

Council-in-Committee Minutes

Council Chambers
City Hall
13450 - 104 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2014
Time: 5:21 p.m.

Present:

Chairperson - Councillor Hepner
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hayne
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Steele
Councillor Villeneuve

Absent:

Mayor Watts

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Bob Paddon, Executive Vice President, Strategic Planning & Public Affairs, and Geoff Cross, Senior Manager, Policy and Analytics, TransLink

File: 5400-05; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide an update on the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project.

The following comments were made:

- A clear vision has been established, part of a collective municipal effort with direction from Mayor's Council as well as senior staff. It is recognized that the Pattullo Bridge is ageing and money will need to be spent to keep it in good working order while a replacement bridge is being built. To ensure that public dollars are not wasted, it will be critical to implement the new replacement bridge, funded by user pricing, as soon as possible (early implementation reduces the need for the rehabilitation path).
- Key parameters of the solution include a four (4) lane modern multi-modal facility, ensuring that the design of that facility would enable a future expansion (if and when that would be required). In addition, mobility pricing will be incorporated (road pricing system to be able to fund future investments). In future, it is estimated that the expansion to a six (6) lane replacement bridge would cost approximately \$200 million dollars.
- The nature of the bridge's structure will provide seismic and operational safety for all users. Modern lane widths will increase operational capacity (eliminates current lane-straddling), as well as increase reliability and reduce congestion compared to the current facility.
- There will be a regional referendum in March 2015. This will affect the timing decisions for approval of the new replacement bridge.
- Two (2) paths for the Pattullo Bridge project were outlined in order to minimize rehabilitation investment on the existing bridge. If partial rehabilitation occurs, this will address key safety and operational risks until a new bridge is in service (approximately 2023). The plan is to continue

with the rehabilitation project until the replacement bridge is approved. Approximately \$200 million dollars in expenditures can be avoided if approval for the replacement bridge is achieved by fall 2015.

- A major approval component of a replacement bridge stems from developing partnership agreements with both the City of Surrey and the City of New Westminster. Partnership will include looking at the scope of the project, timing, revenue sources and rates, and defining triggers for potential consideration of future expansion.

In response to a question from Council, it was noted that the projected cost of the replacement bridge (four (4) lanes) would be approximately \$975 million dollars. In the event that the extra \$200 million dollar expenditure is necessary, the lifespan would be extended by at least two (2) decades of future use.

The delegate also noted that on the rehabilitated bridge, from a safety and risk perspective, four (4) lanes at the current lane width would not be acceptable and would have to be reduced to three (3) lanes. Discussion ensued with regard to comparing the costs of constructing the Golden Ears Bridge (approximately \$1 billion dollars), to the projected costs of this replacement project.

**2. Linda Stromberg, Library Board Chair and
Melanie Houlden, Chief Librarian, Surrey Libraries**

File: 7960-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide a brief overview of the Library's accomplishments and new services.

The following comments were made:

- Surrey Libraries are a key hub that connects people of all ages, and assists people in making important decisions in their lives by providing trusted resources. Libraries are a place for citizen engagement. People seek out both interactions with others as well as a quiet place for reflection.
- Recognize Council's role in the selection and appointment of trustees who are genuinely interested in the work of Surrey Libraries and who are focussed on providing good governance and acting on the vision set out in the Library Strategic Plan.
- Programs and new services were highlighted:
 - *Social Engagement* - an active presence at places such as the Food Bank, Surrey Urban Mission, local daycares and preschools.
 - *Free Little Libraries* - helps build a sense of community by promoting literacy and the love of reading through a model of free book exchange.
 - *The Human Library* - through dialogue and promoting a respect for diversity, its purpose is to shatter stereotypes.
 - *Welcoming Communities* - both the City Centre and Newton Libraries were voted amongst the top welcoming spaces by

newcomers. Staff with many language skills work to engage diverse communities with celebrations and special events such as Chinese New Year, Diwali, Christmas, etc.

- *Read to Baby* - provides kits for every new baby born in Surrey.
- *Summer Reading Club* - largest summer reading club in the Province for the past 10 years; keeps children engaged and ready for the start of school.
- *Dog Tales* and *Reading Buddies* - offers a chance for team volunteers to engage with the community. Reluctant readers develop confidence by reading at their own pace.
- *Equitable Access* - designed for teens and adults with developmental disabilities. Reduces isolation of vulnerable groups and creates acceptance for people with disabilities.
- *Read-Ability* - volunteers deliver materials to over 1000 residents (senior's homes, etc.). These materials have recently been enhanced which provide access to over 200,000 titles in print, digital and audio format (including braille).
- *Apple iPad Project* and *Access to Technology* - ensuring everyone has the ability to access technology and the skills they need to succeed in a technologically-rich environment.
- *Library Champions* - working with volunteers to promote the library within immigrant communities.
- *Community Feedback* - Surrey Libraries actively seek community feedback and input into programs by providing comment cards, and access to social media outlets.

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 Hayne
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor L. Hepner, Chairperson