



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2003
Time: 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Chair: Councillor Villeneuve
Mayor McCallum
Councillor Tymoschuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor Priddy
Councillor Bose
Councillor Watts
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Bob Campbell, President West Panorama Ridge Ratepayers Association File: 0255-20; 0550-20-10

Bob Campbell, President, West Panorama Ridge Ratepayers Association was in attendance to make a presentation regarding the issue of trains below Panorama Ridge.

Mr. Campbell provided the following comments;

- That the WPRRA represents the area bounded by Colebrook Road, Highway 10, King George Highway, 120 Street which contains about 1,000 homes and 4,000 people.
- That the WPRRA has been active since the mid 1950's and is concerned about the Port of Vancouver's proposal to increase the capacity of current Roberts Bank container facility by 300%.
- That the Port is currently seeking external input for a social/economic impact study.
- That the Port estimates that train traffic would increase by 50% over current levels.
- That this expansion will further exacerbate existing train problems such as noise (whistle, wheel and engine), vibration and dust.
- That currently there are 1200 whistles per day at 94dB.
- That there is an estimated \$500 million in private property which could be impacted, 5-20% devaluation equals \$25-\$100 million in value/tax base.
- That the quality of life may be diminished of area residents.
- That the final container port expansion would be in operation in 2009.
- That the WPRRA has worked on this issue for 7 years, met with all stakeholders and now understands all relevant laws, regulations and concerns.

- That the WPRRA has met or communicated with various City staff, B.C. Rail, Ministry of Transportation, the Hon. Dr. Gulzar Cheema, Ministry of State for Mental Health, Ministry of Land and Water, and the CEO, Port Corporation.
- That the WPRRA has worked for the reduction of 13 original crossings to 3 by the end of 2003.
- That the WPRRA requests support for its position, through a letter and representation.
- That the Port of Vancouver be requested to take measures dealing with mitigation of noise, vibration and dust issues for Surrey residents and to ensure Surrey's inclusion in the social/economic impact study.
- That the WPRRA supports the efforts of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department.
- That the WPRRA requests a no-whistling by-law be passed for the 127A Street crossing.

2. Cheryl Palmer

File: 3900-20-13880; 0550-20-10

A representative spoke on behalf of Cheryl Palmer, to express concerns with respect to the number of dogs allowed in her Co-op, and to seek Council's consideration to amend the by-law to a more detailed and comprehensive by-law.

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the information provided be received.
Carried

The following comments were provided:

- That in Surrey, residents are only allowed to keep 2 dogs on one parcel of real property.
- That some properties have several units.
- That the by-law should be amended from addressing the numbers of pets allowed in a single detached single family dwelling to include the numbers of pets being allowed in multiple housing complex.
- That By-law Enforcement had noted that there are thousands of people in violation of the current By-law No. 13880.
- That Ms. Palmer's pet may be removed from her home as a result of wording in the current By-law.

3. Margaret Condon, Project Coordinator
On behalf of the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness (RSCH)
File: 0250-20 (S); 0550-20-10

Jim Sands advised that Margaret Condon, Project Coordinator, Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness (RSCH), was unable to attend and that he would make a presentation on the Regional Homelessness Plan and the potential role of the City in its implementation.

The following comments were provided:

- That he is a member of the Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia (SPARC BC) and chairs the Regional Committee on Homelessness.
- That he is involved in the administration of communications and community development for the Regional Committee on Homelessness Committee, comprising a group of people from diverse groups from the Greater Vancouver region.
- That work is ongoing for the evaluation of projects and recommendations for the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) program and to ensure the Regional Homelessness Plan for Greater Vancouver is current and updated.
- That the Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness appreciates Council's endorsement of the Regional Homelessness Plan and asks for continued support, particularly now that the Plan is entering a new phase of activity.
- That he noted Council's participation in the recent Homelessness Forum held at Kwantlen College.
- That he noted homeless people were involved in the discussions, which proved very moving.
- That Terry Roberts, Executive Director, Calgary Homeless Foundation, was the guest speaker at this forum and discussed funding initiatives around homelessness and business community involvement.
- That there has been an announcement from the Federal Government regarding renewed funding.
- That the six guiding principles of the plan propose that solutions to homelessness be comprehensive, accessible, inclusive, preventative, collaborative and long term.
- That he acknowledged the work being done by the Steering Committee including research and the development of a local plan.

4. Ross Grierson, President, EWOS
Bob Naicker, Production Manager, EWOS
File: 0550-20-10

Ross Grierson, President, EWOS, and Bob Naicker, Production Manager, EWOS were in attendance to make a presentation regarding the odour abatement program.

The following information was provided:

- That representatives of EWOS had met with GVRD to discuss the issues.
- That EWOS is a member of the EWOS group of companies, owned by Cermaq of Norway, which is controlled by the Norwegian government.
- That EWOS is the largest producer of salmon feed in Canada, Scotland and Chile, and also involved in salmon farming.
- That the plant was constructed in 1965, purchased by EWOS in 1987, and since that time there have been many changes in the landscape of the area.
- That the property is over 11 acres and a second lot was acquired last year.
- That EWOS is currently dedicated to the production of salmon feed and discontinued the manufacture of poultry feed.
- That the 2001/02 sales volume was approximately 80,000 tonnes for a market value of \$110 million.
- That their business supplies farming operations in the Pacific Northwest, feedlots, fish hatcheries on the West Coast of North America, from California to Alaska and also exports to Asia.
- That EWOS has taken measures to control odours.
- That the manufacturing process involves natural components such as fishmeal and grains (wheat flour), which are mixed, ground, cooked and formed into pellets. The drying process removes excess moisture where odours are largely created and the pellets are then cooled.
- That bulk ingredients are shipped via rail car and dumped into pits where the material is then moved to silos, which raises some dust and odours during wet weather. This matter has been addressed.
- That there were complaints arising about our operation about three years ago, and EWOS made the decision to be a good neighbour by undertaking a project to investigate causes of odour, spending \$2 million in the process.
- That EWOS consulted with a number of experts from Canada, America and Europe and as part of due diligence sent experts to Holland, Norway and Denmark to develop solutions.
- That EWOS is nearing completion of implementation of solutions.
- That the wet scrubber was modified to include acid as the means of neutralizing the amines (fish oil) in the compound.
- That the wet scrubber units remove particulates and odour.
- That water with the pH reduced to that of apple juice or vinegar to remove fish oil(amine) odour that are the main cause of odours.
- out of mixed solution and that the GVRD permits about 10% amount of particulates from the factory.

- That samples taken recently for analysis would indicate that 56% of odours have been reduced indicating effectiveness of the odour control program.
- That EWOS proactively deals with complaints in terms of visiting neighbourhoods where complaints have been received and that the installation of new equipment will be completed soon.
- That the next steps include finalizing the installation of odour control equipment on schedule to meet GVRD requirements.
- That EWOS had met with Delta Council members recently, a solution was put in place and there have been no further complaints from Delta residents.

**5. Janet Dahr, Director
Friends of Kennedy Park
File: 6800-05; 0550-20-10**

Janet Dahr, Director, Friends of Kennedy Park was in attendance regarding the Rock Tree located at 12237 - 91A Avenue.

Ms. Dahr provided the following comments:

- That she spoke before Council last year about the risks to the Rock Tree.
- That she wished to speak on the developer's behalf, Mr. Sivia.
- That Mr. Sivia has worked with Council, city staff, and residents in preserving the rock tree.
- That Mr. Sivia is left with a lot, which may prove difficult to build upon.
- That if Mr. Sivia follows the 8 m covenant, there would be insufficient room for a driveway, and the proposed development may have to be scaled down.
- That the tree takes up a sizable portion of the lot but is worth preserving.
- That this community wants to take responsibility of the whole lot to build a garden around the Rock Tree but does not want to purchase the property.
- That the developer may be interested in swapping the property.
- That this would be a viable solution, solving the developer's problems and benefiting the community.

**6. Patsy Bourassa, CEO
Bill Hayes, President
Surrey Chamber of Commerce
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10**

Patsy Bourassa, CEO, and Bill Hayes, President, Surrey Chamber of Commerce were in attendance regarding the developments of the community portal web site "oursurrey.com".

The following comments were provided:

- That the Surrey Chamber of Commerce would like to introduce a new initiative, which will prove beneficial to the whole community of Surrey.
- That several partners, together with the Chamber of Commerce, i.e. Surrey School Board, School District #36 (Surrey), the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board, and the City of Surrey Economic Development Department have worked on the initiative of developing a community website called www.oursurrey.com which will be similar to living yellow pages.
- That every business organization, church, school and amenity in Surrey would be listed on this site.
- That any organization wishing to be listed on site may call the toll free number at 1-888-801-8188.
- That the basic listing is more comprehensive than the yellow pages listing and comes with Mapquest, which shows directions.
- That the only criteria are that organizations and businesses must be based in Surrey and are required to have a business license.
- That this website allows businesses and organizations to upgrade to a full feature listing, providing a comprehensive search engine for residents and businesses.
- That the website would provide much information about Surrey's vibrant community.
- That photos would be to showcase different positive images that reflect the variety and diversity of our community from farmlands to city properties to rivers.
- That a huge gallery of photos would be available to anyone who wished to use them.
- That the Surrey Chamber of Commerce wants to encourage businesses and residents to shop at home in Surrey and keep money within the community.
- That the Surrey Chamber of Commerce has hired a staff person whose job is to maintain and update the current website.
- That the Surrey Chamber of Commerce and its partners have taken on an aggressive marketing campaign aimed to have the website in everyone's homes.
- That students and the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board have created business cards.
- That free basic listings are available for not-for-profit organizations and churches.

7. **Donna Passmore, Director
Media and Communications
Dog Owners Group of Surrey (DOGS)**
File: 6140-20; 0550-20-10

Correspondence was received on table from Ms. Passmore indicating her wish to withdraw her delegation appearance.

Councillor Tymoschuk noted that correspondence had been received regarding dogs off leash at Blackie Spit. He stated that he was pleased to report that Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission and the Dog Owners of Surrey (D.O.G.S.) would establish a committee to look at solutions and alternatives for dogs off leash in the South Surrey area.

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 Tymoschuk
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Chairperson