

City of Surrey Council-in-Committee Minutes

Council Chamber City Hall 14245 - 56 Avenue Surrey, B.C. **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006** Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: **Staff Present:** Absent: Mayor Watts Acting City Manager Councillor Villeneuve City Clerk Councillor Steele Acting General Manager, Planning & Councillor Gill Development **Councillor Martin** City Solicitor Councillor Hepner General Manager, Engineering Councillor Bose General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR Councillor Hunt Councillor Higginbotham

A. **DELEGATIONS**

1. Joe Pelzer, 104 – 16255 – 85 Avenue File: 4020-20; 0550-20-10

Joe Pelzer was in attendance to express concerns regarding a tractor trailer parking lot located at 16241 - 84 Avenue.

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt Seconded by Councillor Higginbotham That photos and information as submitted by

Joe Pelzer be received.

Carried

Joe Pelzer provided the following comments:

- He represents concerned Fleetwood area residents who would like the tractor trailer parking lot at 16241 84 Avenue shut down.
- In November 2005, containers were dropped within the vicinity of their townhouse at 4:00 a.m.
- He contacted the City to file an incident report in February 2006.
- There were over 100 official complaints and nothing has been done.
- Over the past 9 years, people in the townhouse complex made numerous complaints to By-law & Licensing Services.
- He met with the Manager, By-law & Licensing Services.
- He submitted a 70-signature petition and letters to the Mayor and By-law & Licensing Services in March 2006 to the City.
- He went to the media with his concerns (the NOW and Surrey Leader).
- The tractor trailer business has been operating without a proper business license.
- No vehicles over 5000 kg are not permitted on the property as it is situated beside high-density development.
- The trucks operate at over 60 db of noise and operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- One photo indicated approximately 25 heavy trucks on September 9, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- The noise disturbs the residents' sleep.
- The individual who leases the property from the property owner has operated for approximately 9 years with out a proper business license.
- There are no sidewalks, presenting a dangerous situation for children walking to school.
- 85 Avenue is a narrow road.
- There is an environmental impact due to diesel, the lot is unpaved, and there is no drainage system in place.
- There are approximately 80 to 90 trucks parking on this lot and the surrounding residents suffer from the exhaust fumes from these trucks.
- The residents request that the truck lot be shut down, 85 Avenue widened, and a sidewalk provided for schoolchildren.

Sybil Estacio, #105 - 16255–85 Avenue, was in attendance and provided the following comments:

- Their property borders the east side along truck stop.
- They have had to change bedrooms as the noise and diesel fumes interrupt their sleep.
- The trucks present a danger to pedestrians.

Alex Peters, 12313 – 84 Avenue, was in attendance and provided the following comments:

- They have resided at their property for many years.
- The truck lot runs 24 hours a day.
- There have been many problems with respect to noise and diesel fumes.
- She can't open windows due to the fumes.
- She noted there have been stolen cars dropped off on the lot, and loud music played at all hours of the day and night.
- City Hall and Air Quality have visited the site.
- They have been advised that the matter is before the Courts.
- There are drainage problems due to infill at the truck lot.
- She has experienced flooded basements, loss of trees and garden on her property.

2. Paul Orazietti, Executive Director Cloverdale Business Improvement Association File: 0550-20-10

Paul Orazietti, Executive Director, Cloverdale Business Improvement Association and Ben Wever, President, were in attendance to discuss several major special events occurring in Cloverdale.

Paul Orazietti provided the following comments:

- The Cloverdale Business Improvement Association will be holding several major special events in Cloverdale such as the 3rd Annual Cloverdale Blueberry Festival; the 10th Annual Cloverdale Country Festival / Old Car Jamboree, Soap Box Derby, and the newly proposed Surrey Santa's Parade (formerly Santa's Parade of Lights).
- 30 artists will be doing exhibits on site.
- Their intention is to decorate the 5700 block of downtown Cloverdale to mimic parts of the movie "Deck the Halls" (to be released in November) using donated Christmas lights.
- The purpose of this initial delegation is to make the public aware of this event and its various components.
- Country Festival ball caps were provided to members of Council to wear.
- They ask for the City's endorsement for the upcoming Santa's Parade of Lights.
- Information will be forthcoming regarding the proposed Cloverdale Winter Festival.
- The Blueberry Festival held in August was a success with many new and expanded events such as Honey Bee and Falcon demonstrations.
- They wish to thank the City for its support and assistance.

Councillor Bose entered the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

- The B.C. Lottery Corporation does not support these events anymore and the Cloverdale BIA asks Council's financial support.
- These events attract visitors from various areas such as Vancouver Island and across the border.
- They wish to emphasize the importance of agriculture in Cloverdale.

Ben Wever, President, Cloverdale District Chamber of Commerce, then provided the following comments:

- The community of Cloverdale is a very viable, family-oriented community.
- They are trying to create family events for this fast-growing area.
- They ask that the City of Surrey support their activities through grants.
- They would like to call the Cloverdale parade the City of Surrey Santa Parade.
- People can learn further about upcoming events at the following websites: www.cloverdale.bc.ca and www.cloverdalebia.com.

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

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Certified as correct:

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson