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I attended the last Council meeting on May 27th, but, apart from people calling out from the floor, saw nobody speaking or asking questions of Council. I believe the meeting had been called into Committee of the Whole at that point.

Is the public precluded from asking questions of Council at these meetings?

Sincerely,

Patrick Demwell.

11099 Huff Blvd.
Delta, BC
V4E 1L9.

Staff will respond to the writer with information about the process for the public to address Council before or during a Regular Meeting. In the instance he is referring to, there was no opportunity for the public to spontaneously speak or ask questions of Council.
May 30, 2013

Lois Jackson, Mayor
Corporation of Delta
4500 Clarence Taylor Crescent
Delta, BC V4K 3E2

Dear Mayor Jackson & Members of Council:

Labour Day 2013 marks the 119th year since the Dominion of Canada declared the first Monday of September a legal public holiday. To honour the contribution of working people in your community we request the Council adopt the enclosed proclamation declaring the week of September 1st to 7th "Union Label Buying Week".

Trade union organizations and central labour organizations have made an immeasurable difference in the lives of Canadian workers and their families. Labour Councils across Canada in co-operation with thousands of trade union locals celebrate Labour Day with parades, picnics and other events for workers and their families. Labour Day is an occasion for us to celebrate our gains in protecting working peoples' rights, advocating for improved workplace legislation and working to make our communities a better place for everyone. It is also an opportunity to highlight the benefits of buying union made products and services and promote the Canadian union-made label as a symbol of quality products produced by Canadian workers.

If your Council continues to issue proclamations, a copy of our Proclamation is enclosed to assist Council in endorsing "Union Label Buying Week". A copy of your endorsed proclamation or a reply letter supporting our request is appreciated. On behalf of the 53,000 members of the New Westminster & District Labour Council thank you for your anticipated support.

Details of the Labour Day celebration events will be posted on our website as the date draws closer. Visit our website at www.nwdlc.ca.

Sincerely yours,

Carolyn Rice,
Secretary-Treasurer.

On August 15, 2000, Council adopted a recommendation which has discontinued the practice of making proclamations.
Proclamation
Union Label Week

WHEREAS, organized labour has always endeavoured to maintain and improve good working conditions and wage standards for Canadian Workers; and

WHEREAS, Labour's distinctive emblems of quality and service are union labels, shop cards, store cards and service buttons; and

WHEREAS, The CLC Union Label Trades and Services Department is sponsoring a Union Label Week to salute these unique hallmarks and to promote Canadian Union Made Goods and Services

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, _______________ Mayor of the Municipality of _______________
do hereby proclaim this __ week of September, 19 __ as UNION LABEL WEEK

and call upon all citizens to support the products and services identified by the union label, store card, shop card and service button.

Given under my hand and seal of office of Mayor of

________________________________________ this _____ day of

________________________________________ 19 ____. 

________________________
Dear Mayor Lois Jackson and Councillors of Delta,

We have come back from a recent trip to the City of Jinan in Shandong, China. There, we met with the Foreign Affairs Office of Jinan Municipal People's Government, through a mutual friend. They had expressed an eager desire to establish a friendly cooperative city relationship in BC.

Jinan is a city of natural beauty with numerous natural springs, lakes, rivers, and mountains. It is not only the capital city of Shandong Province, but also the political, economic, cultural and financial centre of Shandong.

More than a 100 years ago, Jinan voluntarily opened to the outside world. Today, it has built economic and trade relations with more than 140 countries and regions. Over 1000 foreign enterprises have invested in Jinan including 51 Fortune 500 companies as well as other world famous manufacturers.

As an increasingly open city, Jinan has established exchange and cooperative relations with cities all over the world. They are eager to expand their international exchange and cooperations and considers BC a very desirable province to establish new relations, especially the Vancouver lower mainland areas.

We would be happy to meet with you or put you in contact with English speaking Foreign Affairs Officials of Jinan to discuss the possibility of entering into a discussion of establishing a friendly cooperative city relationship with the City of Jinan, Shandong, China.

Sincerely,

Dr. Henry and Pamela Tom
1510 Camelot Rd.
West Vancouver, BC
V7S 2M1

Delta currently has a twin city partnership with Mangalore, India
Foreign Affairs Office of Jinan Municipal People’s Government, having its office in the city of Jinan, Shandong province, China. hereby appoints Pamela Tom and Dr. Henry Tom to be our representatives to participate promotive acts in British Colombia, Canada looking for a friendly cooperative city of Jinan.

Jinan Foreign Affairs Office further appoints and empowers the above-mentioned persons to approach and investigate appropriate cities to evaluate the feasibility of setting up friendly cooperative city relationship, which hopefully will promote the common prosperity of the two cities.

Contact: Fu Mingming
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Email: ao_jfao@yahoo.cn
Address: E Section, Long Ao Building, No.1 Longding Ave, Jinan, China
Dear Mayor Jackson:

Thank you for confirming the Corporation of Delta's interest in the future of the Admiralty Point federal lands. I encourage you to contact Ms. Helen Davies, Field Unit Superintendent, Coastal British Columbia, as Parks Canada welcomes input from Coquitlam and surrounding communities. Ms. Davies can be reached at helen.davies@pc.gc.ca or by telephone at 250-654-4048.

Thank you for your letter of May 7, 2013, regarding the resolution passed by the Delta Council concerning the future of the federally owned Admiralty Point federal lands.

As the custodial department, Parks Canada has the lead role for the Government of Canada with respect to resolving the future of these lands following the expiry of the original 99-year lease that was most recently held by the Greater Vancouver Regional District (Metro Vancouver).

Since the Crown has a legal duty to consult with First Nations when contemplating conduct that may adversely affect potential or established Aboriginal rights, Parks Canada has initiated consultations with First Nations. As well, recognizing that these federal lands have been used for park purposes by residents in the surrounding communities and they are recognized as a key community amenity, Parks Canada is also in discussion with the local municipalities and Metro Vancouver to determine the respective interests in the lands.

This is a response to Delta's letter regarding Admiralty Point Park lands
I trust this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

The Honourable Peter Kent, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: His Worship Mayor Ralph Drew
May 7, 2013

The Honourable Peter Kent
Minister of the Environment
Member of Parliament for Thornhill (Ontario)
Les Terrasses de la Chaudière
10 Wellington Street, 28th Floor
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H3

Dear Minister Kent:

Re: Transfer of the Admiralty Point Federal Lands to Metro Vancouver

At the April 29, 2013 Regular Council Meeting, Delta Council received the attached correspondence from Mayor Ralph Drew of Belcarra dated March 12, 2013 regarding Admiralty Point Federal Lands – Preservation for Future Generations and supported the following resolution:

"WHEREAS the 99-year lease for the Admiralty Point Federal Lands expired in 2011, and these lands are surplus to the needs of Parks Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Admiralty Point Federal Lands comprise a key component of Belcarra Regional Park which is the "Stanley Park" of Metro Vancouver's Northeast Sector;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal Government be requested to transfer the Admiralty Point Federal Lands in fee simple to Metro Vancouver, or lease the lands in perpetuity, to ensure the preservation of these lands for park-use by future generations of Metro Vancouver's citizens."

This is provided for your information.

Yours truly,

Lois E. Jackson
Mayor

cc: Mayor Ralph Drew, Village of Belcarra
    Delta Council
    George Harvie, Chief Administrative Officer
Hi Dona, as requested by the writer could you please see that Mayor Jackson and Council receive this email. Thanks kindly. Liz

Liz Gibson
Senior Citizens Coordinator
The Corporation of Delta
T. (604) 596.8722 F. (604) 599.8129

Dear Sir or Madam--please share this letter with Mayor Jackson and City Council.

Dear Mayor Jackson and Delta City Council:

I am writing to commend the Kennedy Seniors Recreation Centre and the North Delta Seniors' Bus for their wonderful "free" service for me on Friday! I had been to the Delta Hospital in Ladner for medical tests at 9 a.m., but the Seniors' Bus couldn't take me there because of the early time of the test. Their hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays.

The Seniors Bus is working well. This correspondence should be received for information and referred to the Seniors Advisory Committee.
However, BC Transit did a great job of taking me from North Delta to the Ladner Exchange in time for my test, then brought me back safely to an area where I could get my groceries for the month.

The North Delta Seniors' Bus then picked me up at my shopping centre front door and I and my 6 bags of groceries were safely delivered to my door by noon (in 15 minutes) "free." The driver, Mark, was a great help and made my trip very enjoyable.

I will definitely use this service again, and donate to the program. Thank you and the Council for bringing this service to us here in North Delta. We really appreciate it.

Mabel Morrison (9457- 116 Street)

Mabes

Our job is to love our neighbor; God's job is to call our neighbor.
May 31, 2013

Mayor Lois E. Jackson
The Corporation of Delta
4500 Clarence Taylor Crescent
Delta, BC V4K 3E2

Dear Ms. Jackson,

Parent Support Services Society of BC (PSS) is hosting our fifth annual Summer Picnic for grandparents raising grandchildren (GRG) this August 17th, 2013. The picnic will be held at Queen’s Park, New Westminster, BC. According to the previous picnics, we anticipate the attendance of at least 80 grandparents and grandchildren from across the Lower Mainland. Our picnic provides an opportunity for grandparents and their grandchildren to connect with each other and the community, learn about PSS and community resources, and come together for a fun and care-free afternoon.

PSS is a non-profit, volunteer-based society and registered charity founded in 1974. Our organization is dedicated to protecting the safety and well-being of children and promoting healthy families through comprehensive supports, education, advocacy, research and resources. In BC, there are more than 10,000 children being raised full time by their grandparents and many of these families face complex challenges including loss, isolation, exhaustion, and too often poverty. Our work with grandparent-led families has grown significantly over the past decade and encompasses a wide range of community-based services. We continue to be amazed and humbled by the commitment of the grandparents and the stories they tell.

We are asking each Municipal government to make a small monetary contribution ($50.00 - $100.00) to the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Summer Picnic. This will assist families across the Lower Mainland to be able to attend and to ensure the success of the picnic. We also are in need of volunteers to help on the day of the event. PSS greatly appreciates any contribution you can make.

PSS plans to showcase the sponsors on a banner at the picnic which will be visible to all attendees and the wider New Westminster community, and provide advertisement exposure on our website, blog, Facebook and Twitter.

Thank you for your kind consideration. Donations by mail may be sent to the PSS Provincial Office. For inquiries or suggestions for the picnic, please contact me, Nicole Molinari, at 604 669 1616 or psssummer@shaw.ca. To learn more about PSS, visit our website at www.parentsupportbc.ca. Join us in our mission to build strong families and engaged communities, and support and celebrate grandparents raising grandchildren.

Sincerely,

Nicole Molinari

The Parent Support Services Society of BC provides services and programs to promote healthy families and receives funding from the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the BC Gaming Policy Branch and the United Way for their core programs. Currently, there are no funds allocated in Delta’s municipal budget to assist the Society.

Creating a world where children and families are nurtured, valued, and safe.
May 28, 2013

Greetings Mayor Jackson:

I have a great concern over the intersection of 88th street and No. 10 hwy. On your way home try to navigate the turn off #10 and 88th to the Winery (of course). There have been a number of accidents there and you can clearly see the blacktop on the west side of the road ends about two feet from the edge of the ditch. On the east side of the intersection there is a large concrete abutment that has been hit and moved east a number of times making it useless as a deterrent from ending up in the ditch, which did happen last month. I do hope council can come up with a the necessary funds to remedy this long standing problem.

By the way, you were very good on Saturday at the Harris Barn opening.

Taxpaying person
Caroline Bremner

The design of intersection improvements is currently underway and includes the widening of the intersection to accommodate farm vehicles turning in and out of 88 Street. Staff will respond to the resident.
Dear Mayor and Council Members,
I'm in favour of MK's proposed development at 72nd and Hwy 91 because:

- High density development is better than urban sprawl, especially if the development is well planned as this one is.
- There definitely is a traffic problem on Hwy 91 between 64th and the Alex Fraser bridge, and most of the cars come from Surrey. Adding a few more from the MK development won't make much of a difference.
- I have faith in the planners and traffic engineers that having an overpass at 72nd and 91 will make the traffic flow better, for sure it won't make things worse.
- An outlet mall? Why not, it might even keep some Canadians from going to the US to spend their money. People won't be shopping during rush hour, so any increase in traffic won't be a problem.

I feel better now that one of the silent majority has finally broken his silence.
George Shipley
7040 Barkley Drive
Delta

This message is provided in confidence and should not be forwarded to any external third party without authorization. If you have received this message in error, please notify the original sender immediately by telephone or by return email and delete this message along with any attachments.
It's clear that we don't want this development. The people have spoken. Put this to an end and stop pushing.
Resident in Boundary Bay

Susan & Don Frank
282 67A St
Delta, BC
V4L 1L3

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Mayor Council

From: Dana Maslovat
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 6:10 PM
To: Mayor & Council; Jeff Day; Delia.laglagaron@metrovancouver.org
Subject: Opposed to Southlands Development Proposal

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this correspondence and ensure it is added to the official public correspondence regarding the application to change the designation of the Southlands.

I am opposed to this re-designation for many reasons listed below and request that Council turn down this application prior to first and second reading. It is clear from all data collection to date that the current proposal does not have the support of the residents of Tsawwassen. The Ipsos Reid survey collected during the Tsawwassen Area Plan update, the correspondence received during the Public Hearing to return the Southlands to the ALR, and the most recent collection of opinion during the Information Meeting phase (once an official application had been submitted) have all shown strong, majority opposition to the current plan.

Please respect the wishes of the majority, who are by now well informed on the issues associated with this proposal, and do not subject the community to additional stress, inconvenience and conflict by progressing to a Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow those residents that will be affected by a change in designation an opportunity to voice their opinion on a proposal. I believe over the past three years all residents have had this opportunity and enough information has been collected to clearly indicate this is not a supported proposal and does not require additional time, money and stress to Staff, Council and residents.

The current proposal violates many of the planning principles of Metro’s recently adopted Regional Growth Strategy. The proposal is to build on agricultural land which is located on a flood plain (and thus susceptible to climate change impacts) and away from major transportation hubs.

The required fill is enormous and will add to traffic problem, pollution and noise for an extended period of time. The additional traffic caused by this development will only exacerbate the already increasing driving time required within Tsawwassen and for commuting to other areas in the lower mainland.

As a Boundary Bay resident I am also very concerned about how the 100,000 dumptruck loads of fill and the proposed berm around the new homes will increase flood risk of my property and who will accept the liability when climate change results in much higher likelihood of flooding.

Although the proposal has been advertised as an 80/20 split, much of the transferred land will be used for roads, setbacks and other non-farming activities. I would expect less than half of the 530 acres to be actively farmed, which results in a loss of 250-300 acres of prime arable land. At a time when food security is a risk for all, the loss of any farmland should be avoided. In addition, little information has been provided as to how the transferred land will be used and the potential tax implications of this use.

These are but a few of the reason that this proposal should be rejected. If growth and lower cost housing is required in Tsawwassen, there are many areas that could be developed and are being
developed to meet these needs without all the negative ramifications listed above.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Maslovat
158 - 66A Street
Delta, BC, V4L 1M5
Dear Mayor and Council

Please note that this letter is addressed to Mayor and Council and I request that it be included in the formal process of Letters to Council and not delegated to staff to summarize in pigeon-hole style.

I remain opposed to any Applications on the Southlands properties that do not have the specific goal of retaining the Agricultural designation and zoning for all the included properties.

As the majority of Delta residents have requested the retention of the agricultural designation and zoning on these properties, it is inappropriate to continue bombarding the community with revised applications. There appears to be an attitude by some on Council and by staff at Delta Municipal Hall that they know better than the citizens of this community and if they continue presenting development plans, the community will convert to their way of thinking. Please give the citizens more credit.

I wonder how many tax dollars have been spent assisting the developers of the Southlands with their plans. The community has spoken out in opposition of this many times, yet Council and Staff keep pushing. The community recognizes the rights of a landowner to come forward with proposals but Delta also has the right to say, “No, the plans do not fit into the zoning and designations on these properties.” We, the citizens, participated in numerous meetings to develop a Tsawwassen Area Plan only to see the final document skewed by planning causing public outcry.

It appears that some members of Delta Council do not appreciate the views of most of the people in Tsawwassen and are willing to go overboard to accommodate the developers of the Southlands. A lot of discussions and planning appear to be occurring without transparency. It is unfair and undemocratic to harass the community with ongoing applications. It demonstrates a lack of caring and respect for the people of Tsawwassen. This latest travesty is yet again another incomplete application which raises numerous questions. The public should not have to repeatedly go through this painful process. Due process is not being followed.

The current Application fails in many areas:

1. No credible consideration of the environmental values of retaining the current designation and zoning of agriculture
2. No cumulative effects assessment on the unique environmental values associated with the foreshore, forest and vast stretch of agricultural land
3. No recognition of the importance of the area for resident birds and migratory birds of the Pacific Flyway
4. No consideration of the uniqueness of Boundary Bay and Fraser Delta as one of the top three most Important Bird Areas in Canada
5. No recognition of the fact that paving over the agricultural and internationally-significant environmental values of this area cannot be mitigated and compensated
6. The lack of an extensive geotechnical report
7. Failure to provide an appropriate level of flood protection
8. Failure to accurately explain and show planned flood protection
9. Potential for liquefaction of some areas
10. No credible or realistic numbers for increased traffic and impacts
11. No specifics about drainage and irrigation for the properties and the costs involved
12. No specifics about pollution during construction and with increased future traffic
13. No specifics about noise pollution during construction
14. Not enough information about the so-called gift of 80% to Delta – It is logical to note that if the lands are developed there will constant pressure from new residents to use the agricultural lands for needed amenities even if zoning is in place as it can be changed by a future public hearing.
15. No mention of the adjacent 46-acre property which will also be developed if the Southlands application is approved. The precedent will be set and Delta could be sued for not permitting development on the adjacent property.
16. No mention of the impacts of development on the adjacent 46-acre property which is likely if this application proceeds.
17. Traffic issues are not thoroughly addressed. There may be backburner plans for new road access in the future.
18. Failure to give accurate information about required fill and the associated logistics.

The impacts of this application on the community of Tsawwassen will be Draconian.

There is a lot of wishful thinking being shared by the developers and Delta Council and staff and it does not appropriately include public opinion. The people deserve better than this.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Jones
The net benefit to Delta and its Tsawwassen residents can best be considered based on two separate considerations: the benefits of Delta owning 80% of the land, and the benefits of Century developing the remaining 20%.

Benefits from Delta’s ownership of the 80% include:

- Century could no longer seek permission for uses other than agricultural, nor employ an offensive form of agriculture. But then there is no clear plan or commitment by Delta for the 80%, rendering the land’s future use perhaps as uncertain as under Century ownership.
- There is no credible commitment by Delta to have the land farmed. Century would pay for improvements, but there are no statements of intent by interested farmers.
- Sensing Delta’s apparent lack of interest, Century offers to equip a fourth of the farmland with equipment and facilities to be shared by potential farmers. This could benefit residents should any wish to farm.
- There is no intent to improve the forest or the other two parcels as parks.
- Delta’s ownership of the 80% would result in loss of property tax revenue from that land, which is perhaps on the order of $100,000.

I see no persuasive net benefit to Tsawwassen’s residents from Delta’s ownership of the land. I can’t judge any benefits to the Municipality as their longer-term use of the land is unclear.

Century’s plan for development of the 20% seems to include both advantages for Delta and disadvantages for Tsawwassen residents.

Benefits to Delta would include:

- The construction of 950 more residences would help Delta achieve its growth commitment to Metro Vancouver’s Regional Growth Strategy.
- New residences would yield perhaps $3 million in added property tax revenue.
- The red barn and Gunn house would provide Delta with additional venues for community events. Delta should examine its’ inventory of such facilities, including the new Harris barn, and judge the need for additional facilities.

Disadvantages to Tsawwassen residents would include:

- An incremental increase in commute and shopping vehicular traffic on 56th Street.
- An influx of tandem dump trucks during periods of site preparation for Phases I and II construction. Assuming an equal amount of fill is required for each phase, and that one year is required to prepare each site, there would be more than 30,000 loaded trucks in each one year period...plus an additional 30,000 unloaded ones returning. Assuming a 40 hour work week, that’s one every 4 minutes in each direction.
- The farmers market would be an additional source for locally grown produce. The cost of operating the market, and who would pay that cost after the lease to Century expires, is unknown.
I'm unable to judge the balance between benefits to Delta and burdens shouldered by Tsawwassen's citizens. That's for Delta Council to weigh and decide.

Ed Ries
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