



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2003
Time: 4:45 p.m.

Present:

Mayor McCallum
Councillor Villeneuve
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. Jim King, Executive Director
Surrey Crime Prevention Society
Dave Jensen, Surrey Citizens Crime Watch Patrol Manager
CD/Video Representative
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10**

Jim King, Executive Director, Surrey Crime Prevention Society, and Dave Jensen, Surrey Citizens Crime Watch Patrol Manager, CD/Video Representative, were in attendance to make a CD/video presentation regarding "Citizens Crime Watch", professionally produced for use across the province as a recruitment and training tool.

Jim King introduced Dave Jensen, Lorraine Gordon, Ian Bradley, and Constable Miriam who were also in attendance, and then provided a brief video presentation regarding the Citizens Crime Watch.

- That the B.C. Crime Prevention Association developed the Citizens Crime Watch (CCW) to improve community safety by partnering with police to report suspicious activities.
- That the B.C. Crime Prevention Association may be contacted at www.bccpa.org or by phoning 604-529-1552.
- That members of the CCW assist in programs such as traffic control, auto theft prevention, ICBC sponsored Speed Watch, Lock Out Auto Crime, and Counterattack.
- That members of the CCW do not carry firearms.
- That the CCW helps to form strong bonds between citizens and law enforcement.
- That the B.C. Crime Prevention Association was founded by and for citizens patrol volunteers, dedicated to supporting youth and citizen patrol groups in the province.

Jim King thanked Council for supporting these prevention initiatives, and noted that his organization receives numerous calls to speak and provide information on the successful initiatives that undertaken to improve community safety in Surrey.

**2. Glen Lester, Community Relations Coordinator
Greater Vancouver Transit Authority (TransLink)
File: 0500-01; 0550-20-10**

Glen Lester, Vice President, Greater Vancouver Transit Authority (TransLink), was in attendance to present the 10-Year Transportation Outlook & Three-Year Financial Strategy. He introduced fellow TransLink members Ken Hardy, Director of Communications and Bill Knight, Public Affairs.

Glen Lester provided the following comments relative to the Ten Year Transportation Outlook and Three Year Financial Strategy:

- That the Ten Year Transportation Outlook and Three Year Financial Strategy represents the next step in the direction that the GVRD took in the mid 1990's when it adopted the Livable Region Strategic Plan and Transport 2021.
- That we are entering the last year of the current three-year plan adopted by the Board in 2001.
- That beyond 2004, there are insufficient funds to expand transit and roadway systems in the region.
- That the Ten Year Outlook represents a vision of what the transportation system could look like in 2013.
- That the new three year plan (2005-2007) represents the first phase of implementation of that outlook.
- That next year, TransLink will take on a long-range plan looking 25 years out to be done concurrently when the GVRD updates the Livable Region Strategic Plan and new Transportation Strategy 2021.
- That TransLink has become more efficient and saved \$20M per year through administrative cuts, Coast Mountain Bus, renegotiation of the West Coast Rail agreement with CP Rail reducing track usage rates.
- That increased security has seen a reduction in fare.
- That 61% of Surrey workers commute across municipal boundaries to their places of employment.
- That there has been significant funding going into major road networks through minor road capital program, and maintenance and rehabilitation in the City of Surrey has been matched by the City.
- That transit improvements between 1999 and 2003 include the new Park and Ride in South Surrey, express vehicles, highway coaches operating out of south Surrey and White Rock, and the provision of better service on King George Highway and to Port Kells area.

- That the ten-year outlook features five key objectives to make TransLink more viable: reduce gridlock (especially goods and service movement), maximum economic investment, maintain and enhance our environment, share benefits of costs equitably, and ensure a safe transportation system in good working order.
- That TransLink plans to expand the bus system by 33%, or 1200 to 1600 buses, to have here in time for 2010 Winter Olympics, and to provide fully accessible trolley buses and expand HandyDART services.
- That the transportation program has created a strong market for seniors and students and would like to expand the market U-Pass to all post secondary students, including Kwantlen University College students.
- That the provision and expansion of an Employer Pass would be developed for the major corridors around the Skytrain.
- That the rapid transit part of future projects has identified the Richmond/Airport/Vancouver (RAV) line; expansion of Millennium line to Coquitlam City Centre, 60% expansion of rapid transit network, increasing capacity on existing lines, and additional cars for the Expo line.
- That the 2004-2007 plan details expansion of the community shuttle program, more buses on Fraser Highway, new suburb run from Surrey to Richmond, from Surrey to Coquitlam for 2008-20013, connection to Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows through the new Fraser River crossing, expanding rapid transit south and east of the existing City Centre along 104 Avenue.
- That it is proposed to expand the use of waterways including a third SeaBus for the existing route between Lonsdale and downtown Vancouver and to expand the reach of the catchment areas of Nanaimo, Howe Sound, and Sunshine Coast.
- That the plan is looking at double funding from \$3 Million to \$6 Million to provide cycling facilities along the new RAV and Fraser crossing and proposes to have a 100% bike rack equipped bus fleet by 2007.
- That the plan would provide for improvement to cycling access on existing bridges and through the development of the Central Fraser Valley Greenway.
- That TransLink owns significant assets and needs approximately \$1 Billion to replace some 1300 buses, shuttles, and older bus depots over the next decade.
- That the proposed Three-Year Strategy includes the completion of the Fraser River crossing (\$600 M) and since the facility would be tolled the annual debt service cost will not be funded from GVTA sources.
- That the program represents a significant investment of \$3.3 Billion, leveraging in \$1.3 Billion in Federal cost sharing and will attract new business, new jobs, and support the tourism industry, positioning us well for the 2010 Winter Olympics.
- That significant expansion in terms of transit usage will aid in the reduction of greenhouses gases and consideration is being given to alternative fuels and testing of hybrid electric/diesel vehicles.
- That proposed funding sources include: 2.5% increase in property taxes across the region (amounting to \$61.00 per household); increased parking

charges, introduction of area or stall tax on non-residential parking lots; Ad Valorem tax on parking fees, and transit users paying more based on inflation.

- That the Board has been persistent in pursuing federal funding, which may take 2 or 3 years to receive. He noted that it takes 18 months to 2 years to procure one new bus.
- That the GVTA Board has received the Outlook and Three Year Financial Strategy and directed that presentations be carried out across the region featuring public meetings such as the one recently held in South Surrey and a meeting scheduled for November 26, 2003 in the northeast sector of the city. He added that a report would be going forward to the Board on December 10, 2003 and again to the GVRD Board in early 2004.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. The Corporate Report, under date of November 24, 2003, was considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. C011 Proposed Council Policy for Considering Applications for Exclusion of Land from the Agricultural Land Reserve
File: 6880-20-75

The General Manager, Planning & Development submitted a report to obtain Council approval for a consistent, objective and predictable policy framework for reviewing and making decisions regarding applications to exclude land from the Agricultural Land Reserve (the "ALR"). The criteria contained in the proposed policy are designed to reinforce the existing objectives in the Official Community Plan ("OCP"), targeted at enhancing the viability of agriculture in the City and protecting agricultural land in Surrey. It will be used as the basis for staff evaluation of applications for exclusion of land from the ALR and to formulate recommendations to Council related to such applications.

The General Manager, Planning & Development was recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in his report.

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Tymoschuk
That Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Adopt as Council policy, the document attached as Appendix I to this report entitled " Policy for Considering Applications for Exclusion of Land from the Agricultural Land Reserve".

Carried

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Tymoschuk
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

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

Chairperson