



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004
Time: 4:50 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Hunt

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR
Interim General Manager, Parks, Recreation
and Culture

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Larry Berg, President & CEO Vancouver International Airport Authority File: 8400-01; 0550-20-10

Larry Berg, President & CEO, Vancouver International Airport Authority was in attendance to report on the airport initiatives and activities that are of importance to the neighbouring communities.

Mr. Berg provided the following comments:

- That traffic has increased by 8.5% year-to-date and the Vancouver International Airport Authority hopes to break the 15 million mark in terms of passengers.
- That new services include an increase in WestJet departures by 28% and additional service non-stop to Montreal and Ottawa, and Air Canada has seen a recovery.
- That Lufthansa will provide seasonal services to Munich along with its Frankfurt service.
- That China Eastern is a new airline offering service from Shanghai to Vancouver.
- That traffic is up 9% and seating capacity is up 8% over last year, indicative of a strong recovery underway.
- That YVR provides a natural gateway linking Asia with North America and offers the shortest route, shorter by 5 hours than Los Angeles.
- That YVR has two needs: airport infrastructure and positive government policy.
- That the YVR Ten Year Capital Plan was announced noting funding in the amount of \$1.4 billion which would generate 5,200 person years in employment and \$300 million in direct wages and salaries.
- That the plan includes a \$420 million project with the addition of 9 International Gates to be completed in two phases.
- That 4 gates would be added between now and 2007 and 5 gates in 2009.

- That this summer \$50 million work project would take place on the south airfield, which would impact the distribution of noise in the community.
- That he hoped that TransLink would reconsider the RAV line project and commented on the \$300 million contribution the Vancouver Airport Authority would provide to the project.
- That he commended the Mayor for his leadership and thanked him on behalf of the Vancouver Airport Authority.
- That there needs to be approved government policy dealing more equitably with rental payments to the Federal government. He noted that the Vancouver Airport Authority currently pays \$672 million every year, more than any other airport, and that it is time that Vancouver had an equitable rent structure.
- That there are 70 bilateral agreements signed with other countries by Canada regulating which companies can fly here and equitable consideration has not been given to fair access by this community. He added that a push for liberalization of air policy by Vancouverites would provide jobs.
- That there would be a 12 week maintenance upgrade on the south airfield commencing June 11 and ending September 3, 2004 to extend it by 150 m in order to allow larger aircraft to take off.
- That this project would impact noise in the community and some residents may notice a change.
- That the upcoming maintenance project has been advertised in newspapers and flyers distributed.

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 Higginbotham

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson