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**Tuesday, July 28, 1998**

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
Tuesday, July 28, 1998  
Time: 4:00 p.m.

**Present:**

Chairperson:  
Councillor Watts  
Mayor McCallum  
Councillor Villeneuve  
Councillor Steele  
Councillor Hunt

**Absent:**

Councillor Caissie  
Councillor Robinson  
Councillor Higginbotham

**Staff Present:**

Acting City Manager  
City Clerk  
S. Kopeschny, Administrative Assistant

**Councillors Entering Meeting  
in Progress:**

Councillor Eddington

**A. CORPORATE REPORTS**

**B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**C. DELEGATIONS**

**1. Patsy Schell, Executive Director  
Surrey Chamber of Commerce  
File: 0065-012; 0550-001**

Ms. Patsy Schell, Executive Director, Surrey Chamber of Commerce was in attendance to present the Surrey Lights Aglow project business plan and video for Council's review and participation.

Ms. Schell drew the attention of Council to a tourism event, to be situated in the Cloverdale area consisting of a Disney-style, holiday light show, done in theme areas. She noted that each theme area is 25 x 45 ft. high, and that 32 parts will be animated. She advised that this is produced by an American company, originally done in Medicine Hat as a pilot. This event runs 39 days from the end of November until January. She stated that there will be a minimum fee of \$7 per vehicle, with a cost of \$5 to manage the event, \$1 to taxes and the other \$1 going to childrens charities. She stated that the total cost will be a million dollars and that this will be marketed as a Lower Mainland event. She requested that the City act as a gold sponsor. She noted that either Coca Cola or BC Hydro will be the presenting sponsor. She stated that this will be done in increments and that by the end of the third year, it will take half an hour to ride through the area. Upon query from Council, it was noted that the

presenting sponsor will be announced at the end of this week. It was further advised that three sponsors have confirmed their gold sponsorships. Ms. Schell stated that there must be nine confirmed sponsors prior to initiating the project.

Mr. Jim King referred to the proposed Cloverdale Fairground site, noting the movement of vehicles throughout the event.

It was advised that the Surrey Chamber of Commerce is in full support of the project and that presentations have been made to CKNW, The Province, and The Sun.

The Chair noted that Council will make a motion at the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 28, 1998 in support of this endeavour.

## **2. Brian Lane, President**

### **Bike Park Association Society**

File: 0065-012; 8381-001; 8350-124

Mr. Brian Lane, President, Bike Park Association Society was in attendance to discuss the matter of the South Surrey Bike Park project located at South Surrey Athletic Park, adjacent to the Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest.

Mr. Lane stated that he is a 9 year resident of Surrey who has put volunteer time into the above program with no compensation. He gave a brief history of the bike park noting that he initiated his request in February 1997 to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department and that he attended a meeting with Dr. Roy Strang of the Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest Advisory Committee who proposed a north/south trail separating the urban forest from the actual South Surrey Athletic Park. He advised that the survey boundary of the park was assumed to be west of the north/south trail as per the map he was given. He read a letter indicating that the Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest Society was in support of this project. He noted that this was approved by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission on September 3, 1997 and further referenced a petition from the community showing support. He stated that approval was given subject to the support of Dr. Strang and staff of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department who reviewed the trails together. He advised that volunteers spent many hours making trails and received much input in creating these trails from a landscape architect from the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. He noted that the trails were completed by late February and that a temporary permit had been issued for a race event to be held on March 28. He stated that the licensing agreement was held up by the GVRD pending review and was never signed. In summary, he stated that the bike park volunteers were not made aware of any boundary issues, and requested a review of the subject. In answer to queries from Council, he noted that he and Dr. Strang had agreed with the plan, but that the Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest Advisory Committee did not approve the plan. He noted that volunteers built barriers and relief trails. With regard to the issue of loss of funds, Mr. Lane stated that he had personally spent several thousands of dollars in forming an Association as well as for his personal time. Reference was made to several events which were not approved by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission. It was noted that the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department had informed the Bike Park Association of the state of the trails on several occasions.

## **3. Dale Kastanis**

File: 0065-012; 8381-001

Ms. Dale Kastanis was in attendance to discuss the development, use and control of the Bike Park currently planned for the South Surrey Athletic Park and infringing on Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest.

Ms. Kastanis introduced herself as a former Parks and Recreation Commissioner, who is actively involved in sports groups and school activities and who appreciates the active aspect of Surrey Parks and Recreation. She stated that she had expressed her concerns regarding the possible impact of the bike park to Brian Lane, President of the Bike Park Association. She advised that she lives across from Sunnyside Acres and was never solicited for her opinion. She further advised that cycling activity had substantially increased since the formation of the bike park. She referred to two new trails, as well as to a 1992 map clearly delineating the Urban Forest and the boundary of the South Surrey Athletic Park. She stated that she attended the March 28 bike park event, had explained her concerns with the sponsors and had received verbal abuse. She commented that she had spoken with Gaetan Royer, Manager, Planning, Research and Development who had expressed some concern. It was noted that on April 1, 1998, a copy of the licensing agreement was sent for review. She stated that she was invited to a meeting by the Parks and Recreation Staff in order to facilitate a compromise and observed that staff were concerned with the non-compliance of the Bike Park Society at this time. She then referenced a news article on the bike park containing inaccurate information. Photographs were produced for the perusal of Council, observing illegal trails, and showing damage to the north/south trail in the Urban Forest. Ms. Kastanis expressed concern that the mud on the trail limits access to pedestrians, especially seniors. Additional photographs showed the attempts to repair the trails. Ms. Kastanis presented the following recommendations to Council for their consideration:

- that the bike park be contained with the creation of an alternative north/south trail to keep cyclists from ruining trails,
- that the Bike Park Society and Mr. Lane be held liable for the repairs to the trails,
- that the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Commission retain control,
- that the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department alone be the major sponsor of major bike events,
- to consider enlarging the bike park to include the area surrounding Softball City,
- that a continuing education program be promoted to educate the community,
- that Brian Lane be prohibited from continuing involvement in the bike park development or promotion.

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt  
Seconded by Councillor Watts  
That the submission and photographs be received.

Carried

**4. Charlyn Glover and owners of duplexes at  
9934/36 - 133A Street; 9943/45 and 9935/37 - 134 Street**  
File: 0065-012; 5600-001

Ms. Charlyn Glover and owners of duplexes at 9934/36 - 133A Street, and 9943/45 and 9935/37 - 134 Street were in attendance to express concerns with respect to the current zoning of their duplexes.

Bill McQuade drew the attention of Council to the concern of homes that are legally approved strata lots with existing duplexes registered with BC registry. He noted that in 1987, duplexes were removed from the zoning by-law but that this was not an attempt to remove duplexes from By-law 9328. He advised that none of the above has been used as a fourplex. He referenced a memo dated Dec 1, 1997 from the City Manager, indicating that properties are to be rezoned as proposals come forward. He advised that he had been informed late last year that this is a non-conforming lot. He stated that he now must negotiate a settlement with the neighbour as to who owns the lot. He referred to a plan of the area. He asked that Council consider a request for the zoning to be changed back to a conforming by-law done as a Council initiative. Upon query, it was noted that they are being asked to pay a substantial fee in

order to be conforming.

Council suggested that staff from the Planning Department report back on the above issue.

**5. B.J. Dhillon**

**Dr. Barry Cook**

**St. John's Strawberry Hill United Church**

File: 0065-012; 0310-099

B.J. Dhillon and Dr. Barry Cook, St. John's Strawberry Hill United Church were in attendance to apprise Council on the Sikh-Christian Dialogue event planned for October 23 to 25, 1998.

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Watts

That informational material be received and distributed.

Carried

Dr. Cook advised that he is the Co-chair of the Interfaith Initiative for Christians and Sikhs in Dialogue and announced the above event which will include about 100 Sikhs and Christians. He stated that this group will engage in discussions regarding their mutual faith and beliefs, how this affects society and will attempt to devise ways to work together to make a contribution to the development of this community. He provided a brief background of the event, noting that this is a world wide attempt for all religious groups to discover what they have in common. He referred to similar events that are ongoing throughout Canada. He stated that this initiative has two dimensions: to review how our faith allows us to make decisions, as well as how people can work together. He expressed his hope that there will be a way to examine the results of the discussions for utilization in other areas. He requested the amount of \$1000 from Council in order to initiate this project and to assist in the later development of the process. He noted that there will be a second event resulting from this dialogue, likely to be held in the Spring of 1999.

B. J. Dhillon advised Council that he has been a citizen of Surrey for 13 years, and that he has been on this committee for 10 months. He noted some of the people on the Committee as being educators, social workers, bankers, and seniors, all unifying to build some bridges and to deal with issues caused by lack of knowledge and trust. He commented that this is a small step in bringing the communities together. He advised that this will begin in a church, with group discussion to follow, and that the third day will be a day of prayer in a temple. He stated that the main goal is to organize a hands-on project in order to get people to work together. He stated that they are present to apprise Council of their initiative and to request funds. He noted receipt of several grants, including from the United Church of Canada Foundation. Upon questioning from Council, it was noted that individual donations are also being solicited from church members and from other areas and referred to the submitted posters. It was advised that the request is 7% of the total budget. It was observed that those on the Committee are considered politically neutral.

It was noted that this request will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

**6. Ron & Joan Matthews**

**Terry & Heather Larsen**

File: 0065-012; 2152-02000

Ron & Joan Matthews and Terry & Heather Larsen were in attendance to address the traffic problems

on 20 Avenue between 141 and 144 Streets.

**Note:** At the June 22, 1998 Regular Council meeting, Council passed a motion that a corporate report be prepared addressing the traffic problems on 20 Avenue between 141 and 144 Streets as well as any other pertinent background information. (See Corporate Report R1581 of the Regular Council meeting of July 13, 1998, attached to the backup.)

Councillor Eddington entered the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

C. Halloway advised Council that he was in attendance to represent the residents of the area. He stated that he is one of the original residents of 20 Avenue and has seen the normal traffic flow go from moderate traffic, increasing to 52 cars in five minutes, up to as high as 86 cars in 5 minutes. He observed that this has become a speedway, a main artery for Crescent Beach and has become a highway, with average speeds of 80 km. He stated that the volume using the street is varied and listed same. He advised that there is more traffic here than on 16 Avenue with four lanes and suggested that the traffic should be rerouted onto more reasonable streets. He expressed his concern regarding the safety of pedestrians and the accessing of adjacent properties. He stated that the noise pollution is such that ear plugs have been necessary for yard work. He commented that most residents are retired, want to stay in the neighbourhood and requested support from Council. He then introduced Joan Matthews.

Joan Matthews advised that she lives on 20 Avenue and noted several recent instances of excessive speed use on this road. She gave a brief history of her 4 1/2 year quest and noted that several petitions were submitted to Council which resulted in the discussion of calming measures. She referred to several options which had been presented to area residents, including a pathway or a redirected truck route. She stated that they have been waiting for the water mains to be constructed. She noted that chokers have been the solution suggested but stated that the delegation feels an access road with a buffer from 141 to 144 Streets would provide better separation from the traffic, similar to 20 Avenue on 148 to 149 Streets and would be a more permanent solution. She stated that a buffer would be attractive and would help retain property values. She further stated that lifestyle and safety of residents should be considered. She referred to several recent accidents in the area and expressed the hope that a permanent solution could be found. It was noted that plans have been formulated for chokers on 20 Avenue at four locations, as well as a designated bicycle lane. Discussion followed regarding the various options submitted by the Engineering Department. Upon query, she stated that the residents would agree to a stop light or a frontage road.

It was suggested that the Engineering Department provide a report back to Council and that a copy of Corporate Report R1581 be given to the delegation.

#### **D. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

#### **E. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS**

#### **F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

It was Moved by Councillor Villeneuve  
Seconded by Councillor Steele  
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:58 p.m.