



# City of Surrey

## Council-in-Committee

### Minutes

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008  
Time: 5:43 p.m.

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#### Present:

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

#### Absent:

Councillor Martin

#### Staff Present:

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

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## A. DELEGATIONS

1. **Clyde K. Inouye, Executive Director  
Premier Baseball Association**  
File: 5920-01; 0550-20-10

Correspondence was received from the delegation requesting a deferral of their presentation to a future meeting.

2. **Brian Fowler**  
File: 5400-80; 0550-20-10

Brian Fowler, 15432 – 99A Avenue, was in attendance regarding the traffic situation on 99A Avenue between 154 and 156 Streets (one way).

**Note:** See Corporate Report Item C005.

Comments were as follows:

- The section of 99A Avenue, between 154 Street and 156 Street, is constructed as a half-road, one-way, with 11 single family homes fronting the road. There is intention to widen this section of street to a full local road cross-section when the property to the north of the existing road (9953 – 156 Street) develops.
- Initially, when this section of road was constructed, it functioned as a two-way street with parking allowed on one side. However, concerns regarding access for emergency response vehicles rendered it necessary to prohibit parking along 99A Avenue between 154 Street and 156 Street.
- Several months later requests from the residents of the fronting homes of this section of 99A Avenue were received to reinstate on-street parallel parking on the south side of 99A Avenue. A further change in the operation of the street from a two-way traffic operation to one-way westbound traffic only was implemented, which permitted the reinstatement of on-street parallel parking along the south side.

- Seven “One-way” and “Do Not Enter” signs were installed and ignored. Traffic control officers monitored the area, issuing between 50 and 60 (and some days as many as 150) tickets for traffic violations per day.
- The Engineering Department closed half of 99 A Avenue at the intersection with 154 Street by installing a no-post concrete barrier. Motorists now drive around the barrier and continue to ignore the signs.
- Options that have been reviewed include:
  - Gate 99A Avenue to close it to through traffic until 99A Avenue is completed to a full road standard (i.e., the property to the north develops). This option was proposed by the fronting residents and is the option most supported by them.
  - Retain one-way traffic flow and continue to undertake enforcement as police resources allow.
  - Reinststate two-way traffic and prohibit parking to allow appropriate access for emergency vehicles.
- William F. Davidson School is at the far end of the road, with approximately 628 students in attendance. The amount of traffic on the road is greater than what is expected for the school and its catchment area.
- If there is congestion on 104 and/or 108 Avenues, traffic backs up to 100 Avenue and 154 Street, which is when many of these vehicles take a shortcut using 99A Avenue.

Mr. Fowler discussed the option of installing a gate (until the property to the north is developed), the location of fire hydrants and emergency vehicle access routes. It was noted that the Parent Advisory Committee of William F. Davidson School is not supportive of closing the road.

The question of expropriating land in order to widen half roads, such as this section of 99A Avenue, was put to the G.M. Engineering.

Council thanked Mr. Fowler for his presentation and advised that a further report will be provided.

## **B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

## **C. CORPORATE REPORTS**

1. The Corporate Report, under date of March 31, 2008, was considered and dealt with as follows:

**Item No. C005**      Traffic Concerns Along 99A Avenue between 154 and 156 Streets  
File: 5400-80(09950)

The General Manager, Engineering submitted a report to provide background information on traffic concerns along 99A Avenue between 154 Street and 156 Street (see the attached Appendix I). Council requested that the information

contained within this report be provided to Council at the same meeting as Council is scheduled to hear a delegation from the neighbourhood regarding concerns with the operation of 99A Avenue.

General Manager, Engineering was recommending that the report be received for information.

It was  
  
received for information.

Moved by Councillor Hunt  
Seconded by Councillor Hepner  
That Corporate Report No. C005 be

Carried

**Note:** See Delegation, Item A.2.

**D. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

**E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**


It was  
  
now adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Hunt  
Seconded by Councillor Hepner  
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

  
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Margaret Jones, City Clerk

  
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Chairperson