



# City of Surrey

## *Council-in-Committee*

### *Minutes*

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2002  
Time: 5:20 p.m.

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#### **Present:**

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

#### **Absent:**

Councillor Eddington  
Councillor Watts

#### **Staff Present:**

City Manager  
Acting City Clerk  
General Manager, Planning & Development  
City Solicitor  
Land Development Engineer  
K. Swaele, Legislative Services

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## **A. DELEGATIONS**

### **1. Directors**

#### **Whalley Business Improvement Association**

File: 0550-10; 1850-01; 0250-20

Jens Pedersen, Cheryl Johnson, Glenda Onstad, and Debra Hauptman, Directors of the Whalley Business Improvement Association were in attendance to request funding assistance in the amount of \$14,500 to sponsor the establishment of a Business Improvement Area in downtown Whalley.

Jens Pedersen, realtor and resident, stated that they are asking Council for funding to hire a consultant to assist in the formation of a Business Improvement Association for the Whalley area. He noted that hiring of a consultant is critical, as the consultant will provide the leadership and fulfill the tasks necessary to coordinate the development of a Whalley Business Improvement Area.

Cheryl Johnson, advised that she is the owner/manager of the Dell Shopping Centre, and has seen many changes in the area in the past 20 years. Ms. Johnson commented:

- That there has been considerable turnover in business in the past 10 years.
- That they have tried to attract businesses make Whalley a desirable area.
- That they would like to implement activities for such things as funding entertainment, security patrols, anti-graffiti programs.
- That they are excited about what has happened with other Business Improvement Areas.
- That they are not large corporations but want to be able to run successful small businesses in the area.
- That they are asking for funding support for a consultant with the time and expertise to establish a Business Improvement Association for the area.
- That the Whalley Business Improvement Area would be good for the image of Whalley and assist in attracting new business to the area.
- That they are asking for Council's favourable consideration of the request.

Glenda Onstad, Property Manager, Dundee Realty – Station Tower, advised that they appreciate the initiatives undertaken by the City of Surrey for improving the Whalley area. She noted that however, there is a lot more to be done to overcome the negative image of the area. Ms. Onstad continued:

- That work must be done to improve the area to attract more corporate activities.
- That Surrey has a lot of potential as it is affordable, accessible, diverse, and has a young population.
- That Dundee Real Estate has invested \$50 million in the area and is committed to the area.
- That the business owners are busy running their businesses, and do not have the time or expertise to implement changes.
- That the Business Improvement area would give businesses a collective voice and a budget to implement changes.
- That with Central City Development nearing completion, it is a good time to be prepared to attract new business into the area.
- That they very much need the support of the City for the establishment of a Whalley Business Improvement Area.

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt  
Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve  
That the request for funding for a Whalley  
Business Improvement Association be referred to the Finance Committee.  
Carried

**2. Rob Langford, President  
Fraser Heights Community Association**  
File: 0550-10

Rob Langford, President, Fraser Heights Community Association and Linda Lee were in attendance to discuss crime prevention options and solutions. Rob Langford advised

- That Fraser Heights is an enclave of 350 families north of the Freeway.
- That families moved to the area because it is a quiet community separate from the rest of Surrey.
- That there has been a significant increase in crime in the last 8 to 10 months.
- That he wished to present a 1300 signature petition from the community supporting their request for a community police office.

It was Moved by Councillor Bose  
Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve  
That the petition from the Fraser Heights  
residents be received.  
Carried

Linda Lee reviewed the incidents that have occurred over the last few months, which include drunkenness and vandalism, and appear to be mainly perpetrated by teenagers. Ms. Lee concluded that residents are concerned and no longer feel safe to walk in the area in the evening.

Rob Langford continued:

- That community meetings have brought out that there is frustration among the residents of the area.
- That the police have not been able to do anything and no charges have been laid.
- That they have actively recruited more participants in the Block Watch program and are asking residents to become involved in the Surrey Crime Prevention Society.
- That as part of the Trinity Western University curriculum, a planning study is being conducted in Fraser Heights dealing with crime and safety.
- That they would welcome speed abatement devices on some specific, problematic streets.
- That the RCMP have made it clear that if an officer is not in Fraser Heights when a call comes in, it takes a long time for them to get to the area.
- That they are asking for funding and assistance to create a Community Safety Office.
- That the Community Safety Office would be similar to the Cedar Cottage office on Commercial Drive in Vancouver.
- That the Community Safety Office would be a storefront office for dealing with community safety issues, and could be used by the RCMP when they are in the area.

It was

Moved by Mayor McCallum  
Seconded by Councillor Higginbotham  
That the issue of crime prevention options

and solutions in the Fraser Heights area be referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Carried

**B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**C. CORPORATE REPORTS**

**D. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

**E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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Chairperson