



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2001
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor McCallum
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Tymoschuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor Bose
Councillor Watts
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Councillor Eddington

Staff Present:

City Manager
Acting City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
Land Development Engineer
K. Swaele, Administrative Assistant

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Tony Shaer, Chartwell Committee On behalf of Concerned Residents File: 0065-012

Tony Shaer, Chartwell Committee, on behalf of Concerned Residents, was in attendance to present a petition to keep 188 Street closed as it currently stands and to show the need to change the NCP to reflect the current landowners desires and safety concerns.

Sandra Gore of the Chartwell Committee advised that she represented concerned residents in the Chartwell area. Sandra Gore stated:

- That discussions on the extension of 188 Street through to Fraser Highway began in 1995.
- That the concerned residents represent approximately 250 families.
- That they have an interest in assisting with the direction of the community.
- That they are concerned with safety, and ICBC statistics show that accidents increase 4 to 1 in school zones.
- That 188 Street will dissect two elementary school catchments, Hillcrest and Sunrise Ridge.
- That children will have to cross 188 Street to get to schools and back home.
- That Clayton Heights Senior Secondary School is also on 188 Street, which could become a speedway similar to that at Earl Marriott.
- That statistics show that 30% of drivers exceed posted figures in elementary zones and 50% do so in secondary school zones.
- That the vast majority of residents in the Chartwell community are young families.
- That the NCP has been changed from its original form by development proposals, and the changing needs and desires of the community.

- That it is their opinion that the road has been adequately built for its current use, but if extended, could become an arterial road.
- That extension of the road is not relevant to the current needs of the community.
- That there are many developers, community developments, and school principals who support the position of the Chartwell community.
- That the road extension will cause irreparable damage to the essence of their neighbourhood and provide a direct route Highway 10.
- That the developers of the Hillside property will also suffer as the road extension will facilitate development that will take away from their businesses.

Sandra Gore concluded by referring to the goals and objectives of the NCP, use of transit, facilitation of pedestrians, efficient vehicular movement without encouraging traffic through neighbourhoods, and asked that the City and community work together to look for an alternative to the road plan which would be relevant to today's community.

Tony Shaer of the Chartwell Committee, invited Council to look at the traffic in the area and to see what the residents are trying to accomplish.

**2. Owners of Motels on King George Highway
North of 76 Avenue to 96 Avenue
File: 0065-012; 2152-13601**

The owners of motels on King George Highway, north of 76 Avenue to 96 Avenue were in attendance to discuss community concerns relating to their property.

Councillor Watts advised that the owners of motels along King George Highway were invited to meet with Council to discuss prostitution and drug related issues along the King George corridor, to look at how the businesses are dealing with the issues and to determine if there is anything that Council can do to assist.

Mr. Hardhesa of the Motel Hollywood, 9155 King George Highway stated:

- That there is a problem with prostitution in the area, and that the police should have more control of the area.
- That sometimes a room is rented to a prostitute by mistake.
- That it is difficult to ask an individual who is accompanying them.
- That they do not rent rooms by the hour, but require overnight stays.
- That they have a policy in place that they charge for the whole night and do not rent for one or two hours.
- That 99% of their clients are overnight stays.
- That they sometimes have to lie to the clients to avoid renting rooms.
- That have security cameras in the parking lot.
- That they advertise in Tourism BC brochures, and have a 2.5 star rating.

- That they do not rent monthly, but do rent by the week.
- That they have 18 rooms, and clients come from as far away as Australia and England.
- That they have not spoken to the adjacent motel owners to coordinate their efforts.
- That room rental charges range from \$49.00 plus tax to \$69 plus tax.
- That they have to call the police once very two or three months due to threats to desk staff and the response from the RCMP has been good.
- That the occupancy level year round averages 75 to 78%.
- That the front desk has to be open 24 hours for security reasons.
- That sometimes they do ask people to move on if they are congregating outside.
- That Council could support their efforts by having a requirement that customers provide proper identification.
- That the requirement could be posted so that customers see it is the law and identification is required before registering.

Mrs. Harjit Sidhu of the White Rock Hotel, 6498 King George Highway stated:

- That they do have problems with prostitutes who are often on the road, and drunk.
- That they have sometimes had to call the police, but it is beyond the control of the Hotel when they are on the road.
- That they try their best to rent rooms on a nightly basis, but even so, the customers will sometimes bring in ladies after they have registered.
- That they have problems with prostitutes who will not leave at check out time in the morning.
- That they do try to require a credit card for identification and deposit.
- That they do not rent monthly, but sometimes rent weekly in the winter.
- That they have 50 motel rooms and are part of B.C. Tourism.
- That clientele comes from all over the world, and are booked through Tourism B.C.
- That room charges range from \$50 to \$60.

Raminder Singh Randhawa of the King George Highway Motel, 6542 King George Highway, stated:

- That his motel is part of the Quality Inn North American franchise.
- That the franchise inspects his facility every 6 months, in addition to inspections from B.C. Tourism.
- That the facility has a triple AAA rating.
- That the desk person is on 24 hours.
- That after checking in people sometimes bring in extra guests which can create a problem.
- That normally their guests come from the States and other places.

- That they have walk-in guests who sometimes create a problem late in the evening, especially in the summer.
- That they do have a policy asking for picture identification, but some people will not give this, and sometimes give false identification.
- That sometimes they are compelled to rent rooms without proper identification, otherwise people can lodge a complaint against the motel.

Mr. Sheikh Khlid and Mrs. Zarina Khlid of the Bonanza Motel, 9163 King George Highway stated:

- That they do not rent rooms to prostitutes, but do rent to people who look nice.
- That sometimes in the morning there are prostitutes in the room and it is difficult to get them out.
- That sometimes they have to call the police to assist in having the prostitutes removed.
- That some of the prostitutes ask to pay for another day, but they are refused.
- That most of their monthly renters are from social services.
- That the Bonanza Motel is a medium class motel and will not draw tourists or high class customers.
- That they do not belong to B.C. Tourism or get too many tourists.
- That they do have health inspections.
- That 40 to 50% of their clients are from social services or sometimes workers who are away from home and need a place to stay.
- That they have worked hard to clean the area up and there is less prostitution and drugs than 3 years ago.
- That they have 27 rooms and 15 rooms have kitchenettes.
- That weekly rents are \$200 and monthly \$600 for singles.
- That they have not had problems with prostitutes for the last 6 or 7 months.
- That prostitutes are asked to move on, but they can get aggressive.
- That sometimes they unknowingly rent to a prostitute through her pimp.
- That they have a rule that after 11:00 p.m. no visitors are allowed.
- That they do not rent without proper identification, even if they are sent from Social Services.
- That the business is not prosperous enough to support having camera surveillance.
- That they are not owners of the motel, but are the operators.

Mr. Mohan Bains, Yellow Rose Motel, 13375 King George Highway, stated:

- That they are redeveloping the facility, but have not yet had fourth reading.
- That they have 12 rooms and approximately 7 to 8 are rented.
- That they have 2 rooms which are rented on a monthly basis.
- That they anticipate construction in March or April of next year following fourth reading.

- That two or three years ago they were advised by the police to obtain identification from renters, and they do not rent to anyone who looks like a street girl.
- That following redevelopment, they hope to rent to business class people. That they will rent monthly in the winter, but not in the summer.
- That following redevelopment they are hoping to become a member of Motel 6, which is the only chain not represented in Surrey.
- That he lives on the property with his family.
- That they have received a letter advising them of the meeting today.

Mr. Cheema, developer of a hotel at 80th and King George Highway stated:

- That he was present to listen, to learn what the problems are, and determine how they will be able to handle them.
- That they are working with the Best Western chain.
- That they are targeting businessmen and families.
- That room rates will be between \$89 and \$120 per night.
- That they anticipate opening next year.
- That the problems can be solved by working with the RCMP and the motel owners.
- That they are not anticipating having a problem as they are fairly isolated.
- That Best Western does have experts who give advice on best practices.

There were no representatives present from:

- Hare Creek Motel, 6670 King George Highway
- King George Highway Motel (Howard Johnson), 13245 King George Highway
- Canadian Inn, 6528 King George Highway
- Beladean Motel, 8205 King George Highway
- Town & Country Motel, 8293 King George Highway
- Happy Holiday Inn, 13939 104th Avenue.
- Grouse Creek Hotel, 9414 King George Highway

Councillor Watts recommended that the issue be referred to the Public Safety Committee and the Tourism Committee to develop criteria to deal with some of the issues which have been raised.

It was
that a strongly worded letter be sent to those motel operators who did not attend the September 10 Council-in-Committee meeting, requesting that they appear at a future Council-in-Committee meeting.

Moved by Mayor McCallum
Seconded by Councillor Tymoschuk
That the Committee recommends to Council
Carried

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was
now adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Higginbotham
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do
Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Chairperson