



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2006
Time: 3:45 p.m.

Present:

Chair: Councillor Villeneuve
Mayor Watts
Councillor Steele
Councillor Gill
Councillor Martin
Councillor Bose
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Councillor Hepner

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
Manager, Long Range Planning & Policy Development

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Mike Proudfoot, Executive Project Director Gateway Program Ministry of Transportation File: 0410-20; 0550-20-10

Mike Proudfoot, Executive Project Director, Gateway Program, Ministry of Transportation was in attendance to present a summary of the Ministry of Transportation's Gateway Program Definition Report and an overview of the proposed Port Mann/Highway 1 Project, which includes twinning the Port Mann Bridge, upgrading interchanges and improving access and safety along the highway from Vancouver to Langley, and to update Council with respect to plans for the pre-design community consultation for this Project.

The following comments were provided:

- Greater Vancouver has seen tremendous change over the past decade with population expanding by 750,000 people in the past 20 years and an anticipated growth to over 3 million by 2031.
- The Port Mann Bridge was built in the 1960's.
- More Vancouver residents are working in other municipalities and exceeded the growth of other municipal residents working in Vancouver by a factor of 9 to 1.
- Goods movers are stopped or slowed in Lower Mainland 75% of the time.
- There is increased congestion on regional roads and highways with growing impacts to residents, communities, the environment and the economy.
- The Port Mann Bridge is now congested for 13 hours a day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m..
- The business community is also concerned as Greater Vancouver is now Canada's highest volume container shipping location, with over 1.6 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs) handled in 2004, transporting goods from all over the world.

- The current cost of congestion to goods movers is approximately \$500 million per year.
- The economic impact of congestion on all traffic has reached \$1.5 billion per year.
- Gateway facilities such as ports, airports, border crossings and rail intermodal facilities now account for 75,000 jobs and \$10 billion in business output annually in Greater Vancouver alone.
- There has been limited investment in road network since the 1980's.
- There are more two income earners and live-at-home adult children, creating multiple daily communities; more school trips made by auto; and more retired people all increasing the number of mid-day trips.
- Without improvements, the rush hour lineup for the Port Mann Bridge, which was 5km in 2003, will extend to 12 km in 2011 and to 17km in 2021.
- The Gateway program is about providing increased transportation options for commuters and about relieving congestion for those that have to drive.
- Gateway projects look at improving key corridors and introduces congestion reduction measures to encourage drivers to make informed travel decisions.
- The benefits: address congestion, improve safety and reliability, improve access to key economic gateways, improve quality of life in communities by keeping regional traffic on regional roads instead of local streets, reduce travel times along and across the Fraser River.
- The Gateway Program includes 3 projects: south Fraser Perimeter Road, north Fraser Perimeter Road and the Port Mann/Highway 1 project.
- Daily traffic on the Port Mann Bridge is higher than San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge.
- The project would include twinning the Port Mann Bridge, upgrading interchanges and improving access and safety on Highway 1, extending HOV lanes to Langley, bus service on Port Mann Bridge/Highway 1, cycling facilities over the Port Mann Bridge, and will accommodate future light rail transit expansion.
- The public would be consulted on congestion reduction measures such as: HOV lanes, transit priority access to on-ramps, commercial vehicle priority access, proposed toll on Port Mann Bridge.
- Pre-design community consultation on the Port Mann/Highway 1 project will begin mid-February 2006 and will be held in various lower mainland communities between February 18, 2006 and April 29, 2006.
- Public and stakeholder involvement will include: local governments, municipal technical liaison committees, first responders, neighbourhood and business organizations, transportation groups, sustainability groups, tourism organizations, members of the public and other groups and organizations.
- Extensive consultation is ongoing and has been underway for two years.
- Public consultation will continue through 2006 and will take place at each of the three design states: pre-design, preliminary design, and detailed design.
- The Gateway Program will undergo a rigorous environmental assessment review in accordance with the B.C. Environmental Assessment Act and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.
- Environmental assessment reviews will take place once the Pre-Design Consultation is completed in 2006.

- The consequences of not making these improvements: increasing congestion, longer rush hours, delayed goods movement, increased costs.
- They have met with community members of the Fraser Heights area and shifted the alignment based on their recommendation.
- For further information visit www.gatewayprogram.bc.ca

2. **Monty Raisinghani**

File: 0390-20; 0550-20-10

Monty Raisinghani was in attendance to discuss the May 12 & 13 UBC ELITE Conference 2006 (Engaging Leadership in Teens) that the UBC students are putting together to educate youth.

- Mr. Raisinghani is a 4th year Chemical Engineering student at UBC and a recipient of the Governor General's Caring Canadian award.
- The organization is comprised of UBC students taking initiative, organize activities in benefit of different charities and to address issues facing our community
- The main purpose of the conference is to promote leadership among teens.
- Their official mandate is to better our community via the creative and leadership potential of UBC students, support philanthropic initiatives put forth by club members, and provide networking with likeminded UBC students through social events.
- The first annual conference will take place on May 12 and 13, 2006 at the Sheraton Guildford Hotel.
- ELITE's goals are to inspire and lead 450 students from Surrey, Vancouver, North Vancouver, Richmond, and Coquitlam and to inspire and raise attendance for further growth of conference.
- Workshops will be held on various topics such as violence and gangs in the Indo-Canadian community and preventing negative stereotypes this community is facing.
- Basic workshops will be led by University students
- The main purpose is give youth a chance to be positive role models to teens.
- There will be 400 delegations split into groups of 20, with each group being led by two University students.
- Delegations will be from UBC, SFU, Kwantlen College, and BCIT.
- Mr. Raisinghani had attended a similar conference and since then has been widely involved in community.
- The basic organizers are Mr. Raisinghani and Jenny Lum, with involvement from community newspapers and Surrey Foundation.
- They are asking for support in terms of helping with funding in order to hold the conference.
- The estimated costs are \$38,020 and the goal is to raise \$19,000 for charity.
- Current potential sponsors include various corporations, UBC, the Rotary Club of Vancouver, and the Federal Liberal government.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**C. CORPORATE REPORTS**

1. The Corporate Reports, under date of February 20, 2006, were considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. C003 Amendments to the Surrey Tree Preservation By-law, 1996, No. 12880 and Other Related Policies and Procedures - Results of Consultation with Committees of Council
File: 3900-20-12880

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

- Advise Council of the input received from the Agricultural Advisory Committee (the "AAC"), the Environmental Advisory Committee (the "EAC"), the Heritage Advisory Commission (the "HAC") and the Development Advisory Committee (the "DAC"), Surrey Environmental Partners, and Friends of Semiahmoo Trail, with regard to proposed amendments to the Surrey Tree Preservation By-law, 1996, No. 12880 and other administrative and policy changes related to the management of trees in the City, as recommended in Corporate Report No. R185, that was considered by Council on July 25, 2005; and
- Make final recommendations to Council on proposed amendments to the By-law and other related policies and processes, related to the management of trees on private property within the City, taking into account the input received from these Committees.

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

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Mayor Watts
That Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Direct staff to proceed with the preparation of an amended Tree Preservation By-law (the "By-law") and other initiatives related to tree management in the City, based on the recommendations contained in Corporate Report No. R185 (copy attached as Appendix "A"), considered by Council on July 25, 2005, subject to the following additional recommendations:
 - (a) Authorize, in addition to the Tree Administrator position and the additional By-law Enforcement Officer position, an additional

- environmental technologist/arborist position to assist in the administration of the requirements of the amended By-law;
- (b) Add a definition of "Specimen Quality Tree" as "*a tree of any size which the City Landscape Architect deems to be of exceptional value due to its species, condition, form, age or size*";
 - (c) Include in the By-law, authority for the General Manager, Planning and Development to retain the services of an independent arborist to review the work of an arborist that has submitted a report to the City in support of an application for a tree cutting permit, in instances where the completeness and/or accuracy of an arborist report have been brought into doubt through a field inspection by a City arborist;
 - (d) Require the posting of a tree cutting permit on each site for which a tree cutting permit has been issued and include requirements in the By-law as to the timeframe during which the permit must be posted and the location that the permit must be posted on the site;
 - (e) Direct staff to bring forward a report with recommendations, making the Municipal Ticket Information (MTI) System applicable to infractions under the By-law, including recommendations on the penalties that will be applicable to the various types of infractions that may be addressed using MTI tickets as well as adjustments to fines that may be levied by other means in relation to infractions of the By-law;
 - (h) Include in the By-law, a clause that encourages treatment of diseased trees in accordance with good arboriculture practices rather than the cutting of such trees, wherever possible or practical;
 - (i) Include in the By-law, a specific prohibition on excessive lift pruning and on the topping of trees, except for trees that have been previously topped, subject to the requirement that any topping consistent with the provisions of the By-law will require a tree cutting permit issued by the City;
 - (h) Provide for the planting of upsized replacement trees at the discretion of the General Manager, Planning and Development, where the full number of replacement trees required by the By-law cannot be reasonably planted on a lot and that where up-sized replacement trees are required by the By—law, that the security posted for the up-sized trees reflects the value of the trees and related planting and maintenance costs;
 - (i) Direct staff to report further on the opportunity to use a portion of the Green City Reserve Fund for planting trees on boulevards on streets in the City where there are few or no boulevard trees, but where the residents of such streets request such planting;

- (j) Include sufficient regulations in the By-law to ensure that the provisions to be included in the By-law that will allow the removal of a tree if it is deemed to be inappropriate to its location, are not used in a manner to circumvent the By-law;
 - (k) Amend the provisions of the By-law to require that, where an application is made to clear land outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve (the "ALR") for "agricultural purposes", a full tree inventory is required prior to the issuance of such a tree cutting permit, and a restrictive covenant is registered on the title of the lot documenting that the owner has agreed not to make application for development of the land for a period of 10 years, and that full replacement trees and other provisions of the By-law will apply should a development application be considered for the lot within the 10 year period;
 - (l) Establish, in the By-law, application fees for tree removal on land in the ALR separately and do not increase the fees for such tree removal applications;
 - (m) Include provisions for waiving or reducing the fee for a development variance permit where the variance is for the purpose of preserving a tree or trees;
 - (n) Direct that staff prepare an annual report on the status and implementation of the Green City Reserve Fund and that the report be made available to Council's Advisory Committees and the Heritage Advisory Commission;
 - (q) Direct that the new provisions of the amended By-law and policies take effect for all new applications received after the date of adoption of the amended By-law and that complete in-stream development permit and building permit applications be subject to the current Surrey Tree Preservation By-law, 1996, No. 12880, provided that these applications are approved within 18 months of the date of adoption of the amended By-law; and
 - (r) Authorize staff to make other appropriate housekeeping amendments to the By-law, as necessary; and
3. Authorize the City Clerk to bring forward the necessary amendment By-law for the required readings.

Before the question was called:-

It was Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve
That Item 2 (o) be amended by deleting
"18 months" and inserting "12 months".

The question on the main motion, as amended, was put and:-

Carried

Item No. C004 A Plan for the Social Well-Being of Surrey Residents -
Stage 2 Action Plan: Social Service Gaps for which the
City has Secondary, Limited or No Responsibility
File: 5080-01

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

- Present to Council the Consultant's report entitled "Plan for the Social Well Being of Surrey Residents – Stage 2 Action Plan: Social Service Gaps for Which the City has Secondary, Limited or No Responsibility" (Stage 2 Action Plan), attached as Appendix "A" to this report;
- Provide an overview of the public consultation process associated with the preparation of the Stage 2 Action Plan; and
- Obtain Council authorization to hold a public meeting/open house to present to the public and other key stakeholders the completed draft Action Plan (i.e., both the draft Stage 2 Action Plan as well as the earlier submitted Stage 1 Action Plan) related to the Plan for the Social Well-Being Plan of Surrey Residents;

Mr. Goldberg, SPARC BC, was in attendance and commented that the throne speech will take place Tuesday, February 21, 2006. He continued that as far as funding to the provinces, this would not be known until April when the house starts sitting again and the federal budget is brought down. He noted that a move to a stronger fee base for parents for childcare could place a damper on the ability of parents to pay and that there is not a lot local government can do except to work with community groups.

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

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Mayor Watts
That Council:

1. Receive this report as information;

2. Approve the recommended actions documented in the "Plan for the Social Well-Being of Surrey Residents - Stage 2 Action Plan: Social Service Gaps for Which the City has Secondary, Limited or No Responsibility" included as a table in the body of this report (and as documented in Appendix "A");
3. Authorize staff and the consultant to hold a public information open house to present to the public and other key stakeholders the completed Action Plan (Stage 1 and Stage 2); and
4. Authorize the City Clerk to forward a copy of this report, together with Council's resolution, to appropriate senior officials in the Provincial and Federal governments, the Greater Vancouver Regional District, the Fraser Health Authority and other key community agencies to apprise them of the recommendations within the Action Plan.

Carried

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson