

DRAFT MINUTES

Development Advisory Committee

File: 360-20 (DAC)
Date: October 22, 2020
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: 3W Meeting Room
A, Surrey City Hall

Members:

James Howard
Jamie Squires
Jas Sandhu
Jay Chadha
Jeff Fisher
Jonthan Meads
Adam Perry
Alexander Wright
Andrew Peterson
Brett Standerwick
Diana Dilworth
Richard Demkiw
Sunny Sandher
Tim Bontkes
Troy Abromaitis
Stefan Hertel
Louis Kwan
Scott Pelletier
Andy Aadmi
Needha Sood

City Staff:

Jean Lamontange
Jerome Thibaudeau
Ron Gill
Remi Dube
Paule Steele
John Nguyen

Guest

1. Previous Minutes

The notes of the September 24, 2020 meeting were accepted as distributed.

2. Surrey Transportation Strategic Plan – Don Buchannan

The City of Surrey is undertaking a new Transportation Plan to address population growth, change in technology, climate change and road safety.

As the City is growing by 10,000 new residents each year, a multi-modal transportation plan will be needed to accommodate new people and jobs. The Transportation Plan will help identify objectives and guide how the City prioritize key investments.

While bus ridership numbers are high – bus ridership increased by 50% in 4 years – there are still some challenges. Only 25% of the population have access to the Frequent Transit Network. Every year, approximately 20 people are killed and 12,000 injured on Surrey’s road. 50% of community green has gas emissions come from motor vehicles.

In February, 2020 Council endorsed 5 Pillars to guide the plan and inform a new long-range vision which will be delivered through several 10-year Action Plans. For example, Vision Zero has been completed while others are underway or will be developed in the near future.

Public engagement is underway with the focus on understanding what Surrey residents value which will help shape key approaches prior to engage with the public after Spring break. The goal is to bring a completed plan to Council for approval for December 2021.

Comments:

Jeff Fischer asked how is TransLink involved regarding future transit lines and routes. Don replied saying the City is working with TransLink on the long-range plan for south of Fraser. The City’s plan will reflect TransLink Plans. Additionally, the City is actively involved in regional transit discussions.

Don Buchannan encouraged everyone to take the survey to establish community values – actions and trade off. Goal is to have final plan delivered to Council next year

3. Electrical Contractor Performance Monitoring (ECPM) – Jerome Thibaudeau & Paul Steele

The ECPM is a data-driven initiative to lower the rate of inspections for high-performing contractors. Some of the key objectives include increasing speed and quality of development in Surrey while enabling high performing contractors to allocate more time overseeing their business. This will increase accountability in contractors while allowing the City to focus on safety and increase capacity for enhanced services. A full launch is scheduled for January 2021.

Program communication will involve Inspector/Contractor communication channels, an update to the automated inspection slips, website updates and a bulletin.

Comments:

Jeff Fisher asked whether data be shared and display high performing developers on the website?

Paul Steele stated that it will but the program is still in pilot phase.

4. Comments on the Market

Some DAC members noted that they were actively monitoring the market while noting concern regarding the withdrawal of the Federal stimulus and its potential impact on development financing and commercial retail. Overall, many were content with current market conditions with reference to price points and sale volumes being higher than expected given the pandemic. There has been market interest in Campbell Heights as well as Redwood Heights while sales in other municipalities (e.g. Coquitlam) have been doing well.

5. Next Schedule Meeting November 26, 2020