

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK

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TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

A meeting held AUGUST 28, 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
Alistair Johnston
Thaddeus Kearney
Orest Romaniuk

STAFF: Ted Haight, Acting Director of Municipal Operations
Branca Verde, Committee Secretary

ABSENT: David Pollock, Director of Municipal Operations
Phil LeGood
Grant Meyer

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY Committee Meeting scheduled for August 28, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

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2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED 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

None presented.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 SOUTH OF FRASER AREA TRANSIT PLAN (SFATP)

The Chair reviewed a list of suggested transit priorities for White Rock (submitted by committee members as circulated with the agenda). The Chair asked if there were any additional suggestions and the committee engaged in a discussion of the items listed.

With respect to the suggested *long term priority* of installing light rail along existing BC Rail right-of-ways, Thaddeus explained that this approach is used in other cities and typically uses a ground level track system. The Chair suggested that a map of existing rail lines in the lower mainland would be useful and the Staff Liaison agreed to look into this.

*Roger Emanuels joined the meeting at 5:10.

With respect to the suggested *long term priority* of designating White Rock/Semiahmoo Peninsula as a priority growth area for connection to light rail in Surrey or Langley, the Chair noted that the Livable Region Plan designates White Rock as a *municipal town centre*. A change in designation to *regional town centre* would require a GVRD review. The Chair noted that the designation effects the level of service required (i.e. a regional town centre requires higher levels of service). Given the current designation of the area, the Chair expressed that it is unlikely that those services would be considered. The Chair requested that the Staff Liaison obtain information on transit service standards for regional town centres.

**Haven Elliott joined the meeting at 5:15.

The committee discussed the suggested *immediate priorities* and it was noted that several ideas related to the community shuttle service had emerged. It was suggested that the routing of the community shuttles should be evaluated. The Chair noted that the current routing had been determined based on input from the business community. The Chair spoke to the suggestion of implementing an evening *dial-a-bus* service, which had originally been proposed for the community shuttle (shuttles would operate in the evenings on a demand-basis, with transit users phoning to request service as needed).

There was discussion of the suggested widening of King George Highway from Crescent Road to #10 Highway. The Committee representatives for the South Fraser Area Transit Plan were of the understanding that this priority list is for transit service only and it was agreed that this item should be deleted from the list.

The Chair suggested that some of the items on the list could be combined and requested that the committee meet on Tuesday, September 5th to review and finalize the list of transit priorities. The priority list will go forward to Council for endorsement (September 11). If approved, the priority list will then go to the South Fraser Area Transit Plan *Strategic Planning Group* on September 20.

At the Chair's suggestion, it was agreed that the Burlington Northern Railway would be added to the item related to use of railway right-of-ways (with a view to designate some rail right-of-ways as primary freight routes and others for regional passenger service).

4.2 TRACKING REPORT

The Chair reviewed a draft tracking report (circulated on-table) and asked the committee for feedback on the format. There was general agreement that the format would be suitable as a tracking tool for the committee to monitor key issues. The Chair advised that the tracking report will be completed for discussion at the next meeting (including issues, actions, and target dates).

It was noted that background information regarding the walkability index as well as the invitation of an RCMP representative to speak to the committee regarding traffic noise are two outstanding issues. The Chair responded that this will be included in the tracking report.

5. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next committee meeting will be held Tuesday, September 5 at 5:00 p.m. The regular meeting schedule will resume on Monday, September 18th.

6. CLOSURE

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:00 p.m.

Councillor Doug McLean, Chair

Ted Haight, Acting Director of Municipal Operations