



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2002
Time: 5:01 p.m.

Present:

Acting Chair - Councillor Higginbotham
Mayor McCallum
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Tymoschuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor Bose
Councillor Watts
Councillor Hunt

Absent:

Councillor Eddington

Staff Present:

City Manager
Acting City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
Deputy City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
Manager, Area Planning & Development
Division

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Johnny Carline, Chief Administrative Officer Greater Vancouver Regional District File: 0550-20-10; 0450-01

Johnny Carline, Chief Administrative Officer, Greater Vancouver Regional District was in attendance to present an update on the GVRD's Sustainable Region Initiative.

Mr. Carline reported the following:

- That Council is requested to provide advice and assistance in carrying the GVRD's Sustainable Region initiative forward into the next phase.
- That there are major issues in terms of world-wide economic issues, enormous poverty, environmental, climate changes, social issues, the Aids epidemic, and security but the Vancouver area does not have to deal with those types of issues to the same degree as other parts of the world.
- That our impact on the world directly is not as great and to address sustainability issues that we have here in an advantaged way can serve to give hope to the world.
- That the key characteristics for sustainability development deals with the present but also takes the long view and has to recognize economic, environmental, and social limits.
- That the approach will be taken that seeks renewables rather than disposables in generation of waste.
- That there will be an integrated comprehensive view of economic, social, and environmental views.
- That governance – how we make decisions; finance – how we afford to implement; and community – how to get validation from the community are all aspects that will be considered during this process.
- That, following upon the principles of sustainability, computers are being used at the Annacis Island plant to optimize processes in the plant,

resulting in a 75% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and a cost savings of \$65,000 at that plant per year. This initiative won the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Management Award.

- That a Utility Greenway was created providing new habitat for fish and new recreational opportunities. This initiative involved the public and a local school in the planning and planting of this greenway, creating a real sense of ownership. It was noted that the Federal and Provincial governments were also involved in this project.
- That there is a Liquid Waste, Solid Waste, and Drinking Water Sustainability plan being developed.
- That security is another issue that has to be addressed.
- That there must be facilitation of broader partnerships beyond the GVRD as sustainability in this region cannot be achieved by the GVRD or local government alone. Sustainability must be addressed by a multiplicity of government levels, community groups, private and public sectors.
- That the GVRD has developed an organizational framework to identify issues, goals, strategies and translate those into practical actions.
- That Council and staff's advice is sought as we go through this process in the Surrey context.
- That GVRD has met with the Provincial Liberal caucus and currently is seeking a meeting with Federal Liberal caucus.
- That the GVTA partnered with four other organizations: B.C. Business Council, United Way, SmartGrowth B.C., and the Fraser Basin Council to develop initiatives for Phase 1.
- That there are plans to expand the partnership to form an umbrella group of 25 to 30 organizations to steer this initiative to Phase 2.
- That task forces will be formed to address 12 or 13 issue areas.
- That a community outreach program is in place to reach out to the community, to gather input and advice, provide interpretation on how sustainability can be made to apply at the local and regional levels.
- That there is a timeframe in place for the formation of the umbrella group into task forces seeking changes in direction and specific recommendations. This information would be compiled into a comprehensive report and presented at a conference in the spring of 2003. It was noted that there might be an attendance of 400 to 500 people at that conference.

2. Tony Shaer
Chartwell Committee
File: 0550-20-10

Tony Shaer, Chartwell Committee was in attendance to discuss the major safety concerns for the Hillcrest Elementary students if and when 188 Street is connected to Fraser Highway.

Mr. Shaer reported the following:

- That he had been informed that the road will not be closed at 188 Street and there are no traffic calming measures to slow traffic.
- That the members of the Chartwell Committee request a four way stop sign at 65 Avenue and 188 Street for safety and traffic flow reasons.
- That flag people are being trained in this area because it has been described as a busy intersection.
- That students of Hillcrest Elementary students have to cross that road in order to get to school.
- That students of Clayton Heights Senior Secondary walk down 188 Street and their safety will be compromised by not installing a stop sign.
- That there are development applications for additional housing in this area, which will create even more traffic.

Gary McLachlan then reported the following:

It was

Moved by Councillor Tymoschuk
Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve
That the information provided by

Mr. McLachlan be received.

Carried

- That there are speeding issues in the area.
- That previous discussions with city staff indicated that traffic calming measures would be taken into consideration.
- That there are questions with respect to street widening along 188 Street.
- That there were concerns regarding the removal of trees in the area and the lack of resident notification.

The Chairperson noted that Engineering staff had sent a memo to Mayor and Council outlining recommendations with respect to a four-way stop sign and traffic calming measures. A copy of the memo was presented to Mr. Shaer for information.

3. George Wolsey
File: 0550-20-10; 4320-20

George Wolsey, was in attendance to make a presentation regarding a Retail Pharmacy Licence Application.

Mr. Wolsey reported the following:

- That he is a pharmacist and stated that he attended a meeting with the Manager, By-law & Licensing Services on October 17, 2002.
- That he operates a specialized pharmacy, the focus of which is the delivery of medications.

- That he wished to ensure that Council is aware that he deals with people who have been referred by physicians.
- That medication dispensing starts at 5:00 a.m. in the morning and runs 7 days a week.
- That the medications dispensed are not exclusive to methadone.
- That methadone medications represent less than 50% of those medications dispensed at this location.
- That he provides personalized service to most types of patients including terminal, cancer, mentally challenged, and disabled patients.
- That as a pharmacist, he answers to physicians with respect to medication requirements.
- That he reports back to physicians as to patients' needs.
- That he has significant, ongoing business with U.S. prescriptions and there is a potential to significantly increase space to accommodate his ability to meet this market need and to hire more staff.
- That patients are not encouraged to come to the store.
- That he is providing a valuable, confidential, community service by delivering medication to people.
- That he has information with respect to doctor and clinic references available for Council's perusal and requested that the information remain confidential.
- That he has applied for a building permit and business license which would not be approved until he had spoken with Council.

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 Watts

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Chairperson