

# Council-in-Committee Minutes

Council Chambers
City Hall
13450 - 104 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015
Time: 4:30 p.m.

**Present:** 

Chairperson - Councillor Steele Councillor Gill Councillor Hayne Councillor LeFranc Councillor Martin Councillor Starchuk Councillor Villeneuve Councillor Woods Mayor Hepner Absent:

Staff Present: City Clerk City Manager

City Solicitor

General Manager, Engineering

General Manager, Finance & Technology General Manager, Human Resources

General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture General Manager, Planning & Development

#### A. DELEGATIONS

 Frances Tang-Graham, Municipal and Community Engagement Advisor, Public Affairs, Port Metro Vancouver

File: 5650-01; 0550-20-10

Cliff Stewart, Vice-President of Infrastructure, Port Metro Vancouver, was in attendance to provide a brief presentation on the Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project and other related Surrey and Port issues.

The following comments were made:

- Port Activities in the community of Surrey represent 1,800 Port Jobs and \$3.64 million in municipal taxes;
- Port Metro Vancouver is the largest port in Canada, fourth largest in North America, responsible for 20% of Canada's goods trade and responsible for 100,000 jobs across Canada; and,
- Port Metro Vancouver's Mandate is to:
  - Facilitate Canada's trade;
  - Balance efficient port operations with community concerns and environmental protection;
  - Work for the benefit of all Canadians.

### Roberts Bank Terminal 2:

- Proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project is currently under review by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency process and subject to an independent review panel process over the next several years;
- Project is currently in a five month Environmental Impact Statement Completeness Review period;
- There are a number of public input opportunities through the Environmental Assessment process; currently in a 45 day public comment period relative to the completeness of the environmental impact statement review;

- Environmental Impact Statement follows on the completion of 77
  environmental studies, with over 35,500 hours of field work, involving over
  100 professional scientists; and,
- Conclusions of the Environmental Impact Statement are as follows:
  - After the implementation of mitigation, the Roberts Bank Terminal
     project is not expected to result in any significant residual effects
     on any of the 16 valued components;
  - O No cumulative effects are anticipated, with the exception of a cumulative effect to southern resident killer whales;
  - Port Metro Vancouver is confident potential adverse effects can be fully or partially avoided or reduced through project design and the implementation of environmental management programs.

## **Fraser Surrey Docks:**

- Tenant is considering amending the permit application to change the method of shipping to ocean going-vessels;
- Fraser Surrey Docks is conducting pre-application consultation on scope of studies for that application;
- No increase to coal volume is intended to be shipped;
- Port Metro Vancouver has not yet received the formal permit application; and,
- Port Metro Vancouver will ask municipalities for comment on project once formal application is received.

#### Other Work:

- In terms of recent collaborations, Port Metro Vancouver was an early participant in the Yes Campaign aimed at building a new Pattullo Bridge.
- Roberts Bank Rail Corridor program has been successfully completed and has shaped the recently developed Transportation Collaboration Forum that will aim to access the national infrastructure component of the New Build Canada Fund to help fund projects of national significance.

Council commented that a three week public consultation period is too short of a time on a project that has had widespread public interest and it is the hope that more information will be made available and adequate time be given for public feedback.

In response to Council comments and questions, the Delegation confirmed that no application has been received from Fraser Surrey Docks for the amendment, however, public consultation on an amendment prior to the submission of an environmental permit application is standard practice. The Delegation further noted that Port Metro Vancouver does not anticipate that further dredging will be required to accommodate the application. With regards to the Terminal 2 project, the Transportation Collaboration Forum will be exploring whether further rail separation will be required due to the Terminal 2 Project.

Christine Mohr and Sharlene Wedel, Options Community Services;
 Kim Adamson, YMCA; Ruth Beardsley, Penny Bradley and Rhea Hubbard,
 Alexandra Neighbourhood House

File: 4750-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide a brief presentation on Child Care Month.

The following comments were made:

- There has been a major shift in demographics with 74% of mothers with children under 6 now in the paid labour force and the need for multiple incomes for family survival;
- Some positive steps have been achieved but there has been no coordinated action plan for child care in Surrey;
- Only 12.4 spaces exist for every 100 children aged 0-12 years, with a particular deficit in the under 3 care and after school care;
- In terms of group child care centres, 93% are commercial and 7% are community non-profit, with child care fees being up to \$1850 per month for Under 3 and up to \$1550 for Over 3 care in private sector;
- Child care costs represent the second largest expense in a family's budget;
- Despite the limitations, it is important to celebrate the City's work:
  - o 90 licensed preschool classes;
  - O Community Partnership Approach (Kensington Prairie with Alex House, Bridgeview Community Centre with OCS, Child Care at City Hall with YMCA); and,
  - o 4 licensed after school programs and 8 My Zone drop-in programs;
- What we need is a collaborative Surrey Child Care Action Plan that focuses on a "comprehensive child care" approach, that draws upon the skills of local public and community agencies, and is supported by adequate provincial funding.
- In order to achieve the Plan, the following would be required:
  - A non-profit child care sector working collaboratively with public partners;
  - Strategies and timelines for creating 30,000 additional full-time and part-time spaces;
  - Investment in affordable, high quality multi-age child care facilities;
     and
  - Lobbying for and leveraging provincial resources.
- Requesting the City to Co-Chair a Collaborative Child Care Taskforce with the mandate to develop a Surrey Child Care Action Plan by year end; and,
- The Childcare Taskforce would need to seek participation from a variety of representatives.

During discussion the following comments/questions were made by Council:

 Requested clarification regarding how the childcare figure of 30,000 was derived;

- In terms of operating funds, have the various partners agreed to participate in the Task Force?;
- In terms of space requirements, it may be useful to look into fully utilizing schools for before and after school care, as there is not much space in a growing City as Surrey is;
- Provincial and Federal funding is key to address the childcare issue;
- Other partners should be considered as well, such as YMCA; and,
- Zoning can be further explored, especially when new industrial developments are designed and whether daycare spaces are being contemplated.

In response, the Delegation confirmed that the 30,000 figure of full-time/part-time childcare spots required in Surrey was determined by a gap analysis study that was undertaken by the UBC School of Human Early Learning. The proposed taskforce membership is still being worked on and to date not all suggested partners have confirmed participation.

## 3. Dr. Jen Marchbank, LGBTQ

File: 4870-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide a brief presentation on the LGBTQ History Exhibit Project which will be displayed at City Hall during the week leading up to the Surrey Pride Festival (June 28).

The following comments were made:

- Formally requesting the LGBTQ History Exhibit to be displayed at City Hall for the second year in a row;
- Working on an oral history of the LGBTQ in the City of Surrey, with the assistance of City staff;
- The focus of this year's display will be of Canadian National History and Rights;
- Examples of potential themes relative to exercising rights, protests/movements and demonstrations will be displayed;
- Display will highlight the history of Surrey and local events that have had
  national and international impact, such as the case of Chamberlain v.
  Surrey School District, that resulted in national policy relative to tolerance;
  and,
- Influence of Martin Rooney will be highlighted as well, specifically impact on international policy for persons wishing to travel who are HIV positive.

It was

Moved by Mayor Hepner Seconded by Councillor Steele That Council support the installation of a

LGBTQ History Exhibit which will be displayed in the City Hall main foyer during the week prior to the 16th Annual Surrey Pride Festival (June 28).

**Carried** 

4. Philip Bellefontaine, Transportation Planning Manager, City of Surrey File: 8310-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide an update regarding the Transportation Plebiscite. The following comments were made:

- As the deadline for submitting ballots for the Transportation Plebiscite is May 29, 2015, it is important to take the time to recognize the advocacy work and support of all of those involved;
- Campaign has been a broad effort of a diverse group of partners, of student groups, and organizations, all of who recognize the value of the Mayor's Council Transportation Plan;
- It is important to further highlight the work of specific individuals, such as Elizabeth Model and Bonnie Burnside, Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association, Anita Huberman and Craig Amundsen, Surrey Board of Trade, and Jessica Larson, Alex McGowan, Deepak Sharma and Patrick Meehan, Kwantlen and SFU Student Association;
- In terms of engagement and outreach, the following work has transpired:
  - 12 City/Coalition events;
  - o 10 City Committees;
  - o 8 business dialogue meetings;
  - o 6 staff information sessions;
  - o 3 coalition meetings for Surrey and South of Fraser stakeholders;
  - o 2 City Council meetings; and,
  - Outreach at Central City, SFU and transit exchanges.
- Many events have taken place ranging from formal to informal to promote the Transportation Plebiscite;
- A coordinated and comprehensive social media campaign was undertaken, along with the utilization of traditional print materials and advertising;
- In terms of outdoor advertising, transit shelter ads and digital signs were utilized to raise awareness;
- It is anticipated that Elections BC will have final results by mid to late July;
- As of last Wednesday, May 20, 655,000 ballots were submitted regionally, representing an overall 42% voter turnout; in Surrey, 111,000 ballots were returned, representing a 38% voter turnout;
- Other outcomes of the Plebiscite process worthy of mention are the new relationships that have been established, existing partnerships have been strengthened and areas of common ground/shared vision have been identified; and
- Appreciation needs to be extended to everyone who supported the campaign over the last few months, especially the leadership provided both locally and within the region of our City.

Council extended appreciation to staff for the presentation and all collaborative work undertaken to date and noted that the process has indeed galvanized the community and City as a whole.

- 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 5:29 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Steele, Chairperson