
Monday, March 30, 1992

Committee Room
Municipal Hall
14245 - 56th Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
Time: 4:47 p.m.

Present: Chairman - Alderman Ralston; Mayor Bose, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Schrenk, Alderman Villeneuve, Alderman Hunt, Alderman Higginbotham and Alderman Fomich. Alderman Watkins entered the meeting as indicated in the minutes.

Also

Present: Acting Municipal Manager, Municipal Clerk, and J. Turner - Administrative Assistant.

A. ACTING MANAGER'S REPORT

1. The Acting Municipal Manager's report to be considered.

Allan Levinsohn, Consultant, to be in attendance to discuss Item C23 (GIS).

Item No. C23 Surrey's Land Information System (0043-048)

The Acting Manager submitted a report from the Land Development/GIS/Mapping Steering Committee concerning Surrey's Land Information System.

The Land Development/GIS/Mapping Steering Committee was recommending that the report on progress in the planning and implementation of a Geographic Information System (GIS) in Surrey be received for information.

The Acting Manager concurred with the recommendation of the Land Development/GIS/Mapping Steering Committee.

The Deputy Municipal Engineer spoke to Manager's Report Item C23 and introduced Allan Levinsohn.

Alderman Watkins entered the meeting at 4.51 p.m.

Mr. Levinsohn explained that the GIS system is a new way of doing business that will lead to benefits and new opportunities for Surrey. The GIS data base and data management strategies will be based on the use of geography. He observed that the data base/management efforts will consume 60% of the budget for implementation of a GIS system but will be the most permanent and valuable asset.

Mr. Levinsohn identified benefits of the system which would include:

Improved operational efficiency

Holding on staff increases

Maintaining and reducing expenses

Eliminating duplication of efforts in collection and storage of data and reducing retrieval time

Continuous information flow

Improved effectiveness of professional staff as a consequence

More information for more reliable and better decisions

Better public service

Better growth management

During discussion Alderman Robinson left the meeting at 4:52 p.m. and returned at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Levinsohn reviewed requirements for successful implementation of the GIS System to include the following:

Funding over the course of implementation which will require approximately three years

A need for willing users

Knowledgeable staff in information systems to manage, process and design

Measurement of objectives

Suitable hardware and software

The above noted requirements were seen by Mr. Levinsohn to be either in place or in progress:

Much of the data is collected

Procedures for use and maintenance are in place

A high level of enthusiasm and understanding exists amongst staff

The Corporate Systems' Group has much of the expertise for implementation

A short term implementation plan is developed and in progress

Planning exists for long range strategic plans

Hardware and software acquisitions are in progress

Mr. Levinsohn concluded by indicating that his review has revealed that staff has proceeded prudently in adapting an investigative approach and carefully assessing the technology. He stated there is no impediment at this time to successful implementation of a GIS System.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Levinsohn noted that:

Numerous Canadian cities have implemented or are in the process of implementing a GIS System or version thereof

Scarborough, Ontario is the community that most closely resembles Surrey

Halifax is the city which has most rapidly put their system into place (3 years)

Although costs of hardware are coming down, there have been enormous increases in hardware efficiency; hardware and software represents approximately 15% of the implementation costs.

During discussion Alderman Villeneuve left the meeting at 5:10 p.m. and returned at 5:11 p.m.

Surrey has reached an optimum point between the costs of technology and the size of the Municipality, making implementation of this system at this time the most cost effective while Surrey is still able to manage the data prior to its becoming overly massive

The database at present can be built through day to day transactions without bulk loading

The system can be converted once further technological improvements occur

85% of the costs represent:

40% to building property mapping, survey control, and building of ownership reports

20% - 25% project management and application database design

15% data conversion

20% infrastructure

During discussion Alderman Higginbotham left the meeting at 5:16 p.m. and returned at 5:18 p.m.

Has observed consistent trends in terms of organization of data and hardware strategies; software differs vastly

The Deputy Municipal Engineer concluded by noting that a further report will be submitted to Council following an evaluation to occur in June.

The Mayor and Alderman Watkins left the meeting at 5:23 p.m., and returned at 5:26 p.m.

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Steven Polak

Steven Polak, Marge Jackson, employee of Surrey Memorial Hospital and Josephine Arland were present. Mr. Polak spoke to his submission and expressed the need for assurance from the Provincial Government that a new hospital will be built and that there will be additional extended care beds in Surrey. He observed that extended care hospitals are needed in the community. This need cannot be reduced by the homecare service which provides assistance to people who may remain in their homes. Mr. Polak also mentioned that the 1.5 million dollars set aside by the Provincial Government to upgrade the Shirley Dean Pavilion extended care facility has now been set aside in favour of \$850,000 renovation to make the facility suitable for a Psychiatric Unit. Mr. Polak then commented that relocation of the Shirley Dean Pavilion residence has created a great hardship for the residents. He

noted that members of the Old Age Pensioners' Association and the Community of Surrey have canvassed the people of Surrey with a result that over 2,000 letters have been mailed to the Ministry of Health asking for them to stop the closure of the Pavilion.

During discussion Alderman Watkins left the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

In response to questions, Mr. Polak noted that the staff of the Shirley Dean Pavilion were advised by the Director of Extended Care Facility that they would cease to have jobs on April 30, 1992.

Jacqueline Arland was present to represent the elderly of the community and the residents of the Extended Care Facility, many of whom cannot speak for themselves. She expressed concern that the emotional effect of the relocation on the elderly is extensive and disgraceful. She observed that she is opposed to the privatization of Health Care; is concerned with people being laid off, many of whom are single parents, and suggested that another Extended Care Unit be constructed prior to closure of the Shirley Dean Pavilion.

Mrs. Arland concluded by asking the elected Council of Surrey to assist by determining the intentions of the Hospital Board for the Shirley Dean Pavilion property and suggested that there be an elected Hospital Board rather than appointed members.

Alderman Fomich left the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

The Council-In-Committee meeting recessed at 5:49 p.m. and reconvened at 5:50 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Acting Mayor Ralston, Mayor Bose, Aldermen Robinson, Schrenk, Hunt, Higginbotham and Villeneuve present.

2. Garry Hedberg

[File: 2104-012/0065-012](#)

Garry Hedberg was present on behalf of the residents of the area bounded by 156 Street to 160 Street and 98 Avenue to 100 Avenue.

Mr. Hedberg asked that Council:

1. Prohibit the construction or conversion of homes in the area to development rental suites
2. Instruct By-Law Officers to close illegal suites within the boundaries.

Mr. Hedberg reviewed a map of the area which points out that 19 dwellings in the area have illegal suites. He also pointed out there remain 16 undeveloped lots and expressed the fear of further multi-family development. Mr. Hedberg noted that 81% of those contacted in a submitted petition were in support of the request that the neighbourhood remain a single family neighbourhood.

Although Mr. Hedberg recognized that secondary suites may be necessary in some areas, the area in question is zoned single family and should remain so as requested by the majority of home owners.

Mr. Hedberg concluded that Council instruct the Planning Department to hold a Public Information Meeting and send ballots to homeowners to allow them to decide if the area will remain single family or

become multi-family. He added a precedent for this action has been set in another Surrey neighbourhood.

In response to the questions, Mr. Hedberg stated he does not oppose single suites under 800 sq. ft. as per By-law located on the fringes of the area in question.

Mr. Boiley of 15857 - 99A Avenue was present and advised Council that he moved into the neighbourhood due to the single family zoning. He noted that there are now 19 dwellings on seven lots to the east of him and 36 dwellings in 12 new houses to the west with an additional 16 lots yet to be developed. He concluded by asking for Council's help to retain the single family character of the neighbourhood.

Francis Tudor of 15909 - 99 Avenue was present and asked that Council control progress, that the area remain single family dwelling if this is what the neighbourhood wants and requested Council's assistance in this endeavor.

A. ACTING MANAGER'S REPORT (continued)

2. Bring Forward Items

(a) Item No. C21 Newton Library Opening

File:

This item was not dealt with.

(b) Item No. C14 Solid Waste Management Review

File: 4600-001; 0046-020

This item was not dealt with.

(c) Item No. C19 Temporary Dwelling Units - Comprehensive Development

File: 2104-012

This item was not dealt with.

(d) Item No. C20 BCHMC - Allocation Process

File:

This item was not dealt with.

(e) Item No. C9 Conservation (ECO) Designation for OCP

File: 0023-7600

This item was not dealt with.

(f) Item No. C18 5% Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication

File: 0100-000

This item was not dealt with.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by Alderman Robinson

Seconded by Alderman Hunt

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

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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