



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2006
Time: 4:05 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Watts
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Steele
Councillor Gill
Councillor Martin
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Bose
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Bruno Zappone, President The Friends of the Surrey Museum & Archives Society File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

Bruno Zappone, President, The Friends of the Surrey Museum & Archives Society was in attendance to provide a brief update on their fundraising achievements in reaching and exceeding their capital campaign goals.

Bruno Zappone provided the following comments;

- The Friends of the Surrey Museum & Archives Society (the Society) work to provide resources and assets to ensure the preservation and preservation of Surrey history.
- He noted that Jim King would provide an update on the fundraising efforts of the Society and its partnership with the Surrey Foundation.

Jim King provided the following comments:

- The Society appeared before Council in March 2003 to request an endorsement for their capital fundraising campaign for exhibits and equipment.
- Council approved the matching of funds raised by the Society to a maximum of \$250,000, after a funding level of \$1 Million had been achieved and that a letter of support noting the Capital matching funding for campaign.
- He advised that the fundraising campaign of the Society resulted in an achievement of their goals and has exceeded the \$1 Million mark.
- They are awaiting the matching grant from Surrey, which will put funds at \$1,590,086.
- Since the Surrey Museum opened in October of 2005, there have been 16 temporary exhibitions, 7 different program options, and 11 special events held.

- Annual admissions increased 78% over 2004, despite new charges for admission.
- Funding has been used for enhanced equipment, such as new audio/visual equipment, more hands-on teaching materials, graphics, and automatic doors for barrier free access.
- Exhibits from the Royal Ontario and Royal B.C. Museum have been displayed due to improved security systems.
- The Society has \$2,000 remaining in the Capital fund for the next phase of museum improvements.
- They ask Council to honour its commitment to match funds.
- Future expansion plans include increasing collection storage capacity and augmenting the Surrey Sport Heritage Hall of Fame.
- The Surrey Museum was designed with future expansion in mind.

Dan Efram, Surrey Foundation, provided the following comments;

- The Surrey Foundation holds the endowment funds from the Friends of the Surrey Museum & Archives Society.
- He noted that the late Mr. Doug Hooser established an endowment fund in 2000, providing funding in the amount of \$264,000 of ongoing funding in perpetuity.
- This would include \$21,000 from the B.C. Arts Renaissance fund; a provincial program that matches dollar for dollar for certain arts and culture programs (from private donors).
- When the final disposition of the Hooser Estate has been completed, final matching grants of approximately \$514,000 to \$544,000 will become a permanent endowment to the Museum, including \$245,000 from the B.C. Arts Renaissance fund.

The Mayor noted that the agenda order would be varied.

4. **Alisa Nelson/Kathleen Summerfield**
Gateway ACORN Chapter
Katrina McKeown, Head Organizer
BC ACORN
File: 5080-01; 0550-20-10

Alisa Nelson/Kathleen Summerfield, Gateway ACORN Chapter, Katrina McKeown, Head Organizer, BC ACORN, was in attendance to discuss their frustration with respect to the Gateway Corridor (between King George Highway & East Whalley Ring Road), and to provide suggestions in making this area a safer place for the community.

Alisa Nelson provided the following comments:

- She represents a local community group called ACORN.
- ACORN is trying to make communities safer places to live.

- She wished to speak to Council about the need for more lighting and noted that she had submitted a petition signed by area residents for more lighting on 137A Street.
- She noted that residents are afraid to walk down 137A Street after dark and added that improved lighting would increase their sense of security and discourage illegal activities.
- Residents want to feel safe walking down their streets at night.

Katrina McKeown provided the following comments:

- She wished to draw Council's attention to the lack of lighting adjacent to the Gateway SkyTrain station down 108 Avenue.
- The lighting leaves dark areas between streetlights resulting in a real and a perceived sense of lack of personal safety.
- She requested Council consider increased lighting of 108 Avenue, east of 132 Street, past the Gateway SkyTrain station, and continue for several blocks on either side, including King George Highway, 135A Street, 135 Street, and West Whalley Ring Road.
- She identified other areas in need of improved lighting such as 137A Street, and 11000 and 11100 blocks of 135A Street and Nordstrom Road.
- She noted that the cost of increased lighting should not be borne by the residents, as it is a basic necessity to have adequate lighting in view of criminal activity.
- She requested increased lighting be a first priority for the City; and that street lighting be improved in all areas of Surrey.
- She requested that adequate street lighting be conducted as part of Surrey's Crime Reduction Initiative, and that Council provide a letter confirming this by January 2007.

3. Jason Macdonnell
General Manager, Lower Mainland South
TELUS
File: 5500-01; 0550-20-10

Jason Macdonnell, General Manager, Lower Mainland South, Maureen Kirkbride, Director of Local Government Relations, Mark Bremner, Director of Provincial Project Management Team, Gerald Lukie, Project Manager, Surrey Area, John Leckman, Director of Operations for the area, and Roy Kennedy, Construction Manager for Surrey, TELUS, were in attendance to provide an update on the status of their work on a variety of construction projects in the City of Surrey, and to propose an informal meeting with Council and senior staff to introduce their local senior management team to discuss the following:

- the tremendous transformation TELUS has undergone in recent years;
- their significant presence in both the Lower Mainland in general, and in Surrey, in particular; and
- their current and future plans for the City of Surrey.

The following comments were provided:

- Telus is facing an unprecedented demand for construction resources and is striving to improve meeting demand versus supply of resources.
- Telus is looking at many challenges faced by business needs for substantial skilled resources in construction and dealing with unprecedented construction, growth, building permit and subdivision development.
- Telus has established new roles: the General Manager is one acting as a single point of contact for a specific area.
- Surrey is an area of top concern. A director of Operations has been assigned for Surrey.
- Telus is looking at hiring contractors and third parties at unprecedented rates and demand is outstripping its ability to supply.
- There are 19 pole removal projects currently.
- There have been more detailed meetings happening between various stakeholders in order to cooperate in the logistics of pole removal.
- Telus has a sincere desire that residents are dealt with as their primary concern and it regrets delays in pole removal.
- There are some areas Telus needs to improve their processes; however the process is complex and often many parties are involved at any given time.
- Telus is at the end of the process; some activities become bottlenecked in some areas.
- All activities have been mapped out for pole removal for road construction and the actual project management timelines will be made more transparent to all involved parties.
- A common obstacle is conduit placement and unlike B.C. Hydro, Telus starts underground and moves to aerial work.
- Often Telus is the last step in the list of steps within this process; it is reasonable and yet unfortunate that Telus can be perceived as being the final roadblock or root cause to delays that lead up to final area.
- Telus is endeavoring to provide a list of timelines for pole removal; 17 are with Surrey, 2 are with the Ministry of Transportation.
- Three projects have been completed; two are in the Telus design stage; three in the City of Surrey process; and 11 works in progress are being addressed by third parties.
- Two of the four projects of critical concern to the City of Surrey are now complete; one is with the design team and 1 Telus is current working with Surrey with on a favourable design.
- Telus is committed to working with stakeholders to streamline the process and increase transparency of communication, and reducing the cycle and response times.

2. **Angus English**
Manager, Water/Wastewater
Earth Tech Inc.
File: 0220-05; 0550-20-10

Angus English, Manager, Water/Wastewater, Earth Tech Inc. and David King, Senior Project Manager, Transportation Group, were in attendance to present the Centenary Plaque in celebration of their 100th year of operation in Canada.

Angus English provided the following comments:

- Mr. English presented a plaque to Council on behalf of Earth Tech Canada.
- They are currently celebrating their 100th year of operation in Canada.
- They have been involved in numerous projects in Surrey such as fire halls, the Serpentine bridge, pools, drainage studies, and the South Newton NCP.
- They are involved with 38 municipalities across Canada in terms of wastewater utility services.
- They have also worked on sanitary servicing of Port Kells, Grandview Heights, Clayton and Cloverdale water service models.

The original agenda order then resumed.

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 Martin

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson