



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009
Time: 4:35 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Steele
Councillor Gill
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Bose
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Hepner

Absent:

Mayor Watts
City Manager

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

The Agenda was varied.

2. **Sandy Wightman, Director and Past Chair Peace Arch Hospital & Community Health Foundation** File: 0460-20; 0550-20-10

Sandy Wightman, Director and Past Chair, Peach Arch Hospital & Community Health Foundation and Laurie Gould, Executive Director, Primary and Chronic Disease Planning, Fraser Health, were in attendance to make a presentation with respect to the Integrated Centre for Health Improvement. A PowerPoint presentation was provided and comments were as follows:

- The Integrated Centre for Health Improvement, a \$6.5 million project, will be a centre for chronic disease management; a community driven, cooperative, self-managed health improvement centre.
- The Centre will be a leading edge example of the direction health care is going - the patient as a cooperative partner in their own care, with more control over their situation, with individualized support and action plans.
- Partnership for the project include:
 - o Provincial and Federal governments (\$1.4 million, 50/50 split, municipal infrastructure grant);
 - o City of White Rock (approximately \$800,000 including \$350,000 cash, \$370,000 land value, \$53,000 deferred building permits and fees and \$20,000 staffing [acting as administrator for the building] and legal fees absorbed);
 - o Peace Arch Hospital Foundation;
 - o White Rock South Surrey Foundation; and
 - o Fraser Health Authority.
- The current health system is fragmented; all those working are working long and hard, but the way the system is structured, none of it is coordinated and fairly reactive. We wait for patients to get sick then we manage. Patients are spending so much time navigating the system and not spending the time getting well.

- We have an aging and growing population with the age group 65+ being the fastest growing population. Over the next 10-15 years, it is expected that the 65-85 year age range will grow by 185%. Add to that an aging workforce and physicians whose average age is 50ish that are expected to retire shortly.
- A recent study done determined that 39% of the population have confirmed chronic illnesses, with the potential of a further 17% not yet confirmed. Of that 39%, a significant portion have four or more chronic illnesses (diabetes, heart disease, depression, pain, some cancers) and are using a significant amount of the health care resources.
- There needs to be a change in the way health care is being delivered to the patient; an increased focus on the patient.
- The primary care model addresses the need to reduce the number of times the patient is sent to the hospital by teaching the patient how to prevent and/or manage their chronic illness, through a partnership with the primary health care services (family physician, nurse practitioners, interdisciplinary team).
- The full model addresses the support patients need in planning their health care and setting their own goals in optimizing their health.
- iConnect Health Centres consolidate and integrate health care by providing education and rehabilitation; relocating from hospital to community. There is an equity of care regardless of the chronic condition, with individualized care based on severity. Integrated classes on healthy lifestyle and exercise, together with self-management support. With the links maintained between the GPs, health authority services and community agencies, there is less duplication of services and more efficiencies in staffing.
- It will truly be a partnering with the communities, providing a centre for health improvement where people can get information and can self refer to find standards of care, where all the information is linked to all the health care providers in the system.
- Presently, the Mel Edwards Centre (1475 Kent St., White Rock) has a majority of their users (60%) from Surrey, 30% of which come from residents north of No. 10 Highway, with the remainder coming from White Rock, Langley and Delta.
- The Centre (adjacent to Centennial Arena) will be built and attached to the east side of Curling Club, into the current parking lot, of which the City of White Rock owns the land. Once completed, the building will have a total of 15,000 sq. ft. (an addition of 10,000 sq. ft.). The Centre and the Curling Club will be separate, however certain amenities will be shared (elevators, washrooms, etc.).

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

- With White Rock's contribution of approximately \$800,000, it is the hope that Surrey be a partner in this project with a contribution of \$700,000.
- The project is "shovel ready" and will be fully sustainable through user fees, no further on-going dollars will be required.
- Pairing with the Curling Club provides the opportunity to participate in the Federal/Provincial government infrastructure grant (\$1.4 million) versus

going to a private site and be independent, which would increase the costs considerably. Further, as the project is ready to go any time, development would be that much faster.

- Public transit is available on 16th Avenue, a short walk.
- User fees are what will also make this project sustainable in that it is anticipated there will be a 60-80% usage of the facility at any given time. Equipment usage, lectures, various program participation, etc. will be charged a fee, expected to be fairly small, but significant enough to encourage participation (money paid – added value). It is not anticipated that there will be any charges for simply gathering information from the various organizations that will be a part of the Centre.

The delegation was thanked for their presentation.

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That the information package provided by

the delegation, be received.

Carried

1. Mike Harcourt

File: 6520-01; 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report Item No. C002 of this agenda.

Mike Harcourt and John Steiner were in attendance to make a presentation regarding the Livability Accord, as outlined in Corporate Report C002.

Background information was provided on the Livability Accord in support of the next steps being recommended. Comments were as follows:

- As a result of the dialogue with staff, other cities and with neighbouring communities, a presentation of what's next is being brought forward.
- If we are going to satisfy where 95% of us live, we are going to have to have a whole different way of governing. We can't do what is required of us with the resources that we have.
- It isn't sustainable to keep on the same track with regard to transportation, issues around disabilities, green infrastructure, social, homeless, urban aboriginal issues, immigrant reception, and the huge challenge that Surrey faces with policing costs that have skyrocketed to enforce federal and provincial laws, these things have to be addressed.
- Looking ahead, high growth communities will account for 60% of growth over next 20 years and will accommodate over half a million people during that time.
- There is an inability to shape the land use patterns when the delivery of transit to the high growth communities doesn't match the needs for urban growth, receiving only 20-25% of transit services that are provided to other communities.
- Very sustainable next steps are being recommended particularly dealing with land use and transportation.

- Through the process of working on the Livability Accord and working with staff, there is a commitment to have more sustainable land use patterns. To provide desirable places to be that, in addition to having transportation, provide community services, facilities, enhance public safety and provide a range of housing.
- The areas to be addressed with senior government include: enhanced transportation, shared roles and responsibilities, and expanding and diversifying revenue sources.
- There should be an urban level of transit service, and if expanded high growth is expected, ensure there is a transit plan to go with that growth. It should be requested that TransLink significantly accelerate their investment in transit to strategically shape growth rather than responding to demand.
- Timing is essential; Surrey is very close to having one of the most sophisticated efforts being addressed. The process will be quick. The first step is to take advantage of Surrey's list of projects ready to go (the many shovels in the ground) and address the next "ask".
- Surrey and the municipalities need to address the Provincial and Federal governments with a common brief as to which and who are going to contribute.
- At this point in time, the proposal is to move discussions forward with the Provincial government, clearly and quickly, within the next 60 to 90 days.

Mr. Harcourt and Mr. Steiner were thanked for the providing the presentation.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. The outstanding Corporate Report, under date of February 9, 2009, was considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. C001 Surrey City Centre Plan Update - Phase II, Stage 1
File: 6520-20 (Surrey City Centre)

The General Manager, Planning & Development submitted a report to:

- Provide Council with a summary of the Surrey City Centre Plan Update Phase II, Stage 1 Report, prepared by Bing Thom Architects, the firm engaged to provide land use and urban design consulting services for Phase II, Stage 1 of the Surrey City Centre Plan Update;
- Provide an overview and seek Council approval of the proposed Surrey City Centre Land Use and Density, Basic Road Network, Road Width, and Parks and Open Space Network Concepts;

- Obtain Council's endorsement of the Surrey City Centre Concept Interim Implementation Strategy to evaluate and process land development applications in Surrey City Centre until such time as the final Surrey City Centre Plan Update is approved by City Council; and
- Obtain Council's authorization to proceed with Phase II - Stage 2 of the Surrey City Centre Plan Update.

Further to the presentation that Bing Thom and Michael Heeneey, Bing Thom Architects (BTA), made at the January 19, 2009 Council-in-Committee meeting, they were again in attendance to answer any questions that there may regarding the report. Comments were as follows:

- This is the first phase set up; the final phase is the implementation.
- Five immediate tasks and long-term tasks have been set up and identified.
- Green Timbers is very important as a regional centre. The Vancouver Aquarium is possibly interested in a regional draw to an aquarium in that area.
- A map will be created depicting possible areas to plant 10,000 trees between now and 2010. Trees are inexpensive, are permanent and good trees make good transitions to unsightly land. It is also an opportunity to involve children in the building of their future by planting trees, etc.

A few slides were shown indicating the growth and development expectation to 2015, 2031 and 2075.

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

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

1. Receive this report and the Surrey City Centre Plan Update Phase II, Stage 1 Report prepared by Bing Thom Architects (Executive Summary attached as Appendix I) as information;
2. Approve the proposed Surrey City Centre Land Use and Density Concept attached as Appendix II;
3. Approve the proposed Surrey City Centre Basic Road Network Concept attached as Appendix III;
4. Approve the proposed Surrey City Centre Road Width Concept attached as Appendix IV;
5. Approve the proposed Surrey City Centre Parks and Open Space Network Concept attached as Appendix V;
6. Approve the Surrey City Centre Concept Interim Implementation Strategy, as documented in this report;

7. Authorize staff to proceed with Phase II-Stage 2- Achieving the Plan based on:
 - the Stage 1 Land Use and Density, Basic Road Network, Road Width, and Parks and Open Space Network Concepts; and
 - the resolution of outstanding issues identified in this report;

and report back to Council at appropriate milestones during the Stage 2 process; and
8. Authorize staff to evaluate and process land development applications in Surrey City Centre on the basis of conformity with the proposed Surrey City Centre Land Use and Density, Basic Road Network, Road Width, Parks and Open Space Network Concepts, and the Surrey City Centre Concept Interim Implementation Strategy.

Carried

2. The Corporate Report, under date of February 9, 2009, was considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. C002 Livability Accord Between High Growth Municipalities - Status Report
 File: 6520-01 (Livability Accord)

Note: See Delegation Item A.2 of this agenda.

The City Manager submitted a report to update City Council regarding the work that has taken place on the “Livability Accord” of the high growth communities (HGCs) of Abbotsford, Coquitlam, the Township of Langley, and Surrey since the last report to Council on this important matter, to seek Council endorsement of specific commitments that are necessary to move the process forward and to advise Council about the next steps in the process.

The City Manager was recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in his report.

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

1. receive this report as information;
2. endorse the commitments that are listed in the body of this report; and
3. authorize the City Clerk to forward as information a copy of this report and the related Council resolution to each of the other local governments that is a party to the Livability Accord, to the Metro Vancouver Board, to the Fraser Valley Regional District Board and to the TransLink Board.

Carried

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT


It was

now adjourn.

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

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:08 p.m.



Jane Sowik, City Clerk



Councillor Gill, Chairperson