

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Councillor Steele

**Staff Present:**

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

**A. DELEGATIONS****1. Paula Williams & Bob Campbell, Communities and Coal**

File: 5650-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide a brief presentation on the Surrey Fraser Docks - Direct Transfer Coal Facility Project. The following comments were made.

- At least five town hall meetings have been sponsored – all of which have been very well attended and a petition was started and now has over eleven thousand signatures.
- The letter that the Mayor wrote to Port of Metro Vancouver on July 18, 2013, requested that Port Metro Vancouver hold a public meeting and to date, no response has been received.
- Fraser Surrey Docks intends to ship up to 8 million metric tons of US thermal coal annually through BC Communities – Surrey being one of them.
- The Community of Ocean Park, being one of those communities potentially affected, formed a grassroots group called Communities and Coal with the goal of engaging as many communities as possible from the border to Texada Island on the potential impacts of this proposal.
- The Delegation is concerned that this proposal may bring a tremendous amount of risk to the residents with very few benefits and that proper due diligence has not been taken.
- Economically speaking, it is predicted that this proposal will potentially amount to up to 25 direct jobs. However, how will this proposal potentially affect existing jobs in the region?
- The Delegation urged the City to oppose this project as the businesses are concerned about the negative impact the coal shipments will have to their businesses.

- Tourism is an important industry, as we have one of the most beautiful areas in and around Crescent Beach. Coal dust, diesel particulate matter, noise, traffic delays, safety and environmental contamination are not good for our local economy.
- Property values of businesses and homes also have the potential to be negatively impacted, as there are 50,000 properties along the proposed train route.
- Environmental considerations also need to be given to areas such as Boundary Bay and Semiahmoo Bay. Toxic heavy metals, such as arsenic, can accumulate in the soil and water near the tracks resulting exposure to people and the environment.
- BNSF acknowledges that coal trains can spill coal dust and studies show that 500 pounds of coal dust can be lost per rail car and a one hundred car train may spill 50,000 pounds of coal dust into the environment. Also, the diesel particulate has a five times greater impact to the environment than just the coal dust.
- From a safety perspective, an increase in train traffic brings additional concerns, such as the maintenance of the track.
- Proper train crossings for pedestrians must be considered.
- Health concerns from both the coal dust perspective and the diesel particulate matter must be looked at.
- There are at least thirty seven schools from the border to Fraser Surrey Docks all under 5 kilometers from the tracks.
- It is imperative that a comprehensive health impact assessment be conducted, as recommended by Chief Medical Officer Paul Van Buynder, of Fraser Health Authority among others.
- Unlike an environmental impact assessment, a comprehensive health impact assessment will focus on human health, including the cumulative effects of this proposal with any current industry. It is a combination of procedures that systematically judges the potential effects of a project on the health of a population and the distribution of those effects within the population.
- In addition to the 11,000 signature petition, many associations, academics, professionals and elected officials have either issued motions of opposition to the proposal or raised concerns.
- Surrey's voice needs to be added as one of the leaders in this conversation.
- The Delegation requested Council to oppose the Fraser Surrey Docks proposal as it stands today; and request Port Metro Vancouver undertake a comprehensive health impact assessment conducted by an independent third party as well as full public hearing on the project.

Council made the following comments:

- Expressed appreciation for the Delegation's comments and work undertaken.

- There are a number of issues the City identified as significant to the community including:
  - Noise mitigation for rail traffic through Surrey;
  - Emergency Access for Crescent Beach;
  - Dust and health impacts in relation to loaded and empty railcars transported through Surrey;
  - The safety issue and in particular the trestle bridge which has been identified; and
  - The stabilization of the bank, from White Rock around Ocean Park and through Crescent Beach.
- The Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) will be receiving this Delegation on October 30, 2013 and look at all the potential impacts that this issue has on our community.
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has started a committee on rail safety.
- Port Metro Vancouver has been repeatedly advised on the rail line that goes through Blaine and into Vancouver and how different it is than when it was built in 1905 and issues regarding bank stabilization, the crossings and overall safety.
- In terms of a motion and process, the Chair of ESAC will be putting forward a motion addressing the issue at this evening's Council Meeting for consideration.

2. **Dr. Helena Swinkels, Medical Health Officer with Petra Pardy, Executive Director, Primary Health Care, Fraser Health**

File: 0460-30; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide a brief presentation on the "My Health My Community Survey".

The following comments were made:

- Here to provide information on how the survey may benefit the City and request that the City help in the promotion of the Survey.
- The Survey is like the long form census in that it has the potential to give similar kinds of information but at a finer level.
- It is a web based survey created in partnership with Vancouver Coastal, Fraser Health and Health Strategy Office at UBC. It runs through to February 24, 2014 and aims to engage and collaborate with local governments, community partners and residents to collect local level health data.
- Social, economic and environmental factors are the major determinants of whether we are sick or healthy. The Survey seeks to improve the understanding on how these factors actually influence health and the health of our communities.

- The City of Surrey and its partners have been leaders in the promotion of healthier communities for some time. The findings from the "My Health My Community" survey, is one way in which the Health Authorities will contribute.
- The Survey is about getting better data to make well informed decisions for the planning, delivery and evaluating programs and policies, not only for the health of Surrey but also for academia, community stakeholders and anyone else who wants to tackle health and its qualities and shape community services and amenities to meet local needs.
- The current data has some challenges; as surveys are not routinely conducted at an appropriately local level.
- The Survey will provide data on health status, needs, behaviours and determinants at the level of the community and the neighbourhood level. To get the data at the neighbourhood level and to achieve the goals that are hoped for with this survey a 2% sample of the population is required.
- Appreciation was extended to Councillors Martin, Villeneuve and Steele and many City staff who have supported the promotion of the survey at various community events and recreation centers.
- To date approximately 761 residents have completed the survey but that only represents something just over 10% of the sample that is required.
- The Delegation requested the City's approval and agreement to promote the Survey at City run events, social media channels and encourage all City staff to complete the Survey.

Council made the following comments:

- The Delegation was encouraged to approach the service clubs in the City as they have a lot of members who have a wide network and they may be willing to give some assistance in distribution/promotion.
- There may be an opportunity to involve the School District in the Survey at a particular grade level as Surrey has such a large school district and one-third of the City's population is under 19.

### 3. **Ted Uhrich, Manager, Parks, Planning, Research & Design**

File: 6135-01; 0550-20-10

**Note:** See Regular Council – Public Hearing Agenda, Item C.4, Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee Minutes, Appendix A.

In attendance before Council to provide a report on the proposed Pioneer Dog Off Leash Area at 34th Avenue and 150th Street. The following comments were made:

- In 2012, a comprehensive strategy was completed on creating new dog off-leash areas in the City of Surrey.
- Key findings in the strategy included:
  - 27% of Surrey residents own a dog;
  - Three quarters of dog owners visit Surrey parks regularly;
  - One third of dog owners visit a Surrey park every day;

- The majority of Surrey residents are satisfied with the current level of enforcement of leash laws; and
- Most people agree that dog off-leash areas are important for safety for park users.
- The key messages that staff found were that dog off-leash areas reduce conflicts between dogs and other park users and that dog off-leash areas create great social opportunities for dog owners.
- There are currently eight dog off-leash areas in Surrey in each of the town centers including Tynehead Regional Park in Guildford.
- The strategy proposes fourteen new dog off-leash areas over the next 10 years. These areas are based on the town centers where each of the town centers receive one or two new dog off-leash areas over the next 10 years.
- The feedback received indicated that the greater need for dog off-leash areas is within South Surrey and in Newton.
- Short term priorities (2012-2015) consist of:
  - Pioneer Greenway, South Surrey;
  - Panorama Park, Newton;
  - Bolivar Park, Whalley;
  - Bear Creek Park, Newton;
  - Fraserview Park, Guildford; and
  - Joe Brown Park is being considered in the short term also as the residents in the area would like to see this advanced from a medium term priority to a short term priority.
- In early 2013, planning commenced for both Panorama and Pioneer dog off-leash areas.
- During the second open house, in this regard there was more opposition to having a dog off-leash area at Pioneer. The concerns raised included:
  - More traffic to the neighbourhood;
  - Visitors to the dog off-leash area parking on local streets and causing conflicts on streets;
  - Safety of children would be compromised;
  - More crime in the neighbourhood; and
  - Noise and odours (dog waste) from the dog off-leash area.
- The plan was amended to address concerns of those attending the open house and as a result the area was made slightly smaller, alleviating street parking issues and traffic through the neighbourhood. There is a parking lot proposed for this area off the intersection of 34th and 150th.
- Further concerns arose during the process around views onto the parking lot and the traffic at 34th and 150th Street. Engineering will review these concerns.
- Should Council endorse the proposal, detailed design will then proceed, and the mandated approval from Hydro and MOTI would be obtained before the proposed construction in 2014.

- B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL
- C. CORPORATE REPORTS
- D. DELEGATION REQUESTS
- E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS
- F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS
- G. ADJOURNMENT


It was

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

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

  
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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

  
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Mayor Watts, Chairperson