



City of Surrey

Finance Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2007
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
General Manager, Finance & Technology
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Planning & Development
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Human Resources
Fire Chief

A. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. The Corporate Reports, under date of November 26, 2007, were considered and dealt with as follows:

The General Manager, Engineering, gave a presentation on road funding needs. He discussed upgrading, maintenance and repaving issues with the Committee members. He also discussed how roads were funded, pointing out that the funding is mainly from general revenue with major road networks being funded by Translink. The General Manager, Engineering advised that funding under general revenue is quite constrained.

The General Manager, Engineering then reviewed the City's pavement management program, discussing various stages of road repairs and the downside of funding road maintenance at current levels. He concluded by pointing out that only MRN's are keeping up, and local roads have the most serious issues. Safety issues, including potholes, pedestrian crossings and traffic calming were discussed.

The General Manager, Engineering concluded his presentation by recommending that Council approve a 1% road levy.

Item No. F024 Local Road and Traffic Safety Levy
File: 5400-28

The General Manager, Engineering and the General Manager, Finance & Technology submitted a report to seek approval for the introduction of a Local Road and Traffic Safety Levy.

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

It was Moved by Councillor Villeneuve
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the Finance Committee:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Recommend that Council approve the implementation, as part of the 2008 budget approval process, of a Local Road and Traffic Safety Levy as generally described in this report to fund traffic and pedestrian safety enhancements and local road maintenance/rehabilitation.

Carried with Councillors Hunt and
Higginbotham against.

Item No. F025 2008 Financial Plan - Utilities Budgets
File: 1705-08

The City Manager, and the General Manager, Finance & Technology submitted a report concerning the 2008 Financial Plan - Utilities Budgets.

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

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

1. Approve the recommendations outlined in Section 3.0 of this report.
2. Direct staff to prepare the 2008 - 2012 Five-Year Financial Plan for each of the Water Utility, the Sewer/Drainage Utility, and the Local Road and Traffic Safety Levy incorporating these recommendations.

A motion by Councillor Hunt to remove Section 3.5 (2008 Local Road and Traffic Safety Levy) received no seconder.

Carried with Councillors Hunt and
Higginbotham against.

B. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve
That the Finance Committee meeting do
now adjourn.

Carried

The Finance Committee adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson (name and Committee)