

City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Present:

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

Absent:

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance & Technology
General Manager, Parks, Recreation &
Culture General Manager, Human Resources

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Alex Dantzer
Friends of the Surrey Museum & Archives Society
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

Directors and Alex Dantzer, Secretary, Friends of the Surrey Museum & Archives Society, were in attendance to provide an update on their current projects and to make a cheque presentation in support of the Surrey Museum expansion. The following comments were made:

- In February 2007, Council approved that \$250,000 be set aside for future expansion of the Surrey Museum, this allocation was in response to Friends Society successful community fundraising campaign in which the goal at that time was exceeded.
- The museum will be two years old on October 15 and is the first new museum to be built in British Columbia in this century.

The Society presented the City with a cheque for \$200,000 towards the expansion of the Surrey Museum. The Mayor accepted the cheque and photos were taken. Additional comments were as follows:

- In 2003 the Surrey Foundation established a Museum Endowment Fund, which has grown considerably over the past three years.
- The Society has worked with the Surrey Foundation to direct funds and to apply to the BC Arts Renaissance Fund to match community donations.
- The Fund with the Surrey Foundation presently has \$554,000.

Dan Effa, Surrey Foundation, was presented with a cheque for \$44,000 to augment the Fund. The following was noted:

- An application will be submitted to the Vancouver Foundation, who manages a matching grant, to contribute, on top of this, an additional \$88,000 to the Museum Endowment Fund.
- Anyone can contribute to the Museum Endowment Fund through the Surrey Foundation.
- Once the funds are received from the BC Arts Renaissance Fund, there will be an endowment in excess of \$925,000.

A. Dantzer extended an invitation to Mayor and Council to attend a pancake breakfast, prior to the AGM, November 3, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., and distributed copies of the latest newsletter from the Society.

2. Gino & Brenda Ciulla

File: 5460-20; 0550-20-10

Gino and Brenda Ciulla were in attendance, with more than 25 supporters, regarding the proposed roundabout at the 188 Street and 68 Avenue intersection. The following comments were made:

- Initial contact for the installation of an accessible pedestrian signal was made in September, 2006 and were advised, in June 2007, of the plans for a roundabout at the intersection.
- The intersection serves as a gateway to the community of East Clayton, which population growth is expected upwards of 14,000 in 2008.
- Clayton High School, on 188 Street, currently has approximately 1200 students enrolled, many of whom cross at the intersection of 68th Avenue and 188 Street.
- The positive impact of roundabouts is recognized for providing neighbourhoods an effective form of traffic calming and the reduction of motorist frustration by enabling constant vehicular movement, albeit at reduced speeds.
- Research indicates a lower instance of t-bone collisions where roundabouts are installed however, the notable absence of such research is the value roundabouts add to safety and independence with persons with disabilities.
- Techniques used by blind pedestrians at street crossing require them to rely heavily on their ability to read the flow of vehicular traffic to determine when it is safe to initiate a crossing by listening to the traffic movement and to predict suitable gaps to enable a complete crossing.
- Given the absence of stationery traffic at roundabouts, pedestrians who are blind are unable to determine when parallel traffic is flowing through the intersection and are therefore left to best guess when they might be able to cross.
- Professionals were consulted regarding the safety of this intersection and strongly agreed that there is an extreme risk to blind, sight impaired pedestrians.
- Council is being asked for the following considerations:
 - Council instruct staff to reevaluate the design of the intersection at 188 Street and 68 Avenue, ensuring an accessible and inclusive solution is achieved;
 - Council instruct staff to consider installation of accessible pedestrian signals at the intersections of 188 Street and 69 Avenue, as well as Fraser Highway at 188 Street; and
 - Council instruct City's Social Planning department to develop and administer a volunteer committee, comprised of Surrey residents who are affected by a broad range of disabilities, to act as an advisory body for staff and Council to ensure future community

It was
Intergovernmental Affairs.

Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Hepner
That Corporate Report C019 be referred to
Carried

Item No. C020 Interim Bonus Density Policy
File: 6630-01

The General Manager, Planning & Development submitted a report to provide Council with information on the legislative basis for “density bonusing” and on the current use of density bonusing in Surrey and in other municipalities; and outline options for the implementation of density bonusing as an Interim Policy for the City Centre and Guildford Town Centre areas as a tool for securing affordable housing and other community amenities.

The General Manager, Planning & Development was recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in his report.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

It was
Moved by Councillor Villeneuve
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That Council:

1. Receive this report as information;
2. Approve the proposed Interim Bonus Density Policy (the "Interim Policy"), attached as Appendix I, which will apply to the City Centre and Guildford Town Centre areas;
3. Direct staff to consult with the development community and stakeholders to examine options to expand the Interim Policy to include other multiple family residential areas in the City and report back to Council; and
4. Direct staff to monitor the application of the interim policy and report back to Council after one year with recommendations for a final policy.

Carried

Item No. C021 Annual Review of Surrey Official Community Plan
By-law, 1996, No. 12900
File: 6440-01

The General Manager, Planning & Development submitted a report concerning the Surrey Official Community Plan By-law, 1996, No. 12900 (the "OCP By-

law") that specifies that an annual review of the Official Community Plan (the "OCP") is to be undertaken to update relevant information and to evaluate and report to Council on the status of the OCP's implementation. This report is intended to fulfill that requirement.

The OCP By-law also states that in order to meet statutory requirements and to consider the evolving nature of City issues, a major review will be conducted every five years. The next major review of the OCP is scheduled for 2008. Staff will be reporting to Council in the coming months with a terms of reference related to the major OCP review.

General Manager, Planning & Development was recommending that the report be received for information.

It was

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That Corporate Report C021 be received for

information.

Carried

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

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 5:48 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Councillor Hunt, Chairperson