



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Bose

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
Manager, Utilities & Transportation

A. DELEGATIONS

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. The Corporate Report, under date of November 5, 2007, was considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. C022 Status Update on the South of Fraser Area Transit Plan
(Phase 1 - Vision)
File: 0620-20 (SOFA)

The General Manager, Engineering submitted a report to update Council on the progress of the South of Fraser Area Transit Plan (SoFA TP) and report on the development of Phase 1 – The draft Vision.

The General Manager, Engineering was recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in his report.

The Manager, Utilities & Transportation gave a presentation on the Plan. Council made the following comments:

- The Plan should provide a clearly articulated commitment for rapidly and extensively improving transit services in Surrey, and South of the Fraser, so as to achieve, as a minimum, equity with the region, but ultimately reaching a level that matches the current level of service in the western municipalities of the Region;
- A clear recognition of the contribution of LRT/SkyTrain to the objectives of the Plan with a significantly accelerated timeframe for expansion;

- Acceleration of the planned timelines for all levels of transit improvements (i.e., bus frequencies, network expansion, Bus Rapid Transit);
- Very much higher numbers of service expansion buses, with sustained delivery throughout the life of the Plan;
- Incorporation of the results of the work of the High Growth Communities Livability Accord;
- Immediate commencement of planning for new and upgraded infrastructure and facilities; and
- Costed and funded implementation plans for all levels of transit.

It was

Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Hepner
That Council:

1. Receive this report for information;
2. Do not endorse the progress made to date on the development of the draft Vision; and that
3. Staff forward their report and Council's concerns directly to Translink.

Carried

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson