



City of Surrey

Transportation Committee

Minutes

Councillor's Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2006
Time: 1:05 p.m.

Present:

Chair – Councillor Bose
Mayor Watts

Absent:

Councillor Hunt

Staff Present:

P. Ham, General Manager, Engineering
V. Lalonde, Manager, Utilities &
Transportation
J. Boan, Transportation Engineer
S. Palmer, Deputy City Clerk

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

B. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Transportation Committee (“TC”) Terms of Reference (Appendix A)
File No: 0540-20 TC

Attached is a draft of the 2006 TC Terms of Reference. The TC is requested to consider and adopt the TC Terms of Reference.

The following amendments were made to the TC Terms of Reference:

Section 2 FUNCTIONS:

- Insert the sentence “The Transportation Committee is a standing committee, whose members are appointed by the Mayor per Section 141 of the *Community Charter*”.
- Under the second bulleted item, insert the words “to Council” after the word “to” and before the word “other” and insert the words “stakeholder groups” before the word “and” to read as follows:
”Review issues related to policy matters, provide feedback to staff and make recommendations to Council, other governments, stakeholder groups, and agencies through Council; and

Section 3 COMPOSITION:

- Delete the word “Councillor” and insert the word “Mayor” to read “Mayor Watts”.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Bose
That the Transportation Committee Terms
of Reference be received, as amended.
Carried

The suggestion was made to hold monthly Transportation Committee meetings and to change the venue to the Executive Boardroom.

2. Review of Issues to be Dealt with by the TC (Appendix B)

File No: 0540-20 TC

The TC is requested to review the type of issues that the TC wishes to deal with at future meetings.

The following amendments were made to the “2006 Range of Issues for Transportation Committee”:

Under “TransLink’s Review of the South of the Fraser Transit Plan”:

- First bullet: Delete the words “bus” and “rates” and insert the word “transit” and “routes”; insert the words “of service, including SkyTrain” to read: *“Individual transit routes and frequency of service, including SkyTrain and transit”*.
- Third bullet: Delete the word “extensions” and insert the words “expanded service and light rail” to read: *“Potential SkyTrain expanded service and light rail”*.
- Fourth bullet: Change “Use of existing southern rail line for rail transit; and” to *“Potential for development of southern rail line for transit purposes”*.
- Fifth bullet: Change “Expansion of community shuttle into new areas” to *“Potential for expansion of community shuttles into new areas”*.

Under “New 10 Year Servicing Plan”

- Insert “Review and analysis of current and projected capacities for arterial and collector roads”.

Review of Provincial Gateway Program

-Delete the word “Also”; insert the words “and reviewing specific local issues that flow from the Gateway Program, and requires recommendation to Council” after the word “requires” to read:

“Mechanisms to provide funding for this program such as tolling or road pricing also impacts the City and its residents; requires reviewing specific local issues that flow from the Gateway program; and requires recommendations to Council for comment back to the Province.”

Resident Parking Only Programs

Delete the word “various” and “options has been undertaken” and insert the words “and Town Centre parking policies and programs” after “parking” to read as follows: *“Review of residential parking and Town Centre parking policies and programs”*.

Traffic Calming

Insert the words “policies and programs” after the word “calming” to read as follows: *“Look at the City’s criteria for traffic calming, policies and programs, funding levels, traffic calming measures implemented so far, including the practice in other municipalities”*.

Road Capital Needs for Maintaining Infrastructure

Delete the words “capital needs for maintaining transportation” and “in serviceable condition” and insert the words “proper asset management and road” to read as follows: *“Review of proper asset management and road infrastructure.”*

Update of Surrey’s Transportation Plan

Delete the existing statement and replace with:

“Review of issues surrounding the implementation and development of Transit Plans in advance of development”.

Provision of Transit for New NCPs

Add the statement *“Identify potential bus routes as part of the NCP”*.

Review of Major Road Network

Add the statement “Engineering will apprise issues with specific implications to Surrey as they arise”.

Arterial and Collector Roads in Agricultural Areas

It was noted that the Agricultural Advisory Committee has requested a copy of the amended Transportation Committee “Terms of Reference”.

Streetscapes and Road Standards

- Insert the words “and safe pedestrian crossings” after the words “properties” to read: *Where arterial roadways are widened, as much landscaped median is provided as is possible, while still allowing for some access fronting properties and safe pedestrian crossings.*

Look at Other Cities’ Experiences

The suggestion was raised that examples of National Best Practices would be provided at each Transportation Committee meeting.

It was Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Bose
That the 2006 Range of Issues for
Transportation Committee be adopted, as amended.
Carried

Transportation Committee – Preliminary Meetings Program (Appendix A attached)

The Manager, Drainage provide a copy of the “Transportation Committee – Preliminary Meetings Program’ on table.

It was Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Bose
That the “Transportation Committee –
Preliminary Meetings Program” be received.
Carried

3. Infrastructure Planning
File No: 0550-01

Staff to provide background as to what is in the new Transportation 10 Year Plan.

4. 2006 Translink Transportation Plan

File No: 0500-01

At the Monday, January 16, 2006 Regular Council meeting Council referred *Corporate Report R004 – 2006 Translink Transportation Plan* to the TC. The TC is requested to consider Corporate Report R004.

It was Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Bose
That Corporate Report R004 entitled “2006
Translink Transportation Plan” be received by the Transportation Committee.
Carried

The Chair noted that the agenda order would be varied:

D. STAFF PRESENTATION**1. 88 Avenue and King George Highway Intersection**

A PowerPoint presentation was provided relative to the intersection at 88 Avenue and King George Highway. The following comments were made:

- Direction is required with respect to east-west corridor improvement options between 80 Avenue and 88 Avenue at King George Highway.
- 88 Avenue is the only continuous east-west route between 64 Avenue and 96 Avenue.
- 88 Avenue extends from 200 Street to the Alex Fraser bridge and is a key commuter and truck route.
- King George Highway is one of only three continuous north-south routes and is a key commuter and truck route.
- 85,000 vehicles per day travel through this area
- There is excessive queuing and this area has received a level of service rating of “F” or failure.
- Currently, there is one accident per working day and the intersection is considered seventh in a list of the ten highest crash sites in B.C.
- Fire Hall No. 1 is the third busiest in Canada and is primarily routed through this intersection.
- Ten fire trucks per day are going through this intersection.
- When 88th Avenue is congested, emergency vehicles must travel in opposing lanes to respond to emergency calls.
- Safety improvement initiatives include enhancing preemption systems for emergency services to clear significant 88 Avenue queues and the installation of video detection devices in combination with interval and timing changes.
- Fire Hall No. 1 would have preemption activation button at the hall.
- These necessary initiatives are likely to increase delays and queuing.
- Assessment demand will increase with City growth.
- With no spare capacity, the peak congestion period will continue to extend.

- Plans for rapid bus systems may nominally reduce the increase in vehicle volumes, but will reduce the intersection capacity.

Discussion ensued with respect to various options to address capacity issues along with improving safety.

The Chair noted the following agenda items would be deferred to the next Transportation Committee meeting.

5. Translink Review of South of Fraser Transit Plan

File No: 0500-01

Staff presentation on TransLink review of the South of the Fraser Area Transit Plan (SOFA-TP) and proposals/process for city input and involvement.

6. John Greco - Delegation Request

File No: 0220-01; 0550-20-10

At the Monday, January 9, 2006 Public Hearing meeting Council referred Mr. Greco to the TC. He is requesting to appear regarding the Pattullo Bridge; traffic on 104 Avenue, and garbage along sidewalks in North Surrey. The TC is requested to consider Mr. Greco's request to appear.

7. Arlene Laing - Delegation Request

File No: 5460-20; 0550-20-10

At the Monday, February 13, 2006 Regular Council meeting Council referred Ms. Laing to the TC. She is requesting to present a petition lobbying for the installation of a pedestrian-controlled light at the crosswalk located at 132 Street and Huntley Street. The TC is requested to consider Ms. Laing's request to appear.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence from Mayor's Office

- (a) **Letter from MLA regarding expanding commuter load on Highway No. 1.**

File No: 0500-01

- (b) **E-letter from Elaine Shigetomi regarding installing speed bumps on Pattullo Bridge.**

File No: 5400-05

- (c) **E-letter from Lori & Amanda Sterling regarding a new bridge.**
File No: 5400-05
- (d) **E-letter from Pieter Spierenburg regarding using the old railway bridge rather than barrier on the Pattullo Bridge.**
File No: 5400-01 M
- (e) **Letter from M. Creagh regarding twinning the existing Pattullo Bridge.**
File No: 0220-01 M
- (f) **Letter from Robert Briggs regarding twinning the Port Mann Bridge and the company 'Solicor' and their new construction technique for bridges.**
File No: 5400-01 M
- (g) **E-letter from Paul Manning regarding alternatives to bridge twinning, specifically the inter-urban rail.**
File No: 0500-01 M
- (h) **Letter from Rose Scott proposing a bus route in the Fraser Heights area**
File No: 8500-01

The original agenda order was resumed.

F. UPDATES

G. OTHER BUSINESS

H. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee has been scheduled for Thursday, April 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the Executive Boardroom.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was

do now adjourn.

Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Bose
That the Transportation Committee meeting

Carried

The Transportation Committee adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

City Clerk: Margaret Jones

Chairperson: Councillor Bose
Transportation Committee