



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007
Time: 4:10 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Lloyd & Arlene Skiba Canny Atwal, Jasbir Kaur and Anna Paleczek File: 5460-10; 0550-20-10

Lloyd & Arlene Skiba, and Canny Atwal, Jasbir Kaur and Anna Paleczek were in attendance regarding the placement of the raised medians constructed on 184 Street and Fraser Highway. Following are the comments made by the delegation:

- They are concerned about medians that were put in at 184th and Fraser Highway that have caused significant business losses.
- The Retail Sales Counsel said that in the last four years' sales were rising, but in fact theirs were not.
- They have a tenant that cannot make ends meet and he received an NSF cheque.
- They have a petition from 785 customers that are frustrated because they have trouble accessing the businesses in that area.
- He proposes a solution of an access and exit point to be put in on the south-west corner of 184th and use the parks property for turning around in. In the alternative, have access on 184th and an exit onto Fraser Highway.
- A good example is a shopping centre located in Aldergrove at 276th and Fraser Highway. There is a light about 190 meters west of 276th to let people in and out of the business properties there. There is also no median along this road, which allows for an easier entry and exit.
- Businesses across the street, in particular Ben's Market, are also having problems.
- He has been in the business for just about 38 years.

In response to questions, the delegation stated:

- One solution engineering suggested was to look at one of the properties to the south which might give the opportunity to provide an in and out to the business. They do not believe there is any precedence to have a left turn lane on a busy highway into a business.
- There may be other development taking place across the road which will be advantageous but for now, unfortunately, there is a bit of a disadvantage at this point with the roads.
- Dealing with access egress on 184th is similar to the one on 164th and Fraser Highway. This is so close to the intersection that there is much potential for accidents to happen.
- More discussion regarding the issue of U-turns on highways where there are green arrows is needed; this can easily be a part of the solution.
- U-turn areas are currently being tested for effectiveness.
- Engineering will do up a report on this issue by the end of the month to see what can be done and a copy will be sent out to the parties.

Note: See separate correspondence in the binder flap regarding this item.

2. **Richard Stanbridge**

File: 3900-30; 0550-20-10

Richard Stanbridge was in attendance regarding By-law 12000, Part 4, General Provisions, Section B, uses permitted in specific zones, Sub-section 7, dealing with the keeping of animals. Following are comments from the delegation:

- Concerned about the uses in specific zones for the keeping of farm animals.
- The zoning bylaw is out of date and causes considerable problems with the keeping of farm animals on residential properties.
- The neighbor is still keeping chickens on his property; he has moved the chickens to the other side of the property and has not culled the chickens.
- He stated other concerns as excessive noise from the chickens; health issues such as bird flu diseases. The control is more difficult with small poultry production as there is a heightened risk for human exposure.
- There are viruses that migrating fowl may pass to poultry flocks; human exposure to chicken feces may be the reason for the spreading of the virus.
- He stated that birds are noisy, dirty and filled with parasites.
- He requested that the city to review and amend the bylaw to remove the keeping of farm animals in areas zoned residential.

In response to questions, the delegation stated:

- Properties in his neighborhood are full acre parcels.
- The adjacent neighbor to his property is keeping chickens on his property; and he has a concern for the health issues.
- Concerned about farm animals on residential property, not dogs, cats or koi fishponds.

3. Margaret Cuthbert, President
Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

Margaret Cuthbert, President, Friend of Semiahmoo Bay Society (FSBS) was in attendance to present a copy of the Georgia Basin Habitat Atlas: Boundary Bay (GBSA:BB)

Following are comments from the delegation:

- The GBSA:BB is an ongoing web based project lead by FSBS and the community mapping network in partnership with government agencies and non-profit organizations.
- FSBS does quite a bit of community education outreach, extensive school program, and World ocean day program. Photographs of the following were shown: nature education, the birds on the bay program is now year round, within native habitat restoration and nesting box project;
- GBSA:BB is part of a marine conservation. We have done four pilot projects in Blackie spit – the Georgia basin habitat atlas is an ongoing web based project that provides a long term planning tool.
- The GBSA:BB shares the past and the present, pictures of the past were shared with Council.
- The GBSA:BB discusses spartina and alien invader that threaten biodiversity and native habitats and it tells about important bird areas – boundary bay is #1 designated site in Canada of 597 sites.
- The GBSA:BB reminds us of our international responsibility to migrating birds and species at risk.
- The www.thegeorgiabasin.net, the presentation today represents a small portion of the information on the website.

In response to questions the delegation stated:

- FSBS tends to look for larger institution for interpretative learning, consideration for neighborhood learning centers.
- The GBSA:BB is available to the public for a donation of \$75, this donation is strictly to recover costs.
- FSBS has dyked most of boundary bay and hasn't seen a water level change in the habitat, there is a return of salt marsh. Migrating birds will be pushed closer and closer to the shore the higher the tide becomes.
- Loss of 80% of salt marsh is happening in boundary bay due to the earlier dyking for the railway; where there is high bank maybe the dyke can be opened.

4. Jim McMurtry
File: 5280-23; 0550-20-10

Jim McMurtry was in attendance regarding the City of Surrey's use of herbicides. Following are the comments provided:

- Herbicide was placed in a neighbourhood traffic circle and there is a concern for the neighbourhood children being exposed to the herbicide.

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Mayor Watts

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Councillor Villeneuve, Chairperson