



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Multi-Purpose Rooms 1 & 2
Surrey Sport & Leisure Complex
16555 Fraser Highway
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, MAY 30, 2005
Time: 5:49 p.m.

Present:

Mayor McCallum
Councillor Tymoschuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor Priddy
Councillor Bose
Councillor Watts
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Hunt

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

- David Phillips, General Manager
Mystical Distributing Company Ltd.**
File: 3900-02; 0550-20-10

David Phillips, General Manager, Mystical Distributing Company Ltd. was in attendance regarding fireworks in the City of Surrey.

Note: See By-law No. 15735 for final adoption under Item H.17 of the Regular Council - Public Hearing agenda.

David Phillips provided the following comments:

- Fireworks are an international symbol of celebration.
- The Y2K celebrations held one common theme – fireworks.
- Many countries use fireworks for celebrations.
- Canada celebrates the use of fireworks in its currency.

It was

Moved by Councillor Higginbotham
Seconded by Councillor Tymoschuk
That the example of Canadian currency with
fireworks as background, as submitted by David Phillips be received.
Carried

- Fireworks have been around for over 1,400 years and were sold in North America by the retail trade for the last 300 years.
- Fireworks have been manufactured in Canada for over 100 years.
- The issue at hand is the selling of fireworks for one week of the year for one day of the year (Halloween).
- Metro Toronto celebrates two fireworks events – Canada Day and Victoria Day.
- Regina celebrates three fireworks events – Victoria Day, Canada Day and New Year's Eve.

- Fireworks are sold in B.C.'s interior year round.
- If the sale of fireworks is banned, people will go to neighbouring municipalities or the United States to buy fireworks.
- The proposed ban would not stop the demand but would change the supply.
- Canadian fireworks are regulated federally and have the highest standards and regulations in the world.
- Canada does not sell fireworks to the United States as there is no market for our overpriced, over-manufactured goods.
- People will substitute Canadian fireworks for shoddy American fireworks rated as ten times higher the power than Canadian fireworks.
- American fireworks are cheaper but more destructive.
- If you take the sale of fireworks out of retail stores, licensed by the City, inspected by Fire and Police, the supply chain will move underground to criminal organizations and result in increased smuggling for increased amounts of money.
- There are many other fires and injuries attributed to other reasons than fireworks, such as short circuits, sports and equipment injuries, and unknown causes.
- The banning of fireworks will not stop the intentional fire setting at Halloween as there is a world wide trend to set fires against evil spirits originated years ago by the Celtics.
- Bonfires are lit in Nova Scotia, in Vermont they torch bridges, firecrackers are thrown at homes and mailboxes in Sydney, Nova Scotia, in St. John, they are targeting historic bridges.
- Don't punish those who use fireworks responsibly.
- Educating kids and parents on firework safety with members of the community would reduce the incidents of fire and injuries.
- Existing by-laws need more teeth and need to be enforced.

2. **Lina Halwani**
Ministry of Transportation
Alan Emery, Associated Engineering
File: 0410-20; 0430-30; 0550-20-10

Lina Halwani, Ministry of Transportation, and Alan Emery, Associated Engineering were in attendance to present information regarding the Highway 15 FAST (Free and Secure Trade) Lane expansion project between 4 Avenue and 8 Avenue.

- The FAST project just south of 4th Avenue has already been constructed.
- The current project consists of an extension of the project to 8th Avenue.
- The Highway 15 FAST truck lane project extension is a SHIP initiative.
- There is a joint funding agreement in place between the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.
- Cost will be \$28.2 M for border improvements province wide.
- Part of National \$600 M SHIP program announced in April 2001.

- Two other SHIP related projects are Highway 15 FAST NEXUS lane, and the border extension to 4th Avenue which has been completed.
- Eighth Avenue widening from King George Highway to Highway 15 is currently under construction.
- The Highway 15 FAST truck lane extension from 4th to 8th Avenue is in the design stage.
- The objectives are to encourage economic growth, improved border security, and enhanced driver safety.
- Construction will involve a new lane for southbound traffic on the southbound side of the highway.
- The 4th Avenue intersection will be signalized.
- Issues identified are private property accesses, portable weigh scale site, environment (fisheries habitat), merge weaving of traffic proposed at 8th Avenue, and a right turn at 4th Avenue.
- The proposed scheduled stakeholder meetings were May 19th and 25, City of Surrey Council meeting May 30th, a public open house on June 7th, completion of the design would be July 31st, construction will commence in the Fall of 2005, subject to property being made available.
- The next steps include a review of input from stakeholders' meeting, geotechnical assessment, analysis of traffic data, CEAA application, and preliminary design by June 30, 2005.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. The Corporate Reports, under date of May 30, 2005, was considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. C010 Approval of the South Port Kells General Land Use Plan
File: 6520-20 (South Port Kells)

The General Manager, Planning & Development submitted a report to:

- Advise Council of the results of the final Public Open House at which the preferred General Land Use Plan for South Port Kells was presented;
- Provide information on minor changes to the concept resulting from the final Public Open House; and
- Obtain Council approval of the South Port Kells General Land Use Plan.

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

It was Moved by Councillor Higginbotham
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Approve the South Port Kells General Land Use Plan (Land Use Concept and Policies), attached as Appendix I to this report, as the basis for preparing Neighbourhood Concept Plans ("NCPs") for the community of South Port Kells.

Carried with Councillor Bose against.

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS


F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by Councillor Higginbotham
Seconded by Councillor Watts
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do
now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Margaret Jones, City Clerk



Chairperson