



City of Surrey

Finance Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Hunt - Chair
Mayor Watts
Councillor Bose
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Higginbotham
Councillor Martin
Councillor Steele
Councillor Villeneuve

Absent:

Staff Present:

Acting City Manager
General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR
City Clerk
General Manager, Engineering
Acting General Manager, Planning & Development
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
Fire Chief
Chief Superintendent MacRae, RCMP

A. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. The Corporate Reports, under date of November 27, 2006, were considered and dealt with as follows:

**Item No. F024 2007 Financial Planning Process – Part I
(General Operating)**
File: 1705-07; 1705-01

The Acting City Manager and the General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR submitted a report concerning the 2007 Financial Planning Process – Part I (General Operating).

In response to questions the Senior Management Team advised:

- The population estimate of 412,000 was used for 2007, the numbers were provided from the Planning Department. The population estimate has taken into account the 3 – 4% undercount of Statistic Canada, numbers have been taken from the BC Statistics and have also taken into consideration the building permit issuance, the population figures are the best estimate based on information that is available.
- A 3% property tax increase is being proposed. The 1% increase will be in the 2007 budget and remain in the budget.
- That 1 police officer per every 700 citizens is a ratio taken from across Canada, the intention is to ensure that the police are properly resourced to provide policing services over time and seems to be accomplishable under the current conditions.
- The RCMP is spending all their salary dollars and then some.
- The Parks department can review their labor pool; review what is contracted out and what impact contracting and city labor will impact on services and funding. The Parks department can also continue to evaluate the work that is being done by the current contractors.

- The Early Literacy Coordinator will be within the library departmental budget; it has only been consolidated under the heading of Social Well Being to show how the program is being rolled out.
- To implement the road levy, we would investigate the implementation of the new levy, review new regulations with respect to levies; and advise in 2007 on how to implement the road levy. The road levy would be a separate levy on individual tax bills, like the drainage levy currently on property tax billing.
- The Assistant City Solicitor is challenging the CRTC to use their enforcement action against Telus to have the telephone poles relocated.
- The required Bylaw Enforcement position will be an exempt position; this position will have the responsibilities of the bylaw notice adjudication system; parking tickets and minor bylaw enforcement, and the position would report to the Manager of Bylaw Enforcement.
- There have been a number of new positions added throughout the year to the Planning and Building Division; positions in inspections, plan checking, and in long range planning. We regulate the resources that are available within the budget and we balance the resources to meet the expectation of the community.
- There are four entities that provide the application of urban design; the City Architect; 2 Urban Designers; and the Advisory Design Panel.
- Regarding 2010 opportunities the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department is applying for grants and there are no matching capital funds available in this fund.

It was requested by Council that:

- A report be provided of a review of what Parks services are contracted out and an evaluation of work that is being done by contractors.
- An annual report be provided on the breakdown of the use of the annual funding for 2010 Opportunities.
- A report be provided regarding on implementing live web cam of Council meetings.

The Acting City Manager, and the General Manager, Finance, Technology & Human Resources were recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in their report.

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Higginbotham
That Council:

1. Approve the recommendations outlined in Section 3.0 of this report;
2. Direct staff to prepare the 2007 – 2011 Five-Year Financial Plan incorporating these recommendations; and
3. Direct staff to provide a report to Council on introducing a Roads Utility Levy for 2008 that will provide an on-going funding source for local road and traffic priorities.

Before the motion was put:-

It was Moved by Councillor Higginbotham
Seconded by Councillor Hepner
That the Financial Plan be amended to bring
in the Road Levy in 2007 and to remove the 1% increase in this regard.
Carried with Councillors Villeneuve, and
Bose against.

It was Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Hepner
That the Financial Plan be amended to
provide for 4 full-time employees in the Mayor's Office.
Carried

The main motion, as amended was put and:
Carried

Councillors Hepner and Hunt left the meeting at 3:47 p.m., and Councillor Gill assumed the Chair.

Councillor Hepner returned to the meeting at 3: 48 p.m. and Councillor Hunt returned to the meeting at 3:50 p.m. and assumed the Chair.

Item No. F025 2007 Financial Planning Process - Part 2 (Capital Program)
File: 1705-07; 1705-01

The Acting City Manager, and the General Manager, Finance, Technology & Human Resources submitted a report concerning the 2007 Financial Planning Process – Part 2 (Capital Program).

The General Manager, Finance, Technology and HR provided the following comments:

- Funding for projects over 2007 – 2011 are split-funded into Ongoing and One-Time funding.
- General operating contributions will come directly from Operating and will increase over each year.
- Gaming revenue is anticipated to be approximately \$4 million a year, and according to the Gaming Policy 25% of those revenues will go to capital projects in general; 75% has been allocated to the Cloverdale area.
- \$1.7 million to \$1.8 million per year from the Capital Legacy Fund (interest) has been included.
- Anticipated building revenues go into the Green City Fund and directly to the beautification of city projects.
- Contributions from the Solid Waste Program into the roads system will be used for road rehabilitation.
- One time funding sources include proceeds from gaming revenues, proceeds from land sales, and included in borrowing from the Legacy Fund.

- \$28 million is the total amount in the Legacy Fund at this point.
- Proceeds from prior year hauling fees have been included as funding for 2007.
- Prior year operational savings from the RCMP, Capital savings and other Operating savings have been identified in 2006 and are available for 2007.
- \$2.7 million is required for building repairs and upgrades under Ongoing Capital Requirements.
- The City's contribution to the DCC program for Roads, Park Development and Park Acquisition under Total Baseline Recurring Capital which is \$12 million per year and will remain flat over the next five years.
- More funding in future will be required.
- With respect to Legacy Borrowing - \$28 million is depleting the Capital Legacy Fund on a temporary basis; the proposal is that it be repaid with future gaming revenues.
- Borrowing from the Legacy Fund (page 14) is specifically for projects in the Cloverdale area, identified in 2006 and carried forward.
- The total funding available for the two Cloverdale revitalization projects is \$53 million. The proposed Multi-Purpose facility is proposed at \$19 million; the Trade & Convention Centre is proposed at \$34 million. Funding has been identified for the Multi-Purpose Centre from General Operating; funding for the Trade & Convention Centre has been identified through the Legacy Fund and Gaming Revenues.
- The Newton Wave Pool requires replacement of the slide at \$530,000.
- A replacement of a chiller and signage is required in the Cloverdale area.
- On the Engineering side – basic road and capital needs identified in 2006 will remain at \$500,000 per year for 2007 – 2008.
- Roads/Traffic improvement funding has been identified through a 1% tax levy.
- In 2006, a plan for 2007 and 2008 for tennis courts, sport field upgrades and additions and renovations to existing facilities was identified.
- Funding has been maintained for greenways and park development at \$200,000 per year.
- Funding for Bolivar Park is \$550,000 under New Park Amenities.
- Additional funding has been identified for enhancement of Holland Park.
- \$1 million is funded from savings from the RCMP budget in 2006 for roof replacement of the RCMP building.
- Other issues identified by staff are renovations to City Hall, minor upgrades to the Boundary Health Unit required prior to occupancy, and upgrades to other City buildings.
- Community Beautification strategies were mentioned in the operating report at \$250,000 per year.
- \$1.6 million will be brought in from the tax levy for Ongoing Capital Requirements.
- On page 15, the proposed 2007 Capital Program is outlined for roads, sewers, drainage and water to include funding from DCCs, GVTA funding, etc. The total program in those areas is \$119.4 million.

Councillor Martin requested staff report on using a ten-year rolling plan as opposed to a fixed plan relative to recreational facilities.

Discussion ensued relative to the proposed Cloverdale Multi-Purpose Centre and the Cloverdale Trade and Exhibition Center. It was noted that the Cloverdale projects would require borrowing from the Legacy Fund; the two projects would total \$53 million with \$28 million coming from the Legacy fund, the rest from General Operating and Gaming Revenue. It was added that funding has been collected for the projects in prior years. The suggestion was made to look at partnering opportunities and RFPs.

The following comments were provided relative to the two Cloverdale projects:

- Consider combining the two facilities or renovating existing facilities.
- Design build process is underway and it was noted that further information is required relative to the interrelation of the two facilities.
- Go to an RFP process, have a third party involved.
- Look at renovating and upgrading existing facilities (Agriplex and barns), determine costs, and bring forward a report to Council.
- Determine future funding to leverage amenities for Surrey.
- Look at a design that would be attractive to the broadest number of events and include an indoor rodeo.
- Refer the proposal to the Development Corporation the City is creating, to discuss the overall vision for the City.
- It is important that the facility be designed to house a variety of events, just the rodeo.

The Acting City Manager, and the General Manager, Finance, Technology & Human Resources were recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in their report.

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

1. Approve the capital projects as outlined in Section 3.2 of this report, and
2. Direct Staff to prepare the 2007 – 2011 Five-Year Capital Financial Plan incorporating these projects.

Before the question was called:-

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

1. Items 3.1.1, 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 relative to the Legacy Fund and Cloverdale issues be pulled and referred back to staff for a report; and
2. That "Funding Available for Future Pressing Needs" in the amount of \$1,600,000 be removed from the Financial Plan.

Carried

The question was then called on the main motion, as amended, and it was:-

Carried

It was Moved by Councillor Higginbotham
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That the Finance Committee would direct staff to report on the following proposal:

1. that the City share the cost of reallocation of the Martha Currie House and the Henry Parr House in the amount of \$154,000, with Walmark's contribution of \$50,000;
2. that the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission reallocate funds from the Loyal Orange Lodge in the amount of \$61,500 toward the reallocation of the Martha Currie and Henry Parr Houses; and
3. that the remainder of the reallocation costs be allocated from the Councillors Initiative Fund (approximately \$42,500).

Carried with Councillors Gill and Bose against.

Item No. F026 2007 Financial Planning Process - Part 3 (Water Utility and the Sewer/Drainage Utility)
File: 1705-07; 1705-01

The Acting City Manager, and the General Manager, Finance, Technology & Human Resources submitted a report concerning the 2007 Financial Planning Process - Part 3 (Water Utility and the Sewer/Drainage Utility).

The Acting City Manager, and the General Manager, Finance, Technology & Human Resources were recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in their report.

The General Manager, Finance, Technology and HR provided the following comments:

- Surrey now has 36,000 metered customers averaging 475 cubic meters.
- Flat rate users' average consumption is 669 cubic meters.
- It is proposed that the metered water rate go from \$0.46 per cubic meter to \$0.43 per cubic meter.
- The flat rate for water consumption would increase to \$86.00 (669 cubic meter consumption). The reason for the increase is the GVRD bulk water rate is expected to increase 27.9% in 2007; the rest is attributed to labour and other cost increases and to bring the flat rate in line with metered customers.
- The GVRD long-range bulk water rates will increase in Surrey 10% over the next few years.

- The current metered rate for sewer is \$0.565 per cubic meter and it is proposed to stay the same. The flat rate would increase by \$50.00 in line with the calculation of meter-based rates of average discharge of 669 cubic meters times 80%.
- The GVS&DD rates were increased by 3.4% for 2007 due to labour and energy cost increases. The purpose of the increase in the flat rate is to bring it in line with metered customers.
- Drainage taxes are currently \$154.00 per parcel and it has been proposed to increase that to \$156.00 in 2007.
- Solid Waste disposal rate will increase from \$185.00 to \$187.00 to reflect inflationary increases for the Solid Waste Contract and other minor increases.
- The Total Tax and Utility Impact on the Average Single Family Dwelling table, as follows, shows the impact of the increase in proposed flat water rates, as well as the 3.9% tax reduced to 2.9%. The additional utility rates would come in with the extra 1%.

Total Tax and Utility Impact on the Average Single Family Dwelling

<u>Year</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>METERED</u>		<u>Total</u>			
			<u>Drainage</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>				
2006	278.50	214.70	154.00	185.00	832.20	\$	34.40	4.3%
2007	311.75	214.70	156.00	187.00	869.45	\$	37.25	4.5%
2008	335.50	214.70	158.00	189.00	897.20	\$	27.75	3.2%
2009	359.25	214.70	160.00	191.00	924.95	\$	27.75	3.1%
2010	368.75	214.70	162.00	193.00	938.45	\$	13.50	1.5%
2011	378.25	214.70	164.00	195.00	951.95	\$	13.50	1.4%

Note: metered rates are calculated using an average consumption of 475 cm

<u>Year</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>FLAT RATE</u>		<u>Total</u>			
			<u>Drainage</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>				
2006	329.00	252.00	154.00	185.00	920.00	\$	80.00	9.5%
2007	415.00	302.00	156.00	187.00	1,060.00	\$	140.00	15.2%
2008	479.00	326.00	158.00	189.00	1,152.00	\$	92.00	8.7%
2009	553.00	353.00	160.00	191.00	1,257.00	\$	105.00	9.1%
2010	613.00	384.00	162.00	193.00	1,352.00	\$	95.00	7.6%
2011	662.00	406.00	164.00	195.00	1,427.00	\$	75.00	5.5%

Note: The average flat rate consumption for 2007 is estimated at 669 cm

It was Moved by Councillor Higginbotham
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That Council:

1. Approve the recommendations outlined in Section 3.0 of this report, and
2. Direct Staff to prepare the 2007 – 2011 Five-Year Financial Plan for each of the Water Utility and the Sewer/Drainage Utility incorporating these recommendations.

Carried

Item No. F027 City Grants for the Year 2007
File: 1850-20

The General Manager, Finance, Technology & Human Resources submitted a report concerning City Grants for the Year 2007.

The Manager, Financial Services provided an overview of the community grant application process and noted that there were 76 grant applications submitted in addition to the grants being provided by Council.

The following comments were then provided:

- Schedule A – Ongoing Grants - \$175,925 was identified for leases-in-kind.
- \$5,000 was set aside for organizations that did not manage to meet the 2007 Permissive Property Tax Exemption deadline.
- Tourism grants were reviewed through Economic Development and the recommendation was made that tourism funding be focused on specific organization – the Surrey Tourism and Convention Association.
- An additional option was recommended to allocate possibly half the funds to other Chambers of Commerce during the transition.
- \$280,000 was provided to the LFVEA as an operating grant for the Cloverdale Fairgrounds for 2007
- The Dyking District grants were reviewed by Engineering for a total of \$170,000 for 2007.
- The Honey Hooser Fund was introduced as a \$700 grant, making available \$1,000 for the Honey Hooser Spinner and Weaver scholarship.
- \$100 is available for each Surrey high school for dry grad events.
- Funds for crime prevention have been provided to the Surrey Crime Prevention Society, Street Youth Services, and South Fraser Community Services.
- Special recognition funds are available and it is recommended that \$2,500 be allocated for pins to be distributed through the Mayor's Office.
- \$28,300 is left for allocation for one-time grants.
- Schedule B identifies one-time grants of \$28,300 and all but \$3,045 has been proposed.

- Schedule C outlines grants that have not been recommended for 2007.
- Schedule D identifies grants approved in 2006, and updated through the year.
- Schedule E – Council Initiatives Fund indicates what was approved in 2006 (graffiti removal \$26,000).

Discussion ensued relative to the proposed allocation of \$30,000 to the Surrey Tourism and Convention Association. It was noted that the Board of Trade had started a one-stop business resource centre to assign sign ups for new businesses, assisting with provincial registration, and that the organization is moving away from tourism initiatives. The statement was made that the STCA should become the funding source for tourism initiatives (Chambers of Commerce). The recommendation was then made that the Board of Trade should be allocated \$10,000 with \$20,000 to be allocated to tourism.

Discussion ensued relative to the Mud Bay Dyking District and it was noted that costs associated with upgrades to the dykes would be pursued through funding from the provincial government.

Councillor Higginbotham noted that there is \$2,000 available from the purchase of the Spirit Bears, which could be utilized in other areas. The statement was made that the Cloverdale Business Improvement Association had submitted a request for two events: the Cloverdale Country Festival and the Santa Parade and staff reported that \$1,000 had been allocated toward the Santa Parade. The two festivals combined would require \$3,000 in funding according to the Cloverdale BIA.

Councillor Hunt commented that he would like to propose allocating \$3,000 from Council Initiatives as a one-time grant to the Local Government Leadership Academy Endowment Fund as Surrey's contribution. He stated that further information would be provided to the next Finance Committee meeting.

The General Manager, Finance, Technology & Human Resources was recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in her report.

It was Moved by Councillor Higginbotham
Seconded by Councillor Gill
That Council approve:

1. the 2007 City Grant allocations as recommended by the Grants Evaluation Committee and as documented in Schedules A, B and C attached to this report for the following total amounts:

a.	Leases Exemptions	\$ 175,925
b.	Property Taxes	5,000
c.	Tourism	30,000
d.	Lower Fraser Valley Exhibition	280,000
e.	Dyking Districts	170,000
f.	Community	1,900
g.	Crime Prevention	80,000

h.	Dry Grads	1,800
i.	Special Recognition	5,000
j.	One-time Grants	<u>28,300</u>
	Total City Grants	<u>\$777,925</u>

2. the allocation of \$2,500 from the Special Recognition Fund for the purchase of City of Surrey pins to be distributed to organizations hosting and/or attending provincial events;
3. assistance of \$26,000 to the Surrey Community Crime Prevention Society from the Council Initiatives Fund for the Society's Anti-Graffiti Program;

Before the motion was put:-

It was Moved by Councillor Hepner
 Seconded by Councillor Higginbotham
 That \$30,000 not be designated for Tourism
 at this point in time and that the Surrey Board of Trade, Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce, White Rock/South Surrey Board of Trade, and Surrey Tourism & Convention Association meet with Council to discuss funding.
Carried

It was Moved by Mayor Watts
 Seconded by Councillor Higginbotham
 That staff provide information to the next
 Finance Committee meeting relative to a grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the Council Initiative Fund to be approved for the UBCM Local Government Leadership Academy.
Carried

It was Moved by Mayor Watts
 Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve
 That \$2,300 be allocated from Council
 Initiatives Fund and the balance of the one-time grant funding towards the Critter Care Wildlife Society.
Carried

The question was then called on the main motion, as amended and it was:-

Carried

B. PUBLIC INPUT – 5:30 p.m.

L. Tannen, Whalley Business Improvement Association, was in attendance and commented that the WBIA appreciates the complex process of forecasting costs. She noted that the Financial Plan indicates the current tax rate for commercial properties is 3.6 times the residential tax rate and compares favorably with neighbouring communities

and that they would continue to monitor this in the future. The General Manager, Finance, Technology and HR noted the rate was actually 3.35 times the residential rate.

She continued that there are health and safety concerns relative to commercial dumpster use and asked for more appropriate responses for this essential service.

She added that in 2005, the WBIA was included in the Surrey central Transit Village Planning process and given the current upgrading of the Surrey City Centre Plan, that capital planning be done in concert with significant capital investment in the City Centre area. She stated that she hoped partners would be encouraged to hold funds in reserve.

She noted that as volume and complexity of new development in Surrey increases, the City needs to maintain and improve the high quality of services to providers. She spoke to budget increases and newly hired staff, but added that this group of motivated and professional staff are hard pressed to keep up with demands. She recommended staff in Area Planning and Long Range Planning be increased rather than held at 2006 levels and that vacancies not be left unfilled for long periods of time.

She commented that there is a challenge faced by By-law Enforcement staff dealing with unsightly properties and permitted uses of business properties. She added that staff are highly motivated and professional but there are increasing community expectations for a cleaner and safer community. She pointed out that the Plan provides for a modest increase in staff, but adequate by-law, legal and support staff is needed to put a good plan in place.

She stated that it is a well accepted statement that information is the currency of the 21st century and that Surrey libraries rate at only 63% on average of five largest cities in B.C. (page 175 of the Financial Plan). She stated concerns that the Whalley branch of the library provides less than 50% sq.ft. of space per capita, compared with other libraries in Surrey. She added that the growth of SFU Surrey campus would increase pressure on the library in Whalley.

She discussed challenges in understanding the planning process as set out in the Financial Plan.

It was

Moved by Councillor Hepner

Seconded by Mayor Watts

That the information as submitted by

L. Tannen, Whalley Business Improvement Association, be received.

Carried

L. Tannen noted that the WBIA budget has not increased; they are using funds to augment programs, the by-law calls for a maximum of \$2.5 million. She noted that they are the third largest levy next to Vancouver Downtown BIA, and Victoria Downtown BIA. She added that a new amalgamated BIA will surface next year in the West End and Davie Street areas of Vancouver.

Deb Jack, President, Surrey Environmental Partners, was in attendance and commented that the organization is a Non Profit Organization serving as an umbrella for individual

and organizations whose primary focus is on education, advocacy and restoration of Surrey's natural areas and wildlife.

She noted there are two forms of capital: human and natural capital and that without natural capital there is no human capital. She expressed that staff are knowledgeable, helpful and cooperative in the Parks, Recreation & Culture, Engineering and Planning & Development Departments.

She stated that she had been involved in discussion with the Tree Preservation By-law and noted that she had been advised that further improvements could be made, as it was a non-static document. She noted that the Nature Matters initiative needs to be expanded and resourced efficiently and she referenced protecting wildlife habitat.

She requested that the SHaRP and SNaP programs be increased; the Sustainability Charter has great potential for a social/economic/environmental balance and would like to see that in the budget.

She noted that an earlier Surrey financial plan indicated that Surrey is expecting a population of 525,000 and pointed out concerns that Surrey is running out of natural environmental areas. She stated that the time is now for providing for natural areas and requested three more natural areas be dedicated similar to Green Timbers and Sunnyside Acres Urban Forests as a legacy investment for the future.

She addressed parks being created on a roll-out method dependent upon area population and noted that an NCP is the starting point for scope of those areas, rather than being the an unchangeable point from which development is done.

The City needs to establish above and beyond the ongoing roll-out of parks and parkland acquisition to provide legacy and heritage natural parks. Surrey could assess properties options for suitability for conservation such as road ends in the Ocean Park area, and old growth trees are important habitats to conserve; properties at the south end of Campbell Heights, Latimer Lake park, and areas on the border of Langley. She asked Council to conserve now for the future and create legacies to enhance character, create appeal for high-end commercial development, and tourism.

She added that resources need to be allocated to the maintenance of Surrey's natural lands – there is lots of funding going to sports facilities but natural areas, parks and riparian areas are also needed. She commented on the Maple Leaf planting project and need for extra care over the next years as well as the need for Surrey to take a lead role in Invasive Plant Management, and the reduction of the risk of interface fires.

She stated that there needs to be higher levels of maintenance in all parks and natural areas; that the SNaP program be fully funded by the City and expanded to a year round program.

With respect to boulevard trees, she noted that the 2006 – 2010 Financial Plan indicated the intention to increase the number of boulevard trees by 1% over the next five years. She stated this was not enough; that the aim for an urban forest canopy is 40% to 50%, not including grass areas; and that Surrey only has 130,000 boulevard trees. She added that a 1% annual increase is not enough; this was not an aesthetic matter but a way to

increase air quality greatly diminished by truck traffic, and increased vehicles on the roads. She pointed out that an increase in trees is needed to filter particulates from the air and to contribute to the wellbeing of Surrey residents, especially seniors and children.

She referenced the Environmental Area Assessment updates need to include measurements from the present and the past, and she then asked that staff advise whether a separate report is necessary relative to GVRD Biodiversity Initiative.

She noted that the a Natural Areas Acquisition Policy should be developed as soon as possible; that the City hire a Tree Administrator as outlined in the Tree Preservation By-law and an Environmental Planner.

She summarized that the City requires the following:

- Three large, natural area parks as a legacy for the future;
- Increase resources to maintain parks and natural areas;
- Increase new plantings and deal with invasive species;
- Reduce fire risks;
- Increase SHaRP and SNaP programs;
- Increase the volume of boulevard trees;
- Undertake a Biodiversity endeavor or Environmentally Sensitive Areas Assessment;
- Develop a Natural Areas Requisition Policy; and
- Hire a Tree Administrator and Environmental Planner.

It was

Moved by Councillor Bose
 Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve
 That information as submitted by Deb Jack be

received.

Carried

Peter McKenna, 11003 - 129 Street, was in attendance and commented that he was requesting funding be made available to upgrade Bridgeview Park up to league tournament play. He noted that the National tournament would have to be moved to another municipality if available space is not available (July 2007).

It was

Moved by Mayor Watts
 Seconded by Councillor Higginbotham
 That correspondence as submitted by

Peter McKenna be received.

Carried

C. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Partnership with Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation

File: 1850-20

Requesting the City of Surrey consider increasing its commitment up to \$4 million for the Emergency Centre Campaign.

It was
to staff for a report.

Moved by Councillor Hepner
Seconded by Mayor Watts
That the Finance Committee refer the matter

Carried

Note: At the November 20, 2006 Regular Council - Public Hearing, Council referred this request to the Finance Committee.

2. UBCM Conference – Community Opportunities Task Force

It was
Community Opportunities Task Force recommendations so Council can take a position and forward to UBCM and the Ministry of Community Services.

Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Hepner
That staff provide a report to Council on the

Carried

D. ADJOURNMENT

It was
now adjourn.

Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Higginbotham
That the Finance Committee meeting do

Carried

The Finance Committee adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson (name and Committee)