

Council-in-Committee Minutes

Council Chambers
City Hall
13450 - 104 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017
Time: 5:01 p.m.

Present:

Chairperson - Councillor LeFranc

Mayor Hepner Councillor Gill Councillor Hayne Councillor Starchuk Councillor Steele Councillor Villeneuve

Councillor Woods

Absent:

Councillor Martin

Staff Present:

City Manager City Clerk Deputy City Clerk

General Manager, Planning & Development

City Solicitor

General Manager, Engineering General Manager, Finance

General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture

A. DELEGATIONS

The Chair informed that given concerns expressed by members of the public a staff presentation regarding Hawthorne Park would precede the delegation.

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the concept for Hawthorne Park and highlighted the following information:

- The proposal includes extending the 105th Avenue corridor from 138th Street to 150th Street, and implementing a two lane road with pedestrian and bicycle pathways.
- The extension of 105th Avenue is required to address traffic circulation, provide better access to Hawthorne Park, and provide better bicycle and pedestrian routes.
- Benefits of the proposal include:
 - o Removing the parking lane along 141st Street;
 - o Providing a connection to 104th Avenue and 105th Avenue;
 - o Providing additional traffic signals;
 - Providing increased access to Hawthorne Park;
 - o 200 additional trees would be planted;
 - o A new salmon rearing habitat would be introduced; and
 - o A new walking trail would be implemented.
- Staff are proposing an Alternate Approval Process (AAP) to approve the proposal. If approved, the first notice for the AAP would be provided August 11, 2017, second notice would be provided August 18, 2017, and the deadline to submit feedback would be scheduled for September 22, 2017.
- It is anticipated that the Hawthorne Park Masterplan would be completed in Fall 2017.

In response to a question from Council, staff informed that additional park space from the recently acquired parcels would be to the north along 108th Avenue, and from 140 B Street and 144th Street. The new parking lot would be implemented from the lot on 144th Street.

Steven Pettigrew and Tracie Woodhams

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The delegation informed that:

- They represent a group of concerned citizens who love Hawthorne Park and the community.
- The Biodiversity Conservation Strategy recognizes biodiversity as a key foundation of a healthy, liveable and sustainable community.
- Preserving nature, including plants, wildlife, and ecological values and functions provides the benefits of clean air, improved health, liveability, reduced infrastructure, and aesthetic and recreational value.
- Community members are responsible stewards of the parkland.
- Schools use the park to teach children about nature and the science that it takes to preserve the ecological system.
- The park has social value and provides opportunities for neighbours and the community to meet and socialize.
- Parks are important to places of refuge.

The delegation provided a summary of the online and paper petitions, including the location of petition respondents, and conveyed concerns relative to:

- The potential fire hazard posed by motorists tossing cigarette butts from the proposed road into the park.
- The proposed land swap does not meet the delegation's objective of preserving green space.
- The impact of constructing the proposed salmon rearing pond in an ecologically sensitive area.
- The proximity of the proposed 105th Avenue expansion to residents' homes and the potential impact of the road on the community and potential disruption for neighbourhoods.
- The perceived lack of environmental safeguards incorporated into the proposal.

The delegation informed that they would like to preserve Hawthorne Park as it currently exists and advised that they are willing to work with Planning and Engineering staff to develop a proposal that would allow services to go through Hawthorne Park without the expansion of 105th Avenue.

- 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 Gill

Mayor Linda Hépner, Chairperson

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do now

adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk