



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2003
Time: 5:08 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Priddy

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Charlotte Bernister, Community Relations Coordinator Lower Mainland Coastal Region, BC Hydro File: 5500-04-01; 0550-20-10

Bev Van Ruyven, Senior Vice President, Distribution, introduced Charlotte Bernister, Community Relations Coordinator, Lower Mainland Coastal Region, BC Hydro, who were both in attendance to provide an update on a number of new initiatives at BC Hydro.

Bev Van Ruyven made the following comments:

- That the purpose of this delegation was to provide an update of B.C. Hydro's new initiatives relative to the energy and financial situation, resource acquisition, energy plan implementation, B.C. Transmission Corporation, Accenture Business Services, and local issues.
- That B.C. Hydro has 11,500 MW of generation capacity; 43,000 - 54,000 GW.h of electricity is generated annually; has 70,000 km of transmission and distribution lines, and 4500 employees.
- That the electrical supply system is projected to be at 93% of normal this year, due to the low snow pack levels and dry conditions. She noted that there is enough electricity to keep the lights on, but B.C. Hydro would be a net importer of electricity this year.
- That B.C. Hydro is close to breaking even on the net income target as a result of higher cost imports and more financing needed for capital/operations.
- That B.C. Hydro has generated 2500 GW.h/year to date and is expected to generate 3500 GW.h/year by year ten.
- That B.C. Hydro is actively pursuing replacing traffic lights with more energy efficient LED lights.
- That B.C. Hydro is acting in a resource smart manner by getting more out of what is available: 1693 GW.h/year to date/11 GW.h/year by year ten.

- That the VIGP and GSX were proposed for 2100 GW.h/year on Vancouver Island.
- That a call for tender process to the private sector to address power needs for Vancouver Island by 2007 would be initiated. It was noted that the plans for B.C. Hydro to provide a gas-powered plant for Vancouver Island were rejected by the National Energy Board.
- That there has been an overwhelming response from the private sector on resources acquisition.
- That B.C. Hydro is building jobs in B.C. and a robust independent power business in B.C.
- That B.C. Hydro intends to protect its low cost of power by not increasing rates to residential customers and offering stepped rate opportunities for industrial customers.
- That B.C. Hydro offers the third lowest rates in North America to its customers.
- That B.C. Hydro will file a rate increase application in December 2003 requesting the B.C. Utilities Commission approve an increase of 3% to 6.5%.
- That a 10-year rate freeze ended March 31, 2003.
- That B.C. Transmission Corporation (BCTC) operates a separate, independent transmission function and will be owned by the Provincial Government and regulated by the B.C. Utilities Commission.
- That BCTC would realize continued electricity trade and its benefits and provide opportunities for the private sector while protecting customers.
- That B.C. Hydro retains ownership of transmission lines with no impact on sovereignty.
- That B.C. defines the relationship with RTO, Alberta and the United States.
- That Accenture Business Services will save customers \$250 million over the next five years through contractual guarantees for cost savings and will maintain high service levels through its 1700 employees.
- That B.C. Hydro is meeting Surrey's growing demand for electricity by adding the new Nicomekl substation to be in service in the fall of 2003; expansions to McLellan substation to be in place by December 2003; and transmission line upgrades to be completed by October 2003.

2. **Jim Crawford**

File: 5280-01; 0550-20-10

Jim Crawford was in attendance regarding the Alteration of Watercourse letter from the Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO).

- That portions of a watercourse on and about 6739, 6733, and 6697 - 176 Street have been moved, filled or otherwise altered at some time since 2001 or earlier.
- That the Agricultural Land Commission has no jurisdiction on fish bearing habitat and the Department of fisheries and Oceans is concerned that

historical and possible future activities on the above properties have or would adversely impact fish habitat.

- That there are setback concerns relative to the fish-bearing stream.
- That there are two trailers situated on the site and one is inhabited.
- That the current owner has sewage and industrial storage on site.
- That he requests that the fisheries, setbacks and swales to catch basins as oil receptors be replaced.
- That a landscaped buffer zone be provided between the industrial use and residential/ALR/heritage properties.
- That the City request the removal of all non-ALR related material, such as the sewer pipe, sheet metal, trailers, power poles and electricity.
- That he raised the point that 68 Avenue, a public access road, was sold privately.

**3. Gregg Singer, Project Director
Border Infrastructure Program (BIP)**

File: 0430-30; 0550-20-10

Gregg Singer, Project Director, Border Infrastructure Program (BIP) was in attendance to provide an information briefing on the status of the Border Infrastructure Program and the work planned for Highway 10 and 15.

Gregg Singer introduced the following members of his team: Randy Sawyer, Project Manager for Highway 15, Alex Isaac, Project Manager for Highway 10 and Highway 11 project, and Jack Stumpel, Manager, Consultation Program. Gregg Singer made the following comments:

- That due to the growth in the economy and free trade, truck traffic has doubled over the last ten years, resulting in more congestion.
- That the highway infrastructure has not kept pace with the growing demand.
- That the Border Infrastructure Program is taking steps to improve the cross-border movement of goods and has developed a \$211 million program to achieve this over the next five years.
- That \$68 million has been allocated for Highway 91/91A; \$53 million allocated for Highways 10 and 11; and \$80 million allocated for Highway 15 improvements.
- That the scope of the work for Highway 91/91A involves a new interchange at Howes Street in Queensborough, improving the north end of the Queensborough Bridge, and a new interchange at Highway 91 and 72 Avenue in Delta.
- That Highways 10 and 11 will be four-laned between 122 Street to Highway 15, the interchange improved to the Trans Canada highway improved, as well as Highway 11-Vye Road intersection in Abbotsford.
- That Highway 15 will also be four-laned from 96 Avenue to 32 Avenue and would involve improvements to the rail overpass south of Highway 10, as well as the intersections of Highways 10 and 11.

- That there are three project teams; one for each main corridor. He added that Tom Lowe is the Project Manager for Highway 91/91A project.
- That the Border Infrastructure Program Team Structure features a Joint Canada/BC Management Committee, which would oversee the Project.
- That the goal is to improve the safety and efficiency of the highway system to and from the border crossings, establish increased capacity and a management strategy to reduce delays, and improve the design function within the corridors. He added that the improvements would address the needs of the long distance traveler while accommodating the needs of the short distance traveler.
- That the objective of the project is to facilitate the movement of goods in a manner consistent with transportation plans of the region and involving municipal staff in the process. He noted that this process is in progress and that Surrey staff has provided great help and cooperation.
- That the Border Infrastructure Program would establish consultation with local Transportation Authorities and associations.
- That the improvements would be implemented in an environmentally sensitive manner and it was noted that approvals from Canadian Environmental Assessment agency are required before the work is undertaken.
- That the program would reduce emissions by reducing congestion in corridors, protects fish-bearing streams and ditches, and identifies environmental enhancement opportunities.
- That the program would be implemented in such a manner as to cause the least amount of impact and disruption to communities by minimizing Right-of-Way purchase requirements and construction delays.
- That objectives also include maintaining accessibility to and links between communities and involving municipal liaison groups.
- That it is hoped that the environmental permitting process would be finished by Spring 2004.
- That a stakeholder consultation program is underway, and concurrent design work would be undertaken for corridor design with detailed design work to be commenced afterward.
- That preloading of Highway 10 is underway and would take approximately two years before construction can commence. It is anticipated that the project would be completed by the fall of 2007.
- That it is hoped to start construction on Highway 15 in the Cloverdale area in the Spring of 2004, assuming that all environmental approvals and Right-of-Way acquisitions are finished.
- That construction is to commence within two years on the overpass south of Highway 10 on Highway 15.
- That an implementation plan is being prepared and data collection has been completed.
- That an open house on the Highway 15 project has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at East Kensington Elementary School, and Open Houses for a combination of Highway 10 and Highway 15 Projects on Wednesday, September 17 and for the Highway 10 Project only on Thursday, September 18, 2003.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Mayor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Watts

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Chairperson