

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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### **Mayor's Announcements**

Acting Mayor Scott Hamilton advised Municipal Hall is closed on Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> for Victoria Day. He also announced that the Delta Parks, Recreation & Culture Summer Leisure Guide is now online and starting May 19<sup>th</sup> the online guide will link to Delta's online program registration system, providing easy direct access.

The **Heritage Commission Scholarship application deadline** has been extended to June 8, 2011. This Scholarship is offered to encourage Delta students in their graduating year to display an interest in local or regional heritage and to continue their post-secondary studies after high school graduation.

From May 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Delta Police are hosting **Police Week** displays and events for families at the Scottsdale Centre in North Delta. Acting Mayor Hamilton expressed his appreciation to the Delta Police Department and the Delta Fire Department for their commitment to ensuring public safety in our community.

The long running **Ladner Pioneer May Days** starts Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> in Ladner's Memorial Park and features activities and entertainment for all ages including live bands, carnival rides, a craft and food fair and of course the parade which will be held at noon on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Acting Mayor Hamilton noted the **grand opening of the Ladner Skate Park** will be held at noon on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> and features a skateboard exhibition and BBQ with prizes to be won. Following this event, official ceremonies to recognize the **new Delta Sport Development Centre**, which was built on time and on budget by the Corporation of Delta, will be held at 2:00 pm

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at **South Park Elementary School's new playground** will be held on Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>. Acting Mayor Hamilton noted Council approved funding through the Community Initiated Cost Sharing Projects Program last year to assist in the development of a new playground.

The annual **Public Works Open House** will be held Saturday June 11, 2011 at the Engineering Operations Works Yard from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Acting Mayor Hamilton noted that the **Delta Sports Hall of Fame Banquet** is also being held on June 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate sports excellence and achievements in Delta.



**Transit Service Changes**

The Director of Engineering updated Council on recent transit service level changes in Delta. TransLink recently reduced frequency for four bus routes in Delta as part of its Service Optimization Initiative Program, which redirects resources to routes with high ridership levels in an effort to improve transit efficiency without increasing costs. Council directed staff to commence discussion with TransLink regarding the potential for implementing a community shuttle bus in the Sunshine Hills neighbourhood of North Delta.

**Council Against Proposed Amendments to the South Fraser Perimeter Road Table of Commitments**

The Manager of Climate Action and Environment provided a presentation to Council recommending that the BC Environmental Office be advised that Delta does not support Gateway's pursuit of a proposed amendment to the South Fraser Perimeter Road (SFPR) Table of Commitments that would allow the construction of culverts at two of the North Delta creek crossings of SFPR. Council supported this recommendation and staff's additional recommendations that the BC Environmental Assessment Office be requested to ensure the environmental commitments Gateway originally agreed to in the SFPR Table of Commitments are upheld and that details be requested regarding the vegetation and wildlife compensation resulting from the project design changes in Delta.

**SFPR Update**

The Engineering Department updated Council on South Fraser Perimeter Road construction activities currently underway in Delta including preload placement, overpass construction, landfill closure and irrigation enhancements. The Province's Concessionaire has also initiated the detailed design of the road.

**Implementation Strategy Approved for Downtown Ladner Waterfront Revitalization**

Council endorsed an implementation strategy to move forward with the revitalization of the Downtown Ladner Waterfront. Delta staff will now prepare a Request for Proposal for the re-use of the Delta owned Seven Seas building and the Brackman-Ker site at 4857 and 4849 Chisholm Street and prepare bylaws and financial incentives, taking into consideration public feedback, to implement the Downtown Ladner Waterfront Revitalization Vision.

**Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update**

The Fire Chief presented information to Council on measures the Fire Department is taking to enhance their ability to prevent and mitigate the threat and occurrence of wildfires in Delta. Such measures include working with municipal departments, the new Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Metro Vancouver Parks, and UBCM to collaborate and seek funding opportunities to continue to reduce the risk of wildfires in Delta.



**Council Supports Increasingly Stringent Telecommunications Tower & Antenna Policy**

Council endorsed a revised Telecommunications Tower and Antenna Policy that clearly sets out municipal position statements regarding the location of towers and antenna in the community and defines minimum municipal expectations with respect to minimizing the visual impacts of these structures on the local community.

**Council Supports Continuation of the Crop Identification Sign Program**

Council endorsed continuation of the Crop Identification Sign Program, which was established in 2007 to promote agricultural awareness. The program has expanded each year with 27 signs installed in 2009 and 28 signs installed in 2010.

**Delta's Participation in the 2011 Commuter Challenge Endorsed**

Council approved Delta's participation in the 2011 Commuter Challenge, a national sustainable transportation event that runs from June 6–10, 2011. The Commuter Challenge encourages Canadians to walk, cycle, ride-share/carpool, or take transit instead of driving alone to work. Our goal for this challenge is to increase staff participation to over 50%.

**Delta Trails & Naturalized Areas Standards Policy**

Council supported a policy developed by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission that establishes criteria for evaluating Delta's trails and naturalized areas. The policy focuses on trail use, responsibilities for maintenance and implementation standards and protecting ecologically sensitive areas.

**Road Closure Bylaw Moving Forward**

Council gave three readings to a road closure and cancellation bylaw for a portion of road to the north of 6363 72 Street. Ownership of the closed road would be transferred from Delta to the Province and consolidated with the property at 6363 72 Street to create a new lot that meets the minimum lot size for subdivision in the A1 Agriculture zone.

**Parks & Recreation Fees & Charges Bylaw Amendment**

Council gave three readings to a bylaw amendment that establishes rental rates for the Firehall Centre for the Arts, ArtSpace and Tsawwassen Arts Centre. The bylaw also references the words "Dry Floor/Sport Courts" to clarify the function of the facility space at the time of booking.

**Facility Rental Fee Grant Approved for Remembrance Day Service**

Council awarded a facility rental fee grant to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 for use of the show stage at the Memorial Park Remembrance Day service that will be held on Friday November 11, 2011.

**New Lockers to be Installed at Winskill Aquatic & Fitness Centre**

Council awarded a contract for the replacement of change room lockers at the Winskill Aquatic



and Fitness Centre. The existing locker systems are original to the building and replacement parts are becoming increasingly difficult to source, requiring complete replacement of the locker systems for the men's, women's, and family change room space. This facility has undergone a number of upgrades to the pool chamber area and change room spaces in recent years.

#### **Churchill Street Now a Dedicated Road**

Council approved the dedication of Churchill Street as road. Churchill Street is a major east-west road between Boundary Bay Airport and Ladner Trunk Road that functions as a link between 72 Street with 80 Street and provides access to the Airport and surrounding businesses.

#### **Building Permit Application Withheld**

Council withheld a building permit application for a medical clinic with a pharmacy at 8889 120 Street because the proposed location conflicts with Bylaw No. 6949 to regulate the number of drug stores in the community, which has been given first and second readings.

#### **Additional Movie Night Added for Tsawwassen**

Council approved relaxation of Delta's Noise Control Bylaw for Saturday, September 3, 2011 to allow the Business Improvement Association of Tsawwassen to host an additional outdoor family movie night at Diefenbaker Park.

#### **Several Delta Facilities to Undergo Roof Repair/Replacement**

Council awarded contracts to repair and replace roof areas at five Delta facilities, including the Ladner Leisure Centre, McKee House, Sungod Recreation Centre and FireHall No. 4.

#### **Temporary Use Permit Extension Granted**

Council approved the extension of a Temporary Use Permit to allow Kozul Holdings Inc., on behalf of the BC Transportation Financing Authority, to store shipping containers on a portion of property at 7590 80 Street for a period of 24 months.

#### **Boundary Bay Airport Lease**

In accordance with the *Community Charter*, a Notice of Proposed Property Disposition regarding the Third Amended And Restated Lease – Boundary Bay Airport was advertised in two local newspapers over a two week period. As of May 11, 2011, there were no inquiries from the public regarding the lease amendment.

#### **Council Seeks Advice from Agricultural Land Commission on Additional Farmhouse Request**

Council endorsed a staff recommendation to seek advice from the Agricultural Land Commission regarding a request to rebuild an additional farmhouse on an agriculturally zoned property where the previous farmhouse was destroyed by a fire.

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