



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2003
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Chair - Councillor Villeneuve
Mayor McCallum
Councillor Tymoschuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor Priddy
Councillor Bose
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Councillor Watts
Councillor Hunt

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Linda Dyck 156A/B Residents Safety Committee File: 5400-80-15600; 0550-20-10

Linda Dyck, 156A/B Residents Safety Committee, was in attendance regarding the closure of 156 Street.

Glen Stewart, 3930 - 156B Street, was also in attendance and made the following comments on behalf of the Morgan Creek Neighbourhood Safety Association (MCNSA):

- That the MCNSA represents 190 residents along and adjacent to 156A/B Streets between 32 and 40 Avenues and has received a letter of support from the principal of Morgan Creek Elementary School.
- That prior to 1994, 156 Street was designated as a straight through road between 32 and 40 Avenues.
- That in July 1994, the Rosemary Heights Local Area Plan realigned 156 Street and added 156A Street.
- That 156A Street and 156 Street were then realigned and there was no longer a connection of 156 Street to 40 Avenue.
- That 156 Street was then proposed as a collector road.
- That as the Morgan Creek area developed, 156B Street was added which is a sloped, winding, residential road.
- That the MCNSA believes that 156A/B Streets no longer meet the original NCP concept as this was not considered as part of the neighbourhood in balancing traffic load and the Morgan Creek Holdings plan does not include this initiative under the concepts of Rosemary Heights NCP.
- That the MCNSA has short and long term concerns around the associated safety issues along 156A and 156B Streets.
- That short term issues include increased construction, local, and commuter traffic through neighbourhoods resulting from the temporary closure of 156 Street.

- That 156 Street has been reopened at 40 Avenue.
- That 156A Street and 156B Street have seen an increase in traffic since they were deemed as collector roads.
- That approximately 1300 vehicles were counted within a 7-hour period on 156A and 156B Streets.
- That a near fatal accident took place on June 21, 2003 at 3:30 a.m. across from the elementary school.
- That there are safety, noise and dust concerns for children, pets, pedestrians and homeowners from construction vehicles on 156A and 156B Streets. It was noted that 320 dump trucks were counted within a 7-hour period on 156A and 156B Streets.
- That on June 27, 2003 at 3:30 p.m., a dump truck flipped its trailer at 36 Avenue and 156A Street.
- That there are concerns regarding burglaries associated with living along a collector route as 40 Avenue and 32 Avenue are easy escape routes. It was noted that one house has been broken into more than 5 times in last 6 months.
- That there are concerns regarding speed. MCNSA undertook an electronic traffic study, counting cars and speeds with the result that 30% of the cars going by were found speeding.
- That the long term traffic and safety issues include construction, local and commuter traffic, burglaries, increased traffic volumes and associated safety issues from future residential/commercial development in the Rosemary Heights and North Grandview Heights neighbourhoods.
- That the proposed short and long-term solutions include implementation of traffic calming techniques including:
 - street narrowing;
 - replacement of east side parking lane with multipurpose pathway/greenway including bicycle lane;
 - strategically placed curb extensions;
 - strategically placed median planters to reduce sight lines but not block driveways;
 - mini-roundabouts complete with shrub and tree plantings;
 - look at a crosswalk at Morgan Creek Elementary school;
 - speed humps;
 - keep 156 Street open; and
 - construction vehicles to use alternative roads such as temporary construction roads.
- That long term solutions include Engineering Department to look for alternative traffic pattern and road classification to reduce volume and speed of traffic now and into future.
- That a reclassification be made of 156A and 156B Streets from major collector to a through local road where bikes share roadway.
- That 156A Street not extend across 32 Avenue into the North Grandview Heights neighbourhood and Rosemary Heights Business Park or north across 40 Avenue.
- That the number of entrances to Morgan Creek be reduced.

- That Council support having Engineering Department work with MCNSA to solve the traffic and safety issues/concerns in a timely manner.

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 Higginbotham
Seconded by Councillor Councillor Steele
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Chairperson