



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2005
Time: 5:00 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
General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Sabina Malli On Behalf of the Residents of the Glens File: 6140-20; 0550-20-10

Sabina Malli, on behalf of the Residents of the Glens was in attendance regarding the proposed track facilities location at South Surrey Athletic Park.

Vince Agostino, 14461 – 19 Avenue, was in attendance and provided the following comments:

- The Residents of the Glen are not opposed to the track but its location.
- The community is the largest user group and suggests an alternative location that would be environmentally friendly and cost-efficient while keeping the integrity of the area intact.
- The alternative proposal meets and exceed CPTED guidelines, allows for 150 parking stalls on the west side of the track, and more parking being built to accommodate a multi use centre.
- Parking overflow would not be forced into the neighbourhood under the alternative proposal.
- Trees would be preserved and cost efficiencies would be realized as facilities are already built.
- As well, no retaining walls would be required; there would be no tree cutting costs; no relocating of the small baseball diamond and no construction required of seniors and handicapped accessibility measures.
- There would not be undesirable vandalism after the lights go out due to the better visibility from the road.
- Maintenance for tree debris on the track would not be required.
- Proper drainage has been an issue since trees were cut down.
- Their proposal has all the safety issues managed compared with the proposed site and it maintains the beautiful integrity of the area and natural walkway.
- The Residents of the Glen request Council abandon the proposed site and continue with this proposal.

**2. Dr. Jim Richardson, SORCE President
Surrey Off-Road Cycling Enthusiasts Society (SORCE)
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10**

Dr. Jim Richardson, SORCE President, Surrey Off-Road Cycling Enthusiasts Society (SORCE) was in attendance regarding the South Surrey Bike Park and other off road cycling opportunities for cyclists. He introduced other members of SORCE as follows: Jonathon Stibbs, Treasurer; Patrick Vipond, Trail Coordinator; and Louise Klassen, Membership Coordinator.

Dr. Jim Richardson was in attendance and provided the following comments:

- Surrey Off Road Cycling Enthusiasts Society (SORCE) are requesting increased funding to complete the South Surrey Bike Park and develop other off road cycling opportunities for cyclists.
- SORCE members have worked with the Urban Forestry division of Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture for the last 5 years in the development of the South Surrey Bike Park, contributing over 2,000 hours of volunteer labour and \$8700 in funding.
- In 1997, Surrey entered into a public/private partnership with Brian Land to develop with South Surrey Bike Park.
- The South Surrey Bike Park was the first of its kind in the Lower Mainland and over 45 trail dates have been held to date.
- Over 8 km of natural dirt, single track trail has been developed for single file mountain biking for the use of intermediate to expert mountain bikers.
- SORCE now has 300 members, with 90% living in the Semiahmoo Peninsula ranging in age from 5 to 55 and 20% women.
- SORCE provides rides, activities and youth programs run through Parks, Recreation & Culture Department.
- Community events are held and two B.C. Cycling races are scheduled and expected to attract 500 spectators and racers.
- The South Surrey Bike Park is a proven success, but there is an ever growing problem in the community through youth at risk. Some youths are building renegade bike trails and jumps, which must be dismantled.
- One suggestion is to harness this enthusiasm and provide an outlet for them through mountain biking.
- There is increased pressure on remaining green space in the city due to the exploding population.
- The Greenways Plan and Bike Route Plan are not addressing facilities for single-track dirt trails.
- Surrey could promote other parks for eco-tourism purposes and year round adventure travel.
- Currently, Surrey has just one park available for 100,000 cyclists.
- SORCE proposes that Council consider the completion of the South Surrey Bike Park and provide funds for construction of other bike parks in Surrey.
- The suggestion was made to make the epicenter more attractive through the use of three key elements: having trail head signage at three main access

points to the athletic park, more public education, and an information kiosk on site.

- Further requests were made to provide public education on the City's website, Surrey Leisure Guide and Bicycle Pathway book; a building with a picnic shelter, bike wash station, emergency phone similar to those available at the Victoria Mountain Bike Park.

**3. Lesley Tannen, Executive Director
Whalley Business Improvement Association (BIA)**
File: 5080-01; 0550-20-10

Lesley Tannen, Executive Director, Whalley Business Improvement Association (BIA) was in attendance regarding a proposed by-law for social service organizations seeking to locate in Whalley.

Lesley Tannen introduced other WBIA members in attendance: Pete Nicholls, President, Debra Hauptman, Vice-President, Alfie Stumpf, WBIA Director, Robin Campbell, member; as well as Bolivar Heights resident Karen McGregor.

Lesley Tannen then provided the following comments:

- On November 15, 2004, Surrey Council passed a resolution leading to by-law amendments requiring applicants for any new community service uses within City Centre area to prepare a community impact study prior to the issuance of a business license or building permit.
- The WBIA supports, in-principle, this amendment as it acknowledges the rights of community members to be heard and consulted.
- Surrey is under increasing pressures to meet the needs of a growing population and unless the City adopts a logical and long term plan to determine where and how the full range of community social long term services should be located, the crime and social problem some see as connected with Whalley will continue to grow and spread to other areas.
- The proposed by-law amendment is one small piece of the puzzle that needs to be considered in the context of the Homelessness Task Force, the Social Wellbeing of Surrey Residents Plan, the Regional Growth Strategy and the Official Community Plan.
- The formation of the WBIA, as in hundreds of communities throughout North America, is largely in response to concerns with the negative effects of social problems and illegal activities on people, property, and private businesses in the community.

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Tymoschuk
That the report as submitted by Lesley

Tannen, WBIA, be received.

Carried

- The main findings for a recent membership survey for social services for vulnerable people in the Whalley area. The survey indicated the following:

- 65% indicated the need for more social services in Surrey
- 55% would like to see more social services in Whalley
- 92% would like food, shelter and other social services throughout Surrey, not just in the Whalley area.
- 70% felt food and community services should be distributed in licensed facilities
- 67% supported the by-law amendment
- Additional comments from members relate largely to housing, homelessness, and the need for a range of social services.
- 51% of respondents indicated there should be more services in Whalley
- 65% said social services should be done through licensed premises.
- There is a need to consider the many businesses in the area, and people in general, may not be aware of services available in the City Centre area, which may account for the high response to the questions raised in the survey.
- Social services falls under the jurisdiction of the provincial and federal governments.
- The WBIA states that it is both desirable and necessary for the City to participate with senior levels of government to address these issues.
- The WBIA urges Council to advocate vigorously on behalf of citizens on allocating social services to address the growing infrastructure needs and future social services for Surrey residents.
- The WBIA supports the need for social services to be located throughout the City and suggests using community impact studies as a tool for community use applications throughout the City.
- Alternatively a comprehensive Social Plan should be done when updating the OCP to provide clarity to the community and provide guidance for organizations in Surrey wishing to provide new social services.
- It is important to know already established community agencies in the Whalley area who are willing to collaborate with new organizations to reduce duplication which may result when some individuals access services twice.
- There are people in need throughout Surrey, not just in Whalley.
- Decentralized service delivery will prevent “ghettoization” of one area of the City and reduce NIMBY-ism.
- The WBIA supports the proposed by-law amendment relative to community impact studies for community use proposals.

It was

Moved by Councillor Watts

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That the correspondence and 120 signature

petition as submitted by Lesley Tannen, on behalf of Karen McGregor, be received.

Carried

4. **John Cooper, President
Combat Athletics Corporation
Jason Towns, President
W.F.F. Inc.**
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

John Cooper, President, Combat Athletics Corporation, Jason Towns, President, W.F.F. Inc. was in attendance to discuss a proposal to hold a Professional Shooto Martial Arts Exhibition in 2005, at the Aston Pacific Resort & Conference Centre.

John Cooper was in attendance and provided the following comments:

- The W.W.F. Inc. was founded in 2001, led by President Jason Towns, to champion and establish Professional Shooto Martial Arts as one of the most prestigious and respected martial arts events in Canada.
- W.W.F. Inc. has held seven successful events, receiving international recognition for their high degree of professionalism.
- The W.W.F. recently made history in its first Shooto Martial Arts event sanctioned by the Vancouver Athletic Commission (VAC).
- Since the VAC sanctioning, four additional successful events have been held by working with the VAC to ensure the highest levels of safety and professionalism.
- John Cooper's company was founded in 2002 and works with W.W.F. Inc. as a sponsor. He is a certified strength and training specialist with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree specializing in marketing promotions.
- He also operates the Family Martial Combat Arts Club in White Rock, trains competitive athletes of all ages, and sells his own brand of martial arts clothing.
- Shooto Martial Arts is a sanctioned martial event recognized internationally through a unified network of promotion in 12 different countries.
- Shooto Martial Arts promotes and trains certified officials in cooperation with ISC statement officials and operates with the utmost of professionalism and under high standards.
- Shooto Arts Regulatory Code (SARC) outlines the rules and regulations of the sport and is strictly enforced by the International Shooto Commission (ISC) whose primary focus is the safety of competitors through a classification system used in match making.
- Both promoters and competitors are protected from a regulatory standpoint through ISC fines and penalties for those not complying.
- The ISC monitors events, certifies and appoints all officials.
- A doctor and paramedic are always in attendance as is the case of all contact sports.
- W.W.F. Inc. is looking to test the Surrey market with a small amateur event in April 2005 with the potential for additional events.
- This event would be held at the Aston Pacific Hotel at 1165 King George Highway, with a capacity for 400 to 500 spectators.
- This is an amateur event and no competitors will receive compensation.
- All athletes will wear safety gear and follow the rules as enforced by SARC.

- The event may be filmed for TV or DVD release, thus participants may receive a modest fee for the rights to their likeness should they appear on TV or DVD.
- W.W.F. Inc. request Council approve Shooto Martial Arts request to hold this event in 2005 at the Aston Pacific Inn.

Jason Towns then provided the following comments:

- Prize fighting is illegal in Canada under Section 83 of the Canada Criminal Code, unless sanctioned by an athletic commission.
- This event has the full support of the Canadian Athletic Commission.
- Prize fighting athletes are given compensation but the more amateur level is not defined as prize fighting under the Criminal Code as there would be no compensation for competitors.
- W.W.F. Inc. would like to start an amateur division in Surrey.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

now adjourn.

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson