



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Multi-Purpose Rooms 1 & 2
Surrey Sport & Leisure Complex
16555 Fraser Highway
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2005
Time: 4:45 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Villeneuve

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Larry Berg, President & Chief Executive Officer Anne Murray, Vice President Community & Environmental Affairs Vancouver International Airport Authority (YVR) File: 8400-01; 0550-20-10

Larry Berg, President & Chief Executive Officer, and Anne Murray, Vice President Community & Environmental Affairs, Vancouver International Airport Authority (YVR) were in attendance to make a presentation regarding airport initiatives and activities that are of importance to neighbouring communities.

Larry Berg provided the following comments:

- YVR appreciates the good work done in this community including Council's urging the Federal government to include a new rental regime.
- YVR will receive a 54% reduction in its leasing costs over five years.
- An airport improvement fee will still be required to help pay for YVR so that it remains a premier global gateway to B.C.
- Work continues with the B.C. government on a recent agreement with China to increase flights to 60 runs a week by 2008.
- A new agreement with India should increase services.
- The Federal government is launching plans to negotiate a new air agreement with the United States.
- 2004 was a great year with over 15.7 million passengers representing YVR's third biggest year in terms of air travel.
- Their hope is to see 16.4 million passengers travel this year; an increase of 700,000 passengers over last year.
- Growth puts YVR's capacity under pressure.
- In terms of runway movement, there has been a significant increase in runway movement over last year.
- There were 14,000 movements and an additional 321,000 are expected this year.

- On the Capital project side, the south airfield will be upgraded and include an extension of the south runway at a cost of \$50 million.
- An engine run-off pad enabling airlines to test engines with less impact on the community is planned.
- A Westjet pier has been opened at the terminal.
- They are moving forward with their \$1.4 million capital plan, adding 52 person years of employment to the region.
- In January 2005, YVR started on the first phase of a \$420 million expansion to the terminal, adding 9 gates – 2 will be completed in 2007 to handle the new Airbus fleet and another 5 gates will be completed in 2009, in time for the 2010 Olympics.
- In order to streamline customs clearance, Nexus passes will be available with its technology based on iris recognition.
- The Vancouver Airport Authority is committed to building the RAV line in Sea Island to be completed in 2009.

Anne Murray then provided the following comments:

- As more passengers make more travel plans, there will be increased pressures on the runway system.
- The south runway is used 24 hours a day whenever possible, depending upon wind conditions.
- This runway is also being used for departures.
- The north runways are available between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., seven days a week for departures, which may result in a change for North Surrey residents.
- Resurfacing of runways last year will last fifteen years, but ongoing maintenance will be carried out July 22 to July 29, after which, normal operations will resume.
- This has been communicated with the community through newspaper inserts, advertising and answering questions.
- The Noise Management Committee has been involved in the decision and participated in the program.
- The Noise Management Committee is comprised of such individuals as commercial pilots, air traffic controllers, and community representatives and has helped develop a Noise Management Plan approved by the Ministry of Transport, setting out initiatives for the next five years.
- There is also an active Environmental Advisory Committee addressing the need for a sustainable environmental management plan. This plan is available for viewing on the Vancouver Airport Authority's website.
- They have begun to update the long term plan, looking out 40 years and getting input on the aspirations of B.C.
- Their vision is to continue to develop as a premier global gateway in a unique geographical location.
- Forums were held to discuss these issues and the Vancouver Airport Authority is committed in using a sustainability framework.
- Based on reaction from community and business leaders, there is much support for the environmental, social and governance issues around the development of the airport, as they move forward into the next phase and future possibilities for the airport, runways, terminals, ground access, and other sites.

**2. Allen Aubert, Secretary
Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society (FVHRS)
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10**

Allen Aubert, Secretary, Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society (FVHRS) was in attendance to bring Council up to date on the acquisition plans for interurban BCER 1225 and the proposed official ceremony in September to inaugurate the operation of the Speeder at the FVHRS Sullivan site.

Allen Aubert provided the following comments:

- Introductions were made of the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society (FVHRS) members in attendance.
- The FVHRS is bringing back the first B.C. inter-urban car; all is ready and the contract has been signed in Perris, California.
- Arrangements have been made for the transportation of the car to Surrey in August, 2005.
- The cost to acquire the car, and to transport and offload it was set at \$300,000.
- Council agreed to provide a grant of \$150,000, which was half of the costs, subject to matching funds by the provincial government. This was amended to include matching funds from the private sector.
- Extended meetings were held with the provincial government which resulted in \$75,000 granted by the Ministry of Transport. This amount was matched by the City.
- After several months of negotiations, the grant was declined and they are still wishing to find a way to bring the car to Surrey.
- There are tentative plans to host a major ceremony on November 17, 2005.
- The FVHRS still need \$75,000 to make this happen, and request Council to consider providing this additional grant.
- Plans have been made to restore the car to its former glory, rehabilitate it and have it running on the track.
- Currently, they have a grant application before the B.C. Gaming Branch for \$100,000 to be put toward rehabilitation costs.
- They are also investigating the possibility of operating the inter-urban using hydrogen fuel cell power, which may result in this being the first passenger rail service demonstrating the use of hydrogen fuel cell technology.
- Plans are underway to make an infrastructure grant application of \$1.5 million to upgrading the rail line.
- They have begun work on liability insurance issues and have found two insurers willing to help overcome the challenges.
- Negotiations have started with the railway companies on running rights agreements.
- An offer was received from VanCity to participate in fundraising by using local branches as points of purchase to assist them with their campaign.
- VanCity's Senior Branch Manager will sit on the Fundraising Committee.
- The FVHRS would like the inter-urban car moving from Sullivan Station to Newton as a demonstration project within two years.
- They have received a letter from Nuvera Fuel Cells stating that they have a hydrogen fuel cell available for the FVHRS' use.

- The speeder project is complete and operating; the FVHRS does have a certificate for this project for recreational use from B.C. Safety Authority.
- There will be a ceremony on September 17, 2005 in order to thank all those individuals and organizations who have this possible.
- The FVHRS has met with Peter Holt on the Alternative Fuel Task Force in Vancouver.
- The main event is the 2010 Olympics and the FVHRS are working on a railway project on Scott Road to Cloverdale.
- This project would be part of the hydrogen highway with all the accompanying advantages such as economic development and tourism.
- Two more cars have been identified as possible additions.

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

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Councillor Steele, Chairperson