



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006
Time: 5:17 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

A. DELEGATIONS

- 1. Kevan J. Ridgway, President & CEO
Vancouver Coast & Mountains**
File: 6980-01; 0550-20-10

Kevan J. Ridgway, President & CEO, Vancouver Coast & Mountains was unable to attend the meeting.

- 2. Bill Bellamy et al
On Behalf of Residents of Trites Road**
File: 5400-80; 0550-20-10

Bill Bellamy et al, on behalf of residents of Trites Road was in attendance before Council regarding Trites Road.

The following comments were provided:

- Their community is active, many residents have lived there many years and there are new families in the area.
- They would like to address concerns relative to the intersection of Trites Road and King George Highway.
- Residents exiting or accessing the neighbourhood have to travel a circuitous problem. Some residents will not turn right on 144 Street; they travel to Highway 10, and use the left turn lane to access King George Highway.
- Others travel up to 58 Avenue, turn around and come back down King George Highway.
- There is no designated left turn lane for Trites Road and King George Highway.
- The volume of traffic at King George Highway and Trites Road has been reported as 25,000 vehicles per day.
- The residents have sent letters, petitions, made phone calls, met with City staff in an attempt to secure a safe left turn.

- A left hand turn lane is essential.
- With the Border Improvement Program (BIP), residents thought there would be an opportunity to get a left turn lane. Residents attended public meetings at Colebrook Church and Northridge Elementary School relative to the BIP and were told there would be a good chance that a left turn lane would be initiated.
- The City asked for a left turn lane to be a part of the Highway No. 10/King George Highway intersection, but the cost was quite substantial.
- Relative to the accident rate versus the accident potential rate, he spoke with ICBC who advised the area was not a high incident in comparison with other arterial intersections.
- He requested Council consider the accident potential and consider the speeds at which vehicles currently travel (70 – 80 kmh).
- The off duty officer described an accident that had occurred at the intersection and the near misses as a consequence of that accident.
- The officer, at the time, wrote a letter summarizing his/her position, which was passed on to City Hall in 2000.

3. Amy Hennessy
Community Relations Manager
Terasen Gas
File: 5500-07-01; 0550-20-10

Amy Hennessy, Community Relations Manager, Terasen Gas was in attendance to update Council on the changes since their new ownership and to present an overview of their programs and the activities coming up in Surrey.

The following comments were provided:

- Terasen Gas is the third largest gas utility and Canada delivers natural gas and propane to homes and businesses in B.C.
- It is the largest gas utility in B.C., serving 9,000 customers in 195 communities safely, efficiently and reliably.
- Terasen Gas was purchased by Kinder Morgan Inc.; ownership has changed, but Terasen's commitment to communities has not.
- Their headquarters are located in Surrey; they have 600 employees who live in and around Surrey.
- Terasen Gas continues to contribute to communities in many ways and has placed a wider focus on alternative energy services such as: district energy, geothermal technology installations, and natural gas technology for transit and industrial transportation.
- Terasen has a sister company; a non-regulated company that can own, and build systems for others.
- Terasen is involved in projects such as the Athletes' Village in Whistler providing a District Energy system through waste heat from the sewer system;
- Terasen is also involved in working on a residential development in Steveston called "Waterstone Pier" which will be fueled by a geothermal system for heating.

- There is another residential project in Vancouver which will utilize an in ground source heat pump.
- Natural gas plays a vital role in B.C.'s economy. Last year Terasen contributed \$2.6 Billion dollars to provincial revenues (8% of provincial revenues and double the Forestry revenues)
- These funds are used to support schools, hospitals, roads and other provincial programs.
- Terasen contributes \$4.2 Million in annual taxes to help support similar programs at a local level.
- Terasen invests, at a B.C. level, an investment of \$4.5 Billion.
- B.C. has a lot of natural gas and good infrastructure to obtain the gas.
- The supply outlook for northeast B.C. is more encouraging than other basins in North America.
- B.C. residents use 80% of energy to heat spaces and hot water.
- Opportunities for conservation are best when new construction is happening.
- Electricity in B.C. is not going all the way anymore; we don't have enough electricity to meet needs any longer. B.C. Hydro joins Terasen Gas in matching energy sources through encouraging residents and businesses to choose the best energy source for electrical, space and water heating.
- Electricity is the best choice for lighting and appliances and gas is best for space and water heating.
- Incentive programs will be in place in 2007 encouraging people to switch to more efficient appliances and residential customers will have the choice to purchase natural gas from other marketers.
- Incentive programs include:
 - Efficient Boiler Program: a community program encouraging the use of more efficient boilers in retrofit or new construction. The payout is estimated between \$10,000 to \$20,000.
 - Energy Star Upgrading Program – encourages replacing furnaces with newer, more efficient furnaces.
 - Builders Program – Terasen and PowerSmart have introduced a building program that will save builders \$3,000 per home when looking at combining Energy Star windows and heating.
 - There will be no PST charges on Energy Star appliances.
- Benefits of these programs:
 - Terasen Gas has invested \$14 Million in programs, saving customers \$9 Million; and
 - a 40,000 tonne reduction in greenhouse gases and improved air quality.
- Customers in Surrey and the Lower Mainland can choose which company they wish to purchase natural gas from in 2007.
 - An education program is coming out in March 2007 to help customers make good decisions.
 - Advertising and contract talks will commence in May 2007 and gas will start to slow next November.
 - Customers will still receive their bill and delivery charges from Terasen Gas.
- Terasen is considering a new loop to Coquitlam for 2011.
- Terasen will file with their regulatory body, a request for permission to install a new liquid natural gas plant on Vancouver Island in 2007, which will allow

for increased storage. Increased storage capacity will allow Terasen to buy and store gas to take advantage of low prices (called hedging).

- Last year, these hedging efforts saved customers \$72,000.
- Terasen does not mark up the price of gas and wants to cooperate with Surrey in working smarter and keeping costs down.

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

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson