



## **THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WHITE ROCK**

August 22, 2006

The TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE will meet in the MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS BUILDING BOARDROOM located at 877 Keil Street, White Rock, B.C. on **MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2006** at 5 p.m. for the transaction of business as noted below.

Ms. Tina Penney  
Director, Corporate Services

### **AGENDA**

**1. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Agenda for the TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE meeting scheduled for August 28, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Minutes of the Transportation and Safety Committee meeting held July 17, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

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**3. MATTERS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**4.1 SOUTH FRASER STRATEGIC AREA TRANSIT PLAN – transit priorities Page 5**

**4.2 TRACKING REPORT** - Traffic Calming Policy  
- Municipal Speed Limit  
- Traffic Noise  
- Accessibility  
- Bicycle Routes  
- Walkability index

**5. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

**6. CLOSURE**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at p.m.

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**TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

A meeting held JULY 17, 2006 in the Operations Board Room located at 877 Keil Street, White Rock, B.C.

PRESENT: Councillor Doug McLean, Chair  
Haven Elliott  
Roger Emanuels\*  
Don Griffith  
Thaddeus Kearney  
Alistair Johnston

STAFF: Branca Verde, Committee Secretary

ABSENT: David Pollock, Director of Municipal Operations  
Phil LeGood  
Grant Meyer  
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The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

**1. AGENDA APPROVAL**

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY Committee Meeting scheduled for July 17, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

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**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was noted that Alistair Johnston should be listed as absent from the June 19 meeting.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY Committee Meeting held June 19, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

M/S/C

**3. MATTERS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

None presented.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**4.1 UPDATE ON SOUTH OF FRASER AREA TRANSIT PLAN (SFATP)**

The Chair provided a summary document entitled *South of the Fraser Area Transit Plan – Notes from Visioning Workshops* (circulated on-table, copy on file). Committee members Thaddeus Kearney and Alistair Johnston, who represent the Transportation and Safety Committee on the Strategic Planning Group for the SFATP, provided an overview of the purpose of the workshops: to explore and understand the main transportation issues and patterns of movement now and in 2031, to

understand how communities would prioritize transit alternatives, and to help South of Fraser residents understand transportation planning processes.

The Chair noted that revenues are a key issue in the transit discussions and asked if operating costs have been considered in the discussion on capital costs. The committee representatives for the SFATP were not aware of specific discussion on operating costs and anticipate this might be discussed in the future.

There was discussion of environmental issues with respect to transit options such as skytrain, light rapid transit and rapid bus. It was stressed that the best option from a financial perspective may not be as beneficial from an environmental perspective.

\*Roger Emanuels joined the meeting at 5:20.

Alistair suggested it would be useful for the committee to determine a practical list of transit needs for White Rock and that this list would be taken forward to the SFATP process (the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Group is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>). Committee members were urged to review pages 20 to 23 of the document and the following key issues were noted: regional service to Vancouver, services to other communities South of Fraser, community shuttles, and a new circular service connecting major destinations.

It was agreed that each committee member will forward their priorities for White Rock to the Committee Secretary by August 16<sup>th</sup>. The priorities will be consolidated and circulated to the committee (along with the agenda) for discussion at the next committee meeting which will take place on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The Chair noted that the *transit area plans* are 5 year plans. The committee representatives advised that the plan will also look at needs over the longer term (25 years). It was agreed that it is critical to consider what White Rock's transit needs will be in the longer term. There was discussion of the merits of transit service based on a grid system, as well as the use of the existing rail line for transit service. It was stressed that the SFATP discussion does not focus on roads and other infrastructure. It was suggested that there should be HOV lanes for Highway 91 and that tolls should be in place to recover costs for all new infrastructure.

Thaddeus advised that, as part of the public consultation strategy, there will be a SFATP mobile information booth to gather broader input. Locations such as Semiahmoo Mall, South Point, South Surrey Park and Ride, as well as the Spirit of the Sea Festival were suggested as suitable locations for reaching the broader public.

#### **4.2 TRACKING REPORT**

The Chair requested that the committee consider prioritizing issues which will be monitored by the committee:

- Municipal Speed Limits – at the previous committee meeting, it was agreed the committee would monitor the outcome of this initiative in Vancouver. It was stressed that the establishment of a municipal speed limit in White Rock would be less complex than for Vancouver, and that this

should be pursued as soon as possible rather than awaiting the outcome of Vancouver. The Chair offered to look into whether there are related resolutions going through the UBCM and will report back to the committee.

- Traffic Noise – the committee discussed the impacts of noisy motorcycles and expressed frustration that the noise by-laws are not being enforced. There was concern that over-enforcement of noise by-laws could lead to White Rock being labeled as a “no fun City”. The Chair will invite a representative of the RCMP to speak to the committee about enforcement of the noise by-laws.
- Traffic Calming Policy – there was concern that the public are not aware of the Traffic Calming Policy. The Chair advised that there have been no applications to date and agreed that it would be useful to enhance the public awareness of the program (i.e. a brochure explaining the criteria and application process). There was concern that the \$100,000 funding for traffic calming for 2006 will not be used. It was agreed the committee will address this issue in the fall to ensure the public is made aware of the program. Regarding signs posting traffic speed limits, there was a query whether this is the jurisdiction of the City or the Province. There was discussion on the evaluation of accident data from ICBC and it was suggested that additional funding for traffic calming could be leveraged through ICBC. The Chair will meet with the Staff Liaison to discuss how the ICBC data is being reviewed and how information from the RCMP is incorporated into the evaluation.

The following items were added to the tracking list:

- Accessibility (transit, sidewalks and parking) – the Chair advised that an accessibility survey is planned and it was noted that the Strategic Transportation Plan identifies key locations for improvements to accessibility. The Chair suggested that the committee could set up a *transportation and safety score card* to advise Council on specific issues. The committee may need to urge Council to publicize the traffic calming program or target items identified in the Strategic Transportation Plan, such as accessibility deficiencies.
- Bicycle routes – there was a request that the committee should establish a bicycle route network in White Rock.
- Walkability index – it was reported that White Rock scored highly in a recent walkability index which assessed municipalities in the Lower Mainland (Vancouver scored the highest, followed by White Rock and Port Moody). The Chair suggested that the Staff Liaison can be asked to report back on the criteria for the walkability index.

**5. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next committee meeting will be held Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**6. CLOSURE**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:15 p.m.

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Councillor McLean, Chair

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David Pollock, Director of Municipal Operations

SOUTH FRASER STRATEGIC AREA TRANSIT PLAN  
SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE TRANSIT PRIORITIES FOR WHITE ROCK

<b>LONGER TERM PRIORITIES</b>	<b>COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>
Install light rail beginning in Langley and following the existing BC Rail right of way close to Highway 10 and then north at highway 99 over the Fraser to connect with the RAV at Richmond;	Thaddeus
Provide transportation links to Willowbrook/Downtown Langley (upgrade and use existing routes: 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave., 32 <sup>nd</sup> Ave., 200 <sup>th</sup> Street); bus route along 152 <sup>nd</sup> to #10 Hwy to Langley;	Don
Designate the White Rock/Semiahmoo Peninsula/Grandview Heights region a priority growth area for connection to light rail in Surrey or Langley; potential LRT/Sky Train destination, connecting to existing system;	Haven
Expand the development of a transit corridor from either Vancouver or Richmond along Highway 99 with White Rock City Centre the end point;	Haven
<b>IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES</b>	
Implement 15 minute all day service from South Surrey Park and Ride to Vancouver via the RAV connection in Richmond; Retain initially the peak hour only service direct to Vancouver down Granville Street;	Thaddeus
Improve transit service for U pass holders attending all post secondary institutions for White Rock/South Surrey based students;	Thaddeus
Implement service to Langley from White Rock along 24th Avenue through Campbell Heights;	Thaddeus
Provide service north on 152nd Street to link with future light rail connections over Port Mann bridge and new east west grid service in Surrey;	Thaddeus Don
Circular community shuttle service on the peninsula linking the beaches with the shopping centres, hospital and the South Surrey Park and Ride;	Thaddeus Phil
Pursue use of Semiahmoo land for “park and ride” for local shuttle service;	Don
Continue operating the direct highway bus system to Downtown Vancouver during the rush periods after the Canada Line begins operations;	Phil
Add more community bus routes along street grid corridors;	Phil
Begin B-Line express bus service along King George Highway from Surrey Centre to White Rock Centre;	Phil
Enhance peak hour commuter service to Vancouver from the new White Rock Town Centre;	Haven
Expand the community shuttle to include the newer shopping developments at South Point and the new Grandview Heights/Surrey, with the White Rock Town Centre development;	Haven
Widen King George Highway from Crescent Road to #10 Hwy.	Doug
Implement the evening dial-a-bus service (as identified in the original community shuttle project);	Doug