



# City of Surrey

## *Council-in-Committee*

### *Minutes*

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2004  
Time: 5:16 p.m.

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#### **Present:**

Chair: Councillor Steele  
Mayor McCallum  
Councillor Villeneuve  
Councillor Tymoschuk  
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

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## **A. DELEGATIONS**

### **1. Gerry Fleming, Project Manager Ministry of Transportation & Highways (MOTH) File: 0430-30; 0410-20; 0550-20-10**

Gerry Fleming, Project Manager, Ministry of Transportation & Highways (MOTH), was in attendance to provide a presentation relative to the four laning of 8 Avenue from King George Highway to Highway 15.

Gerry Fleming then introduced Patrick Nebalski, Ministry of Transportation and Highways, and Steve Russell, Project Manager, Delcan Engineering.

Gerry Fleming provided the following comments:

- That the project encompasses widening 8th Avenue from two to four lanes between Highway 99 through 176 Street.
- That an open house was held on January 17, 2004, which was well attended and some concerns raised.
- That the project is jointly funded by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH) and Transport Canada under the Canadian Infrastructure Works program.
- That the purpose is to increase traffic through the corridor, increasing the movements of goods and other traffic, and relieving traffic congestion along 8th Avenue.
- That the primary elements of the project are the widening of 8th Avenue between Highway 99 and Highway 15, to reconfigure 8th Avenue and introduce roundabouts located on the east side of Highway 99 and at the intersection of 8th Avenue and King George Highway, make improvements to the intersections of 168 and 172 Street, and add a pull out along Highway 15, south of 8th Avenue.

- That MOTH staff and the City of Surrey have been involved in discussions relative to the project for the past ten months and the City of White Rock has been provided a copy of the preliminary design for their input.
- That ICBC supports the project, as well as Semiahmoo First Nations.
- That they provided a presentation to the B.C. Trucking Association and have also met with representatives of the Douglas neighbourhood and environmental groups dealing with Fergus Creek and Little Campbell River.
- That the proposed improvements at the interchange are unique elements of the proposed project and that they are currently conducting a safety audit of the roundabout project.
- That elements of the new interchange feature a new 3-lane bridge, replacing the existing 2-lane bridge.
- That the two roundabouts proposed would improve mobility and reduce the number of collisions at these intersections and would be cheaper than the diamond option with traffic signals.
- That left and right turning lanes would be added at the intersection of 172 Street and 8th Avenue to separate traffic. It was noted that concerns raised by the public indicate there is a need to look at adding a traffic signal to that intersection now.
- That a second left turning lane would be added to the Highway 15 intersection.
- That additional right-of-ways are required for ditches.
- That the timing of the project involves the project going to tender March 31, 2004, construction to follow soon thereafter, and completion in the fall of 2005.

Patrick Nebalski then provided the following comments:

- That best practices had been researched to establish a B.C. version of a roundabout, noting that identical standards are followed in the United States.
- That the proposed roundabouts were designed for speeds of 30 to 35 km/h.

**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 Hunt

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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Chairperson