

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Lois E. Jackson expressed her gratitude on the recent **"Green Office Hero"** certificate that Delta's office supplier, Mills Basics awarded us for saving 155 trees in 2010 by purchasing recycled paper. Delta has moved to 100% Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified recycled paper. As a local government, it is important that we lead by example and continue to make sustainable choices wherever possible.

Mayor Jackson announced the **2011 Climate Smart Program** which will kick off on May 26th with a training session in Delta. This Program offers training to small and medium-sized businesses on how to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and save money, while at the same time creating new marketing opportunities.

Mayor Jackson reminded residents that everyone should have received a yellow **2011 Census** package by now, which are requested to be returned in 10 days. Census information is important for our community and is vital for planning services such as schools, police services and fire protection.

Mayor Jackson announced that on Friday May 13th the **Canadian Cancer Society's Delta Relay for Life** kicks off at the North Delta Senior Secondary School Track. Funds raised help the Canadian Cancer Society save lives through investment in cancer research, support services and leading prevention initiatives. For information on how to get involved or donate to this worthy event, contact Josh Leyenhorst at (604) 837-6837, or email jleyenhorst@bc.cancer.ca or visit www.relaybc.ca/delta

Mayor Jackson congratulated Delta staff who participated in the **21st Annual Jeans Day**. Together they raised \$1,180 for the BC Children's Hospital to purchase urgently needed equipment, fund research into childhood illnesses and maintain public education projects.

MAXguide – Metro Vancouver's New Online Arts & Culture Guide

Judy Robertson, Metro Vancouver Communications Specialist, provided a presentation on MAXguide - MAX is an acronym for Metro Arts Xperience. MAXguide is Metro Vancouver's new online arts and culture guide that provides free listings of arts and culture events for arts organizations, individuals and selected arts and culture businesses. For more information, visit www.maxguide.org



Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay to Travel to Municipal Hall

Otto Kamenzin, Director, Relay Operations, Rick Hansen Foundation presented information to Council on the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay. Council endorsed Delta's involvement to participate as a Route Community and hold a celebration of the Relay. The 25th Anniversary of the Man in Motion World Tour provides an unprecedented opportunity to engage new and past audiences with the story of Rick Hansen. The Relay will travel from White Rock to Ladner on Sunday, May 20, 2012 concluding at Municipal Hall at approximately 11:00 am.

New Highways Bylaw Approved

Council adopted the new Highways Bylaw and an amendment to the Municipal Ticketing Information Bylaw No. 6639, 2007 to enable Delta Police and Bylaw Officers to enforce offences under the new Highways Bylaw.

2011 Property Tax Rates Approved

Council adopted the 2011 annual tax rate bylaw to allow Delta to levy property taxes and prepare the 2011 property tax billings. An increase of 2.48% was approved for general services (capital projects, engineering public works, parks & recreation programs, events and facilities, Delta Community Animal Shelter, libraries, Community Planning & Development services, etc...) and a further 0.5% for additional Police staffing.

Council Supports Improved Regulation of Drug Stores

Council gave first and second reading to bylaws that will regulate the number and locations of drug stores in Delta. The recent growth in drug stores has raised concerns, particularly in North Delta where several new stores have opened since 2010. The proposed bylaw amendments are consistent with similar bylaws regulating drug stores elsewhere in the region and are now being referred to the June 28, 2011 Public Hearing.

Council Endorses a North Delta Transportation Study

Council unanimously supported the initiation of a North Delta Transportation Study to support the North Delta Area Plan Review. Members of Delta's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee will work closely with the successful proponent of the study to develop a strategy to accommodate any proposed land use changes and address issues identified through the recent North Delta Town Hall meetings. The study focuses on the following key themes – traffic operations; functional road classification and the pedestrian and cycling network; and transit service requirements.

Centennial Beach Park Master Plan Endorsed

Council endorsed a Master Plan for Centennial Beach prepared by Metro Vancouver along with a resolution for Delta and Metro Vancouver to enhance the existing dike and flood protection



system around the perimeter of the park. A Centennial Beach Site Working Group collaborated on the Plan to ensure input was received from members of the local neighbourhood and regional community.

Centennial Beach Lease Agreement

Council approved a new Lease Agreement between the Corporation of Delta and the Greater Vancouver Regional District (Metro Vancouver). The new Lease clarifies any outstanding operational issues, grants an extended lease term of 25 years and saves the municipality harmless from any damage resulting from flooding.

Public Consultation Process Approved for North Delta Recreation Centre Expansion

A consultation process to determine the community's preferred choice for the expanded use at North Delta Recreation Centre was endorsed by Council. The consultation process will assist staff in determining the most desired primary use for the expansion; possibilities include development of a gymnasium, family & youth space, or a fitness centre.

Mayor to Notify Washington State Authorities of Noise Concerns at Point Roberts Golf Club

Council endorsed staff's recommendation for Mayor Lois E. Jackson to send a letter to the State of Washington and Whatcom County, requesting that they investigate machinery noise levels at the Point Roberts Golf and Country Club, and take whatever steps they can to ensure that the noise impacts on local residents in Tsawwassen are mitigated and the concerns of the local community are satisfactorily addressed.

Regional Growth Strategy Update

Council approved staff's recommendation for Delta to not participate formally in the Regional Growth Strategy dispute resolution process, but have staff attend as observers.

Council also rescinded an earlier resolution from April 12, 2010, directing that staff not accept any new applications that would require Metro Vancouver approval until such time as the new Regional Growth Strategy has been adopted, given that the timing for adoption of the new Regional Growth Strategy is uncertain.

Heritage Advisory Commission to Proceed with Delta Cable Historical Tapes Project

Council authorized staff to purchase computer equipment for a project to permit the Heritage Advisory Commission to convert Delta Cable's historic video tape footage to digital format prior to Delta Cable disposing of these tapes.

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