
Tuesday, December 16, 1997

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
Tuesday, December 16, 1997
Time: 4:10 p.m.

Present: Absent: Staff Present:

Acting Mayor Eddington - in Councillor Robinson General Manager, Engineering Department
Chair Councillor Caissie City Clerk
Mayor McCallum Manager, Land Development & Environment
Councillor Villeneuve **Councillors Entering Meeting in** C. Bonneville, Administrative Assistant
Councillor Lewin **Progress:** _____
Councillor Watts _____
Councillor Hunt _____
Councillor Higginbotham _____

A. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. The Outstanding Corporate Report under date of December 16, 1997, was considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. C380 Development on 145 Street Between 72A Avenue and 74 Avenue
File: 7997-0062-00

Council is requested to pass a resolution to withdraw Corporate Report Item No. C380.

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Lewin

That Council withdraw Corporate Report Item No. C380.

Carried

2. The Corporate Reports under date of December 16, 1997, were considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. C381 Development on 145 Street between 72A Avenue and 74 Avenue
File: 7997-0062-00

The General Manager, Engineering submitted a report to advise Council of a recommended approach to accommodating vehicular and pedestrian traffic from developments on the west side of 145 Street between 72A Avenue and 74 Avenue, and to obtain Council authorization to proceed with the recommended approach.

The Manager, Land Development and Environment, advised the developers will likely be required to fill the ditch. Council expressed a concern regarding enforcing the developers to confer benefit upon residents.

The Manager, Land Development and Environment, advised the map indicates the property line of Johl Developments property, however, the Planning Department is working with the developer to acquire a portion of the site to the south.

Council suggested discussion with the Legal Department with respect to the filling of the ditch along 145 Street.

The Manager, Land Development and Environment advised that the internal road does not connect to the adjacent Johl Development property to the south.

The Manager, Land Development and Environment advised that the developer wishes to build the single family and the multi family (townhouse component) homes concurrently. There are no applications to develop the property to the north at present, however, there are many queries.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Councillor Higginbotham
Seconded by Councillor Watts
That:

1. 532848 BC Ltd. be required to construct a roadway on 145 Street with a minimum pavement width of 6.0 metres and a temporary sidewalk with a minimum width of 1.2 metres from the north limit of their development site to 74 Avenue, in addition to the required Works and Services across the frontage of their site on 145 Street.
2. Interim vehicular access from 145 Street be allowed for the townhouse component of the 532848 BC Ltd. development until permanent access to this component is available to 74 Avenue through development on the adjacent property to the north.
3. The permanent sidewalk on 145 Street between 72A Avenue and 74 Avenue, as shown in the NCP report, be located on the west side instead of the east side, and that each developer of the land on the west side of 145 Street be required to construct this sidewalk across their frontage in conjunction with development of the adjacent property.

Before the motion was put:

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Mayor McCallum

That recommendation 1. of Corporate Report C381 be amended by deleting *of 6.0 metres and a temporary sidewalk with a minimum width of 1.2 metres and inserting in its place from the west edge bank of the storm ditch to the west property line.*

Defeated with Councillor Villeneuve

Councillor Lewin, Councillor Higginbotham, Councillor Watts, and the Acting Mayor against.

The Manager, Land Development and Engineering advised that the Johl Development is anticipated to develop six to nine months behind the schedule of 532858 BC Ltd. development. He further advised the future NCP plan shows the 72A Avenue extending to the future link off of 146 Street to 72 Avenue.

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve

That staff investigate the possibility of the traffic flowing to the south and a full 6 metre pavement width.

Defeated with Councillor Lewin, Councillor Villeneuve, Councillor Higginbotham, Councillor Watts and the Acting Mayor against.

The main motion was then put and:

Carried with Councillor Hunt and Councillor Lewin opposed.

Item No. C382 Averaging or Phasing Options - 1998 Taxation

File: 0584-001

The General Manager, Finance submitted a report regarding the option of averaging or phasing-in land assessments when setting the 1998 general tax rates.

The General Manager, Finance was recommending that Council not pursue the option of averaging or phasing-in land assessment when setting the 1998 general tax rates.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Mayor McCallum

That Council not pursue the option of averaging or phasing-in land assessment when setting the 1998 general tax rates.

Carried

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

1. Social Planning Committee Minutes - November 6, 1997

At the December 1, 1997 Regular Council meeting, Council referred the following motion to Council-in-Committee for consideration:

"That the Social Planning Committee recommend to Surrey City Council that they consider implementing a policy whereby the community is updated on the Surrey Future Vision."

File: 0042-073; 2000-004

The Chair of the Social Planning Committee advised of the need for the community to be advised annual or bi-annually on the Surrey Future Vision. She suggested a synopsis be done and published on

the City Page.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Mayor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Lewin

That the Social Planning Committee recommend to Council that they consider updating the Surrey Future Vision for the information of the community.

Carried

The Chair advised of a five minute recess at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:05 p.m. with Mayor McCallum, Councillor Lewin, Councillor Watts, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Higginbotham and Acting Mayor Eddington in the Chair.

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Bev Sommer, Manager, Heritage Services

Bruno Zappone, Chair, Museum & Archives Advisory Board

Rob Palsenbarg, Surrey Parks & Recreation Commission

Andrew Brown, Consultant

Bruce Knapp, Architect

File: 0065-012; 8096-010

Bev Sommer, Manager, Heritage Services; Bruno Zappone, Chair, Museum & Archives Advisory Board; Rob Palsenbarg, Surrey Parks & Recreation Commissioner; Andrew Brown, Consultant; and Bruce Knapp, Architect were in attendance to present the concept proposals for a new City Museum and Archives.

Mr. Bruno Zappone was present to introduce the delegation, and advised that over the last 16 months the Museum and Archives Steering Committee have been working to complete the concept proposal. He introduce members of the committee and Andrew Brown, Consultant.

Mr. Andrew Brown gave a brief overview, and advised of the concept stating:

- the next steps are implementation, fundraising and marketing.
- The Public Process Results:
 1. Community history is critically important to the people of Surrey and the development of community, given the growth rate of Surrey.
 2. The Museum and Archives must be a dynamic, interactive and symbolic multi-purpose educational and recreational destination.
 3. The future Museum and Archives must be planned to respond to the educational and recreational needs of a community of 590,000 people.
 4. Museum and Archives collections and programs must present the past, present and future in a relevant way.
 5. Collections, exhibits and programs should include the following: First Nations History, Natural

History, Environmental Interpretations, Community History, Cultural and Ethnic Communities and Visions of the Future.

- The core populations of Vancouver at present is 670,000, Surrey at 310,000, in the year 2020 it is predicted to be Vancouver 800,000, Surrey is 600,000, the Museum and Archives Centre should be built to support the population predicted.
- The Heritage Services incorporates Museum and Archives, as well as the decentralized services, i.e., historic Stewart Farm, heritage markers, natural history sites, aboriginal sites, and natural history.
- The museum concept is to incorporate the past, the present, and the future, as requested by the people of the City.
- The archives concept is presently the collective memory of the community, with the hopes of being the resource and research centre of the community.
- The Surrey Museum & Archives will have the best chance of becoming reality if developed as a community focal point, a Surrey learning and discovery centre where complementary educational and recreational activities take place.
- The learning and discovery centre would become a setting for group and individual life-long learning, community events, celebration, and public interaction and communication.
- The learning and discovery centre, located on land provided by the City, strategically located and adjacent to major traffic arterials and transit, would provide the greatest catalyst and incentive for innovative private sector partnerships with both capital and operating cost recovery potential.

In response to queries from Council, the delegation stated:

- The learning and discovery centre will need to be located where the majority of people can access it.
- The Committee has spoken to key stakeholders in the community (i.e., the Library Board, who are totally committed to this project, and to Kwantlen College, who are very supportive).
- The Committee has not as yet spoken with the Performing Arts Centre.
- Consideration will be given to incorporating a business resource and skills centre. Presentations have been made to the Chamber of Commerce with another presentation within this week.
- The public has requested the location to be centralized, with multi-modal access. The Cloverdale area, even with other amenities, would not be feasible.
- There are exhibits similar to the one at City Hall at the North Surrey Recreation Centre, and the Whalley Library.
- Admission into the Museum is by donation.

The delegation requested that Council approve in principle the concept and further requested guidelines on how to proceed next, and suggested logically it would be to bring the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Library Board together. There is the need to proceed using the cultural services of the City as a catalyst.

2. Michelle Travers

National Firearms Association (NFA-BC)

File: 0065-012; 0021-001

Michelle Travers, National Firearms Association (NFA-BC) was in attendance to discuss Bill C-68 and how it will impact on the taxpayers and made the following comments:

- Bill C-68 is Federal legislation that is now law and awaiting implementation. The concern is the

cost of implementation to the City.

- **The cost of implementation was estimated at 85 million dollars over a five-year period. Implementation has not even started and it has cost three times the estimated cost, this will be down-loaded to the City.**
- **The impact will increase crime rates when this legislation is introduced, affecting medical, educational and the transit system.**
- **The implementation timeline is being delayed due to the registration computer system not working.**
- **The down-loading costs to the Province, as well as the City of Surrey, can be provided for Council.**
- **Bill C-68 is requesting that all owners of firearms acquire a Possession Only certificate. Initially this will cost \$10, increasing at the end of 1999 to \$45, and at the end of the year 2000 to \$65.**
- **There have been no discussions with the Customs officials regarding the process of searching at the border for firearms.**
- **It is the individual not the firearm that should be licensed, registered and educated.**
- **There are firearms that should be registered, such as collectibles, for historical value.**
- **The information being requested through the application process of registering a firearm will not have an effect in reducing the crime rate.**
- **The system that Bill C-68 is requesting to implement does not logically reflect a reduction in the crime rate. The crime rate is relative to population size.**
- **There is a comprehensive report from the Firearms Association that will be forwarded to Council for their information.**

The delegation advised that she is the Vice President of Finance and President of the B.C. Chapter of the National Firearms Association. She further advised that she owns a firearms dealership in Vancouver. She stated that she is before Council to open a dialogue regarding the implementation of Bill C-68, property rights and the costs to be downloaded.

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by Councillor Watts

Seconded by Councillor Hunt

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried