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May 16, 2018

A MEETING of the **GATEWAY FEATURE SELECTION COMMITTEE** will be held in **WHITE ROCK COUNCIL CHAMBERS**, on **FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018**, at **9:00 a.m.** for the transaction of business listed below.

Tracey Arthur,
Director of Corporate Administration

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Gateway Feature Selection Committee adopts the agenda for the May 18, 2018 meeting as circulated.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Gateway Feature Selection Committee adopts the minutes for the May 8, 2018 meeting as circulated.

4. PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING– Director of Engineering & Municipal Operations, and Director of Planning & Development Services

The Director of Engineering & Municipal Operations and the Director of Planning & Development Services will report on the Public Information Meeting that took place on May 15, 2018.

5. NEXT MEETING

Determine date of next meeting, if required

6. CONCLUSION OF THE GATEWAY FEATURE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

PRESENT: Councillor G. Meyer
Councillor B. Lawrence
Councillor L. Sinclair
J. Adams
B. Bezubiak

STAFF: D. Bottrill, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Gordon, Director, Engineering and Municipal Operations
C. Johannsen, Director Planning & Development Services
R. Choy, Manager of Engineering
G. Diogan, Committee Clerk

GUESTS: R. House, Project Director Knight Signs
N. DeGirolamo, Principal, Bondcreative
S. Thompson, Binnie
K. Jamshidi, Binnie

Press: 0
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2018-GFSC-001 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Gateway Feature Selection Committee (Committee) amend the agenda by addition of new Item 6.1 “Alternative Public Art Suggestions”, and adopts the agenda for the May 8, 2018 meeting as amended.

CARRIED

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

2018-GFSC-002 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the following members be appointed as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the 2018 Committee year:

- Chairperson: Councillor G. Meyer
- Vice-Chairperson: Councillor B. Lawrence

CARRIED

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) summarized that a request for proposals for the Gateway Feature had been issued and evaluated by staff. As per the Report to the Committee, titled “Johnston Road Gateway Feature – Proposal Response/Design Options”, dated May 8, 2018 from the Directors of Engineering and Municipal Operations and Planning and Development

Services, staff are seeking feedback from the Committee on the options to be presented by the preferred proponent with the intention of holding a Public Information Meeting (PIM) on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 to seek public feedback. After the PIM, Staff would assemble the feedback and report back to the Committee on May 18, or other date determined by the Committee, with the intent of selecting an option for recommendation to Council on May 28, 2018.

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations introduced Rosaline Choy, Manager of Engineering, and Consulting Civil Engineers Sam Thompson and Kaveh Jamshidi from Binnie to the Committee.

4. PROCUREMENT AND EVALUATION – Director of Engineering & Municipal Operations

The Director of Engineering & Municipal Operations provided an overview of the RFP and evaluation process as per the Report to the Committee, titled “Johnston Road Gateway Feature – Proposal Response/Design Options”, dated May 8, 2018.

5. DESIGN OBJECTIVES – Director of Planning & Development Services

The Director of Planning & Development Services shared the design objectives of the gateway feature referenced in the Report to Council dated March 12, 2018, titled “Johnston Road Gateway Feature” and the assessment criteria referenced in the Report to the Committee, titled “Johnston Road Gateway Feature – Proposal Response/Design Options”, dated May 8, 2018.

6. PROPONENT PRESENTATION

Roland House, the Project Director at Knight Signs and Nando DeGirolamo, the design partner from Bondcreative presented three (3) design options for the gateway feature. In addition they provided samples of the finishes that might be used (i.e. stone, wood, sign lettering, lights).

The Committee thanked the proponents for the presentation and a question and answer period followed. It was noted that:

- The size of the structure was in line with the parameters of the RFP criteria.
- Longevity and durability was a major consideration.
- Whilst the images used in the background of the presentation are “old White Rock”, research was done to consider the new developments and streetscape as revitalization occurs in the area.
- The setbacks and heights of new buildings, including the design (e.g. cantilevers and lighting) was considered as part of the design element of the gateway feature.
- Plans for the proposed landscape for the area were reviewed to incorporate hard and soft natural materials.
- The panels on the pillars are easily swapped out and the lighting features have options that may be changed.
- The installation timing works well as it allows the designers to liaise with the landscape architects.

A discussion on a White Rock ‘theme’, and the gateway feature being in alignment with the vision for White Rock took place. It was agreed that this may be very subjective and the following was noted:

- The purpose of the feature is to welcome everyone to the whole City of White Rock.
- The labelling on the feature (“Johnston Road” and “Arts & Culture”) did not necessarily add value.
- Arts and culture is being incorporated in the revitalization through store fronts, street furnishings, public art pieces, etc.
- From an economic perspective, “Town Centre” would be preferable over “Johnston Road”.
- “Johnston Road” and “Arts & Culture” on the gateway feature could be removed or swapped out.

6.1

ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC ART SUGGESTIONS

Committee Member Adams tabled alternative public art suggestions in place of an entrance arch to attract visitors to White Rock, stating the goal was for the public art to be iconic, relate to the identity of White Rock and not be outdated a few decades from now. He expressed concern regarding rushing the project to fit the timeline of the construction under way. A discussion ensued and there was overall support for the installation of iconic public art. It was stated that as development progresses, there will be opportunities for the installation of public art pieces in various public plazas and the Town Square, where residents and visitors will be able to experience the art from afar and close up. Public feedback in 2010 showed that the community was in favour of a gateway to the City and public input on the gateway options proposed would again be welcome.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their thoughtful comments and summarized the discussion: the gateway feature is separate to a public art feature; the public information meeting would take place on May 15, 2018 where the proponent would do a short presentation and staff would collect public feedback to report back to the Committee, at a date to be determined; a survey on “Talk White Rock” will be developed and posted for online feedback; staff would undertake all necessary due diligence regarding the gateway feature project.

7.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Determine date of next meeting.

8. **CONCLUSION OF THE GATEWAY FEATURE SELECTION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 10:18 a.m.



Councillor G. Meyer, Chairperson

G. Diogan, Committee Clerk

Unapproved