



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WHITE ROCK

April 21, 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, April 24, 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 April 24, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the Transportation and Safety Committee meeting held March 20, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

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3. MATTERS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

3.1. DRAFT TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A draft recommendation for furtherance to Council will be provided on-table for the committee to review.

3.2. TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

The Director of Municipal Operations will provide a presentation on the principals contained in the Draft Traffic Calming Policy.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15th, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

6. CLOSURE

The Chair declared the meeting closed at p.m.

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TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

A meeting held March 20, 2006 in the Operations Boardroom at located at 877 Keil Street, White Rock, B.C.

PRESENT: Councillor Doug McLean, Chair
Haven Elliot
Roger Emanuels
Don Griffith
Alistair Johnston
Thaddeus Kearney
Phil LeGood*
Orest Romaniuk

STAFF: David Pollock, Director of Municipal Operations and Staff Liaison
Keri Nemlander, Recording Secretary

GUEST: John Steiner, Urban Systems

ABSENT: Grant Meyer

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the Transportation and Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for March 20, 2006 be amended to add an item under New Business to address correspondence from Leslie McDermid regarding wheelchair access;

AND THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED by unanimous consent

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

No items were presented.

**Committee Member Phil LeGood arrived at 5:43*

3. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair initiated introductions and the Committee Members and Staff introduced themselves.

The Chair requested that the Committee Secretary provide the Committee with a list of the members' email addresses and phone numbers. The Committee AGREED.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chair provided an overview of the Committee's terms of reference.

At this time it was also noted that the Mayor had asked Committee Members Alistair Johnston and Thaddeus Kearney to participate on a Translink public advisory committee for the area transit plan. The Directors of Municipal Operations and Development Services will also liaise with the Translink committee. The Chair requested that the representatives keep this committee informed on the proceedings of the Translink committee.

The receipt of the Transportation and Safety Committee Terms of Reference was presented for receipt and the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED THAT the Transportation and Safety Committee Terms of Reference be received.

CARRIED by unanimous consent

5. DRAFT TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. John Steiner of Urban Systems provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the City's Draft Transportation Plan. The committee was also informed of Council's request to various stakeholders, including this committee, for feedback on the plan by April 30, 2006.

A discussion ensued and the following points were noted:

- Awareness of the region's plans, especially the City of Surrey, is essential to the City of White Rock's plans – this cannot be done in isolation
 - The Director of Municipal Operations clarified that staff and the consultant have participated in discussions with City of Surrey staff. Furthermore, the City of Surrey is included in the list of stakeholders noted above.
- The White Rock Town Centre and Semiahmoo site developments need to be taken into account to plan for increased traffic demands.
 - It was noted that the traffic volumes in the Plan reflect build-out.
- Identify the various types of traffic (internal, from Surrey, from beyond Surrey) to plan for expected growth in those areas
 - Mr. Steiner suggested that the committee look at the plan to evaluate if it is sensitive the changes expected or if it goes in the wrong direction. He pointed out that expected overall growth on the peninsula (20%) is not significant enough to widen the roads.

- Explore cost sharing opportunities with various partners, e.g. ICBC, Translink
 - The Director of Municipal Operations noted that funding options will be explored, but at this point the draft plan is being evaluated on a strategic level.
 - The Chair noted that ICBC evaluated the accident rates in White Rock three years ago and it found that they are very low, and this would impact the likelihood of receiving funds from ICBC.
- The Oxford/Thrift traffic improvements (e.g. the proposed greenway) need to be identified as higher priorities due to the development of the Town Centre and several projects along Oxford Street and Thrift Avenue. If they are left as low-priority, trying to change established traffic patterns later on will be difficult.
 - It was noted that the review of development projects within the Town Centre includes consideration of the greenway, although it may be in a different form than that outside the Town Centre area.
- Re-evaluate the City's DCC's – look at Vancouver's False Creek as an example of the amenities that are possible.
 - The Chair advised that Council is looking at the DCC's and the areas where they are applied. Council is also exploring the possibility of expanding the amenity charges.
- While the tram and commuter rail may not be currently feasible, the proposed idea of protecting the required corridors is attainable.
- Manage the citizen's expectations and create a plan that is realistic, practical and affordable
- Council may wish to explore the option of borrowing
 - The Chair highlighted two points: the City has the ability to borrow at good rates (approximately 5%) and construction costs, as reported by to Council by the Director of Municipal Operations, have increased 30% in the last year.
- Start right away with some of the affordable items that are easily implemented – this will result in a positive impact on the perception in the community (demonstrates that something is being done)
- The plan needs to reflect the need to attract people here while maintaining accessibility in and out of the City. It also needs to address the livability of the City.
- Increase the “walkability” of the City
- Explore the possibility of expanding Surrey's Semiahmoo Trail to the Waterfront
- Develop walkways and bike paths for east-west and north-south connectivity
- Address both the upper and lower areas of the City
- Sidewalk access in the Town Centre needs improvement
 - The Director of Municipal Operations noted that staff is working with BOSA to establish a sidewalk standard in that area. He also noted that BOSA will be funding a traffic light at Russell Avenue and Johnston Road. The Plan also identifies high priority areas within the Town Centre.
- Adopt a strategic plan that provides the community a vision to guide it into the future – we may not be able to implement all the projects in the short-term
- Signage needs to be considered for directing tourists who park in the upper areas and want to access the waterfront by foot.
 - The Director of Municipal Operations noted that the Plan includes an overall strategy for the City and that the Economic Committee has also spent time on this task.

- Consult with Translink regarding the implications of eliminating the express coach service to downtown once the RAV line is completed.
- Explore a shuttle along Marine Drive
 - The Director of Municipal Operations noted that the Plan includes the concept of a high-frequency shuttle that would be routed along Marine Drive and up to the Town Centre.
- Consult with the Semiahmoo First Nation – should they be represented on this committee?
 - The Chair indicated that he would speak to the Semiahmoo First Nation.

During the course of the discussion, the Director of Municipal Operations noted other plans coming forward that will complement and build upon the initiatives in this draft plan, specifically the Traffic Calming Policy and the Parks Master Plan.

The topic of road safety was also brought up in the course of the discussion and the Chair AGREED to include the topic of road safety on a future meeting agenda.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Steiner stressed the importance of viewing the plan as a package, with each strategy linked to the others. He cautioned against separating one strategy from another and suggested, rather, that the committee look at the initiatives and evaluate them based on goals and affordability.

The Chair thanked Mr. Steiner for the presentation and advised the Committee that he and the Staff Liaison would pull together a report on the draft plan for the next meeting. He requested that the Committee Members provide any further comments to the Staff Liaison.

6. MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee AGREED to meet on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m., with the exception of the April meeting when they will meet on Tuesday, April 24th.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. WHEEL CHAIR ACCESS

The Chair submitted an on-table letter dated March 8, 2006 from Leslie McDermid to the Director of Municipal Operations. The letter noted concerns with regards to wheelchair access on Marine Drive.

RESOLVED THAT the letter be received;

AND THAT the Director of Municipal Operations report back at the next meeting.

CARRIED by unanimous consent

8. CLOSURE

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:20 p.m.

Councillor McLean, Chair

David Pollock, Director of Municipal Operations