



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008
Time: 4:58 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Brita Colero, Community Action Coordinator Canadian Cancer Society File: 3900-01; 0550-20-10

Note: See By-law No. 16694 under Item H.16 of the Regular Council -
Public Hearing agenda.

Brita Colero, Community Action Coordinator, Canadian Cancer Society was in attendance to provide an update on the main prevention messages of the Canadian Cancer Society in the area of tobacco control and to express support from the Canadian Cancer Society for Council's leadership in this area. Comments were as follows:

- The Canadian Cancer Society works in four main areas of prevention:
 - o tobacco;
 - o diet, physical activity and obesity;
 - o ultra violet radiation; and
 - o occupational and environmental carcinogens.
- 50% of cancers can be prevented through healthy living, public policies and systemic changes that protect health.
- Provincial and local governments play a key role in protecting the health of their citizens. Healthy public policies are a pivotal step towards prevention of cancers and other chronic diseases.
- Momentum is building across BC as the Province implements "Act Now" and municipalities take action into their own hands to implement bylaws that limit tobacco use.
- Tobacco remains the leading preventable cause of death, disability and disease.
- Tobacco is related to over 30% of cancer deaths, 85% of which are lung cancers.
- BC, at 15%, has one of the lowest smoking rates in Canada.

- 10.5% of non-smoking BC residents are exposed to second-hand smoke.
- Non-smokers exposed to second-hand smoke have an increased risk of cancer by 20–30% and an increased risk of heart disease of 25–30%.
- Among non-smokers, 1,000 Canadians and up to 140 British Columbians die each year from exposure to second-hand smoke; significant numbers that are all preventable.
- Smoke-free bylaws are the single most important public health initiative available at the municipal level to protect the well being of citizens.
- As recommended by the Canadian Cancer Society, a model smoke-free bylaw would include:
 - o Prohibit smoking on hospitality patios.
 - o Prohibit smoking at parks, playgrounds, and playing fields.
 - o Increase the buffer zone to at least 7 meters.
 - o Prohibit smoking in cars with minors under 19.
- A Surrey public opinion poll done in 2008 noted that 82% support smoke-free buffer zones of at least 7m, 75% support smoke-free parks and playgrounds and 67% support smoke-free patios of restaurants and bars.
- There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke (*Surgeon General, 2006*)
- Smoke-free communities reduce visibility of tobacco products to children and youth.
- Virtually every objective study demonstrates that smoke-free bylaws have no adverse impact on restaurant, bar or tourism receipts, and may even be good for business.
- The more tobacco control measures that are in place, the more it is expected that BC's smoking rates will decline.

The Chair thanked the delegation for the presentation and the support of the City's Public Health Smoking Protection By-law.

**2. Tony Gugliotta, Senior Vice President
Marketing and Commercial Development
Ann Murray, Vice President, Community & Environmental Affairs
Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR)**

File: 8400-01; 0550-20-10

Tony Gugliotta, Senior Vice President, Marketing and Commercial Development, and Ann Murray, Vice President, Community & Environmental Affairs, Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR), were in attendance to provide an update on airport issues and developments, including activities in 2007 and ongoing plans for 2008 and beyond. A PowerPoint presentation was given and comments were as follows:

- YVR's Annual and Sustainability Reports are provided online at: www.yvr.ca>Airport Authority>Who We Are>Annual Report.
- Also available online is the Aeronautical Noise Management Report at: www.yvr.ca>Airport Authority>Environment>Environmental Reports & Plans.

- In 2007 there was 274,000 take-offs and landings on the runways (a slight increase [1.3%] over 2006) which, when combined with helicopter and float plane traffic, total just over 328,000.
- 2007 was another record-breaking year in terms of passengers, with 3.4% growth over 2006. 17.5 million passengers arrived and departed through the airport which has been forecast to almost 18 million for 2008.
- For most of these passengers the airport procedures and operations and the services provided by other agencies (e.g. Canada Border Services Agency and RCMP) work well.
- The unexpected tragic death of an arriving passenger, Robert Dziekanski, on October 14, 2007, made it immediately necessary to review every part of the YVR operations, customer services, technology, and even the physical set up of the facilities; all procedures were reviewed.
- December 2007, the results of the YVR review were published (see website) and over 30 changes were implemented to ensure every passenger and visitor to YVR, regardless of circumstances, received the care and service needed to successfully navigate the airport. Many of the changes focused on four key areas: Customer Service; Communication; Safety and Security; and Medical Response.
- Customer Care representatives are now located in the Customs area 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, equipped with a mobile communications device to access language services, emergency assistance and airport operations staff at any time.
- These representatives are responding to approximately 2,500 passenger enquiries a week.
- Additional medical response teams now provide 24/7 coverage for medical emergencies in the airport terminal and public safety officers with de-escalation skills training are available on-site 24/7.
- YVR has provided access to over 170 languages throughout the terminal. Highly visible, dual handset 'white phones' are located on every customer service counter along with language identification cards and globes so passengers can simply point to their language or country of origin.
- Passengers can now announce their arrival in the greeter lobby on a visual screen by registering their name at the customer service counter.
- Other measures are being planned, including physical changes to the international arrivals area, over the next 18 months or so.
- Many new additions to the airport were made in 2007, including:
 - o the new west wing of the International Terminal which opened in stages from March to June, adding 4 new wide body gates, additional shops and services and an aquarium;
 - o the Link Building, situated between the International and Domestic terminals, provides additional baggage capacity at ramp level, additional check-in capacity on departures level, passenger transfer on Level 4 and offices on Level 5; and
 - o Domestic terminal expansion, including a new holdroom for passengers on regional flights.
- Key to building the Gateway is the federal government's Blue Sky policy to pursue open skies air agreements with Canada's trading partners.

- The Airport Authority is working to address emissions which include a \$300 million investment in the Canada Line, the cornerstone of the long term plans to get people out of their cars and by adding hybrid, electric and more fuel efficient vehicles to the fleet; last year launched “Idle-Free YVR” -- a campaign to discourage engine idling by vehicle operators at the airport.
- Aircraft today are 70% more fuel efficient on a per passenger km basis than forty years ago.
- The Airport Authority is working with the airlines to ensure that there is adequate on-site supply of fuel in terms of storage tanks and the long term plans with existing infrastructure.
- In 2003, a solar powered hot water heating system was installed in the Domestic Terminal. The solar expansion to the West Wing of the International Terminal and the new Link Building will significantly reduce natural gas demand.
- The environmental management plan addresses many other areas than climate change, including waste reduction and aircraft noise management. An active environmental advisory committee provides input on key issues of concern. As well, the noise management committee works to minimize the impact of aircraft noise on the community while ensuring safe, convenient air travel.
- These committees have a diverse membership including representatives from local municipal councils and citizen groups and in the case of the noise management committee, includes representatives from air traffic control, pilots, Transport Canada and the airlines.
- The City of Surrey has been invited to appoint a representative to the Aeronautical Noise Management Committee, and Surrey City staff have attended the past two Committee meetings.
- In May 2007, NAV Canada implemented a number of changes to the airspace over the Lower Mainland. These changes brought concerns from residents in Surrey, White Rock, and Delta.
- The Airport Authority has met with City staff and has offered to participate at meetings of the City’s working group formed to address the concerns of Surrey residents.
- The comprehensive noise monitoring and flight tracking system, which has noise monitoring terminals located throughout Vancouver, Richmond, Burnaby, and Delta, is currently being upgraded to place additional noise monitoring stations in a number of locations. Surrey City staff are assisting with identifying candidate sites for new locations of noise monitoring terminals in North and South Surrey.
- Noise abatement procedures ensure the north runway is closed at night from 10 pm to 7 am except for maintenance and emergencies, and used primarily as an arrivals runway during the day.
- This summer, as in previous years, the north runway is being used for departures as necessary from 7 am to 7 pm seven days a week to reduce delays. This is due to increased traffic demand during the busy summer travel season. Air traffic controllers will use it only as required to reduce delay during busy times.

- This is the final year of the existing 5year noise management plan. Development of an updated noise management plan is underway with the Noise Management Committee and others to include new noise reduction initiatives for implementation over the next five years.
- In February 2010, YVR will have the privilege of welcoming the world to Vancouver. The goal is to provide outstanding customer service and a positive first impression of British Columbia.

In response to Council's questions, the following was noted:

- With regard to the new regulations pertaining to runway end safety areas (those areas that go beyond the end of the runway) which require a flat, smooth surface, the Airport Authority has identified the requirement in their long-term plans and have locations at present that will simply require some upgrading in terms of the surface once the final requirements of the regulations are received from Transport Canada.
- YVR has an agreement with NAV Canada allowing access to radar tracking data in relation to the information received from the noise monitor terminals. The agreement is for noise management purposes, not permitted for general broadcast. YVR is currently in the process of updating the agreement with NAV Canada and efforts are being made to determine how publicly the information can be for distribution.
- YVR has always had 24 hour service in place with certain restrictions in the evening to route aircraft, when the winds allow, over the water. When the winds require it, there are arrivals and departures over the City. NAV Canada has identified a route to avoid the most populated areas which has been implemented.
- Cargo levels have been at approximately 230,000 tonnes per year for the past 4 to 5 years, most of which comes in the belly of the passenger aircraft other than one cargo freight aircraft from Cathay Pacific three times per week and other integrators (FedEx, UPS, etc.). There is a plan with regard to any anticipated increased cargo for the 2010 Olympics, however February is generally a slower month which, compared to summer, will be manageable for the increased levels.
- There is an increased number of research projects around the world looking at fuel efficiencies and reducing emissions from aircraft as well as fuel alternatives in place of jet fuel.
- Air carriers respond to the demands of the various communities. As the airport operator, there are ongoing efforts to find the right balance to serve the economy and the needs of the Lower Mainland and British Columbia.

In closing, it was noted that a representative from the City to sit on the Noise Management Committee at YVR would be beneficial, and that the concern with the number of departures heard throughout the night still needs to be addressed.

**3. Owen Croy, Manager of Parks and
Bill Webster, Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants**
File: 0620-20; 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report No. Item R134 of the Regular Council - Public Hearing agenda.

Owen Croy, Manager of Parks, and Bill Webster, Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants, were in attendance to make a final presentation on the Parks, Recreation & Culture 10-Year Strategic Plan (the "Plan") which incorporates the recommendations and comments provided at the earlier presentation to Council on June 23, 2008. Summarizing the Plan, the following was noted:

- Preparing a long range plan for parks, recreation and cultural services incorporates five principal objectives:
 - o Identify demands, needs and issues.
 - o Provide a decision making framework.
 - o Assess and prioritize needs.
 - o Outline a process for addressing needs.
 - o Prepare an implementation plan including financial implications.
- Research included inventory of parks, facilities and programs, trends/best practices, a review of demographic information, looking at other plans and reports and the valuable input from Council and City committees.
- The Plan focuses on parks and open space, cultural services, recreation services, system wide issues and implementation.
- A ten-year financing strategy has been developed to ensure that the Plan is achievable.
- The 11 major priorities have been identified as:
 - o Trail development;
 - o Natural areas;
 - o Park, playground and sports field development;
 - o Park land acquisition;
 - o Partnerships;
 - o Horticulture displays and public art (increasingly important);
 - o Facility and park assessment;
 - o Continued balance in the provision of services (in terms of cost, access, etc.);
 - o Multipurpose recreation facilities – new and improved – including fitness, arts space, gymnasium facilities, and space for different age groups;
 - o Condition assessments of major facilities; and
 - o Human resource requirements.
- The Plan deals with the requests and needs – realistic/manageable recommendations.
- The Plan is a working document that should be reviewed annually, and updated as necessary.
- The City is encouraged to continue development of partnerships and the working relationship with other orders of governments, local organizations and various departments.

- Research indicates that Surrey is well positioned to continue to deliver services (sound infrastructure and broad programs and services).
- The focus of the Plan is on maintaining existing programs and services, and accommodating growth.
- Surrey is a leader in delivering services innovatively, and in a way that meets the continually shifting demands of the growing community.

There was a brief discussion regarding the importance of evaluating the Plan periodically in keeping with trends, rapid growth and diversity, and the on-going challenge to accommodate the requirements of the residents.

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, the Chair thanked the delegation for the extensive research and response to the various requests in putting together the Plan.

4. TransLink Transportation Strategy (Transport 2040) and 2009 10-Year Transportation and Financial Plan

File: 0500-01; 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report No. Item R125 of the Regular Council - Public Hearing agenda.

The G.M. Engineering was in attendance to provide a presentation on the TransLink Transportation Strategy (Transport 2040) and 2009 10-Year Transportation and Financial Plan.

It was agreed that a presentation was not required.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. The Corporate Report, under date of July 14, 2008, was considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. C010 Annual Review of Surrey Official Community Plan
By-law, 1996, No. 12900
File: 6440-01

The General Manager, Planning & Development submitted a report stating that the Surrey Official Community Plan By-law, 1996, No. 12900 (the "OCP By-law") 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 to meet statutory requirements and to consider the evolving nature of City issues, a major review will be conducted every five years. On April 14, 2008 Council considered Corporate Report No. C006 and approved a Terms of Reference for a major review of the OCP. Work is now underway on this major review. It is anticipated that the review process will culminate in the adoption of a revised OCP in late 2009.

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

It was

Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That Corporate Report No. C010 be

received.

Carried

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT


It was


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

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:09 p.m.


Margaret Jones, City Clerk


Councillor Martin, Chairperson