall. Council was quite receptive to the suggestion.

## **JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING NOTES**

### **VLADISLAV KOUCHNAREV**

Another short meeting - where only two discussions of note took place. The first was spurned by a delegation from the Anmore Times – Janet Morrissey presented a letter from the editorial team, that underlined the services provided by the paper to Village Hall, and requested that Council phase out the paper’s annual grant, to replace it with a (alliteratively speaking,) pay-per-page-printed payment plan. Doing so would substantially reduce fluctuations in the paper’s budgeting, and the funding received by the paper would become representative of the amount of Village Hall material printed in it. Councillor Laidler wondered what would happen if the Times would go broke – Janet responded that the team will do all that it can to avoid that. When all was said and done, Council’s reaction to the request was favourable.

The other discussion of interest was the review of the Village's Water Conservation plan – the key recommendations drawn from it were the adoption of a pay-per-use system of fire hydrant usage, the mandatory installation of water meters during development, an annual public hand-out drawing attention to water conservation measures, and the establishment of a leak detection plan. The last item was quite sorely needed – as it turned out, over the past few years, the Anmore water system was leaking up to \$20,000 a year worth of water. Councillor Green asked about the feasibility of a redundant connection to Port Moody – she was informed that one is expected to be built during the development of loco lands.