



# City of Surrey

## Council-in-Committee

### Minutes

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
**MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009**  
Time: 5:21 p.m.

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#### Present:

Chairperson - Councillor Steele  
Mayor Watts  
Councillor Villeneuve  
Councillor Gill  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Rasode  
Councillor Hunt  
Councillor Hepner

#### Absent:

Councillor Bose

#### Staff Present:

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

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## A. DELEGATIONS

### 1. **Judy McLeod, Manager, Long Range Planning & Policy Development** File: 0550-20-10

Judy McLeod, Manager, Long Range Planning & Policy was in attendance to provide a presentation at Council's discretion.

**Note:** See Corporate Report C004.

## B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

## C. CORPORATE REPORTS

### 1. The following Corporate Report to be considered:

**Item No. C004**      Comments on the "Metro Vancouver 2040 - Shaping our Future" February 2009 Draft of the Proposed Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy  
File: 0450-01

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

- Provide an overview of the most recent draft of the proposed Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy (RGS), which the Metro Vancouver Planning Committee has referred to member municipalities and to the public for consultation; and
- Identify key concerns with respect to the RGS from the perspective of the City of Surrey, to be forwarded to Metro Vancouver staff for consideration in

preparing the final draft of the RGS for review by the Metro Vancouver Board.

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

In considering this report, Council had the following further comments:

- The draft document appears to have lost the concepts of “complete communities”. There is a need to ensure the distribution of jobs to retain the concepts of building complete communities through the Region.
- Concern is reiterated with the introduction of the Industrial and the Industrial/Commercial designations in the draft Growth Strategy. It was observed that low density, single use industrial areas, where there is no activity in the evenings, have been the target of vandalism, break ins and other security issues, a mix of uses is at times appropriate.
- The Regional Growth Strategy should contain policies to ensure the provision of transit service in advance of higher densities and initiatives, such as the reduction of parking standards, to ensure it is successful.
- The document does not sufficiently address the pressing issue of financial sustainability for municipalities.
- The proportion of affordable rental units to be provided is not realistic given the housing market and the role of Surrey as a provider of affordable ownership accommodations.
- The proposed “parcel based” mapping is a level of control over land use which is beyond the Region’s ability to enforce.
- The draft Regional Growth Strategy generally does not adequately address the issues of the high growth municipalities.

It was

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve  
Seconded by Councillor Gill  
That Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Direct staff to forward a copy of this report and the related Council resolution to Metro Vancouver as Surrey's comments regarding the document entitled "Metro Vancouver 2040 – Shaping our Future" and request that these comments be taken into account in preparing the final draft of the Regional Growth Strategy.

Carried

**D. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

**E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve


Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:33 p.m.



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Jane Sowik, City Clerk



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Councillor Steele, Chairperson