



# City of Surrey

## *Council-in-Committee*

### *Minutes*

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007  
Time: 4:18 p.m

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#### **Present:**

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

#### **Absent:**

Councillor Hepner

#### **Staff Present:**

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

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## **A. DELEGATIONS**

### **1. Sandy Blue, Business Development City of Abbotsford/Abbotsford International Airport File: 8400-01; 0550-20-10**

Mr. Jay Teichroeb, Economic Development Manager for the City of Abbotsford/Abbotsford International Airport was in attendance to make a presentation regarding YXX Abbotsford International Airport. Following are the comments:

- 10 years ago passenger travel started at the Abbotsford International Airport ('YXX'). One of the objectives of the YXX is to tell the surrounding communities about the YXX story. An YXX information event was held last weekend, hosting 350 people.
- The YXX can provide air service to anywhere in the world. Using YXX one can avoid congestions, and we provide a more personable and friendly level of service; parking is accessible, stress free, and low costing. YXX has seen a loyalty of those that use the YXX services.
- We are one region, one economy, and transportation is a major issue that we all need to address – we have the collective asset 'the YXX'.
- The YXX requires support from different level of government to make sure that YXX can keep up with the pace of the communities that we served. The YXX is asking for your support in spirit and we will be back with more specific requests when we ask government for resources.
- The YXX is looking for support through the collective voices from the Chambers and the Communities, by way of a letter or being part of a mission's delegation.

In response to questions the delegation advised:

- 16 Avenue has been identified for upgrades and is yet to be funded and approved.
- The airport master plan will be finalized in the summer and a copy can be provided to Council.

- The Custom Agency is 'on call' from the Huntington/Sumas Border. Enhancing our trans-border service is one of our desires; this would require support from politicians at a municipal level.
- The largest size plane that the YXX can accommodate is a 747. There is 9,600 feet of tarmac available allowing YXX to accommodate wide haul airplanes that can reach London and the Far East.

**2. Sherry Baker, Chair**  
**Joint Family Court Committee**  
File: 4800-01; 0550-20-10

Sherry Baker, Chair, Joint Family Court Committee was in attendance to further familiarize Council with the work of the Joint Family Court Committee and answer any questions Council may have, and to request an annual grant for 2007.

- Copy of the Annual Report was provided to Council.
- We now have a full compliment of members, Delta has 2 members, Surrey has 5 members and they were introduced.
- The JFCC was established to consider and examine the resources of the community for family and children's court related matters. It assists officers, judges, the Attorney General, councils and others by making recommendations and assisting individual cases where applicable.
- The goals of the JFCC for 2006 were reviewed; following are the goals:
  - To improve communication between the JFCC and the member councils.
  - To monitor and support the implementation of the recommendation outlined in the Family Justice Reform Working Group Paper.
  - To ensure that the 'Views of the Child' are duly considered as part of the implementation of the Task Force report.
  - To lobby for the return of family court services to the Langley communities. To also find funding to do a research project to determine the costs of the community of family breakdown.
  - To attend the Provincial Conference hosted by the North Shore YJ/JFCC and to keep raising the issue of implementation of the Task Force recommendations and the cost of communities of family breakdown.
- If there is something that JFCC can assist with (e.g. a specific project) please let us know.

**3. Sandra M. Petrozzi**  
**Surrey Relay for Life Coordinator**  
**Canadian Cancer Society**  
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

Sandra M. Petrozzi, Surrey Relay for Life Coordinator, Canadian Cancer Society ('CCS') was in attendance to make a presentation on Relay for Life. Following are the comments:

- She stated her reason for being a part of Relay of Life is that her grandfather had passed away in 1990 and she is able to make this connection to his memory.

- What is the Relay? - A 12 hour non-competitive relay, a night of fun, friendship, fundraising, it is where a community takes up the fight against cancer, a celebration of survivorship and a way to honor loved ones lost to cancer.
- Encourage communities to work together to find a cure for cancer – and last year we raised 6.6M with a net revenue 4.6M. Across Canada there was 155M raised.
- CCS funds research, CSS has 18 research teams. In the 1940's there was a 25% survival rate and now today it is a 60% survival rate.
- CCS funds camps for kids with cancer, patient rides services 14,462 patients per day, CCS has lodges, a wig bank, and the cancer connection program – putting cancer patients in touch with survivors.
- CCS has a large focus on cancer prevention, we teach about sun safety, and healthy lifestyles. A representation of the funding structure was provided for review.
- The CCS encourages everyone to attend the Relay for Life on June 8 & 9, 2007 and to support our fight against cancer.

**4. Laurie Larsen, Secretary-Treasurer  
New Westminster & District Labour Council**  
File: 2640-01; 0550-20-10

Laurie Larsen, Secretary-Treasurer, New Westminster & District Labour Council was in attendance to make a "Day of Mourning" presentation to include up-to-date information on workers' health and safety issues and a review of possible upcoming Work safe regulatory changes that have impacted BC's workplace accident and fatality rates.

- Throughout history, the labour movement has been instrumental in shaping the laws that govern the health and safety of workers in BC and in Canada. Unions have invested significant resources to develop education programs, promote and lobby for legislative change and have represented thousands of working people who have suffered a workplace injury or disease.
- April 28 is the national day of mourning for those killed or injured while on the job. The day of remembrance is an opportunity to mourn for workers who have died while giving their labour and to recommit our efforts to fight for better working conditions and improved protection and compensation standards.
- A review was provided of the changes over the recent years to the Workers' Compensation system. These changes are eroding a system that is responsible for education, enforcement and compensation for workers in BC.
- In addition to the regulatory cuts the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act (Bill 49) in 2002 significantly reduced benefits to injured workers. Funding cuts equal fewer benefits to injured workers, and thousands of workers are being denied compensation altogether.
- WCB did make one amendment to date to the Working Along Regulation to include prepayment of gas purchases.
- The Workers' Compensation system was the result of an historic compromise between workers and employers to establish a system that was responsive, fair

and balanced to both parties. The compromise from workers was to give up their right to sue their employers. Both parties agreed that a Workers' Compensation system could more appropriately deal with the issues of workers' compensation and health and safety issues, than a court of law.

- The Public Compensation Coalition has launched a campaign to educate the public on the changes that have significantly shifted and eroded protection and benefits to workers.
- Extend an invitation to attend a BC day of Mourning, at Bear Creek Park on Saturday, April 28 at 10 a.m. (north/west of Pavillion near Surrey Arts Centre).
- There will be a service held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 27 at City Hall.

**5. Paul Ham, General Manager - Engineering  
Vince LaLonde, Manager, Utilities & Transportation - Engineering  
Fraser River Freshet Flood Threat and Related Actions**  
File: 5225-10; 5650-20; 0550-20-10

Paul Ham, General Manager - Engineering, and Vince LaLonde, Manager, Utilities & Transportation - Engineering were in attendance to make a presentation on the Fraser River Freshet Flood Threat and Related Actions. Following are the comments:

- This presentation is in cooperation with Corporate Report R067 of the Regular Council – Public Hearing.
- The presentation will be a review of the major dykes systems – Fraser River Dykes; Crescent Beach Dykes, Mud Bay and Colebrook Dyking Districts; and the Serpentine and Nicomekl River Dykes.
- Fraser River Dykes is 3.9 km of concrete floodwall, 1.4 km of earth dyke, 2.3 km of raised ground and temporary earth dykes; and has 16 crossing structures. Working with Fraser River Port Authority to ensure that the dyke right-of-way through their property is at least temporarily raised to the 200-year event and freeboard elevation. The dyke to be a 200-year event and freeboard elevation through permanent and temporary works in advance of Freshet.
- Recently received provincial grant for the Fraser River Dykes of \$1,065,682, granted to address up to 16 local deficiencies, including: new stop log structures; upgrades to existing dykes, works are to be completed by May 15.
- South Fraser Perimeter Road floodplain area maps were reviewed; and improvements in the Crescent Beach Dykes were also reviewed.
- Mud Bay is 11.5 km of earth dyke and the Mud Bay Dyking District provides dyke maintenance.
- Colebrook is 5.6 km of earth dyke and the Colebrook Dyking District provides dyke maintenance.
- Serpentine and Nicomekl River Dykes are 22 km of earth dyke along the Nicomekl and 53 km of earth dyke along the Serpentine River and its tributaries; 2 sea dams; and 18 pump stations. The Surrey Dyking District oversees the dyke operation and maintenance. Although they have a taxation authority, which collected \$64,000 in 2006, they require an operating grant from the City of Surrey.

In response to questions the delegation stated.

- We do not have confirmation as to whether the whole SFPR will be raised, the stop logs will be in place in some places, at critical points it would make sense for reinforcement.
- We have always erred on the side of cautious and we have looked at global warming and sea level issues. Interface with the ocean thru mud bay was reviewed.
- There was an overall study of the review and that there was a master drainage plan done to see how it will all fit together.
- The provincial funding is only for the Fraser River, and the Province has indicated that the Serpentine and Nicomekl dyking district are not related to the Fraser River. The Province has given us the full flexibility of using our own crews and contractors.

**Note:** See Corporate Report R067 of the Regular Council - Public Hearing agenda.

**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 Gill

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Margaret Jones, City Clerk

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Councillor Bose, Chairperson