

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
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TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

A meeting held September 18, 2006 at the Municipal Operations Building located at 877 Kiel Street, White Rock, B.C.

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

STAFF: David Pollock, Director of Municipal Operations and Staff Liaison
Branca Verde, Committee Secretary

ABSENT: Phil LeGood
Grant Meyer

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 September 18, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

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2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the Transportation and Safety Committee meeting held September 5, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

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3. MATTERS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

The Chair advised that Council adopted the committee's recommendation for Transit Priorities for White Rock and that these priorities will go forward to the South of Fraser Area Transit Plan Strategic Planning Group. Thaddeus Kearney advised that the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Group is scheduled for October 10 (postponed from September 20).

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 TRACKING REPORT

The Chair advised that the Millennium Trail (extension of the promenade) will be added to the Tracking Report and that there will be further discussion at the next meeting. Alistair Johnston noted that this issue was raised at the White Rock Legacies and Games Committee (formerly the

2010 Olympic Task Force) and that Mayor Forster advised that this initiative should likely be dealt with by White Rock and Surrey City Councils.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 RCMP SAFETY SURVEY

The Staff Liaison reported that his contacts with the RCMP have not been successful in tracking down the *Safety Survey* which the committee requested. The Chair noted that the *Safety Survey* was a recent exercise which discussed sidewalk safety, pedestrian lighting and other issues. Don Griffith noted that he volunteers with the Community Policing Office and that he was not aware of a Safety Survey. It was noted that the City's Social Committee has referenced a *Pedestrian Safety Audit*. The Staff Liaison agreed to follow up further. It was suggested that if the RCMP *Safety Survey* does not exist, the committee should consider recommending to Council that a safety assessment be undertaken.

5.2 GENERAL DISCUSSION

Roundabouts – a sample brochure explaining roundabouts was circulated for information and it was suggested the City should consider producing a similar tool, given that roundabouts have been installed in White Rock. The Staff Liaison agreed to look at the possibility.

Traffic Calming – it was noted that a report to Council regarding Traffic Calming Program is scheduled for April 2007 and there was a question for clarification on the purpose of the report. The Chair responded that the report will inform Council of program activity in the first year. The Staff Liaison noted that the City has received three inquiries and staff are evaluating (pre-screening) the need for the requested mitigation measure. The process requires an initial petition indicating support of a minimum of 70% of residents of the block (initiated by the proponent). Staff then review the criteria and investigate opportunities to address the issue through education and enforcement of existing by-laws. If the issue is not resolved through these means, staff would then retain a consultant to undertake design of the appropriate traffic calming measure.

Surface Material – a committee requested an update on surface material which is designed to control spinning of tires. The Staff Liaison noted that the specific application for the material is for steep streets and that staff are evaluating possible test applications on Oxford Street (next year).

Transportation Plan – the Staff Liaison advised that capital projects will be brought forward to Council in the budget process for 2007 to 2011. Funding which was set aside for 2006 is not available at this time.

OCP Review – the Chair suggested that the OCP review be added to the committee's tracking report and, in preparation of the review, asked the Staff Liaison to identify areas of the existing OCP that would be of interest to the Transportation and Safety Committee. The Chair advised that a member of the Transportation and Safety Committee will be assigned to the OCP Review Steering Committee.

Signage – the Chair noted that discussion is underway with respect to highway signage and other directional signage in Surrey. The Staff Liaison advised that he will be meeting with staff from the City of Surrey and the Ministry of Transportation to discuss improvements. It was noted that exits

off Highway 99 southbound at 32nd Avenue and at 52 Street are problematic. The Staff Liaison agreed to discuss these issues with the City of Surrey and Ministry of Transportation.

For the next meeting, the Chair requested that the Staff Liaison report back with information on the *walkability index*, *municipal speed limit initiative in Vancouver* and *traffic noise* (information of initiatives in other municipalities to address noisy motorcycles).

It was suggested that the committee should develop a work list of items to address over the winter (i.e. bicycle paths, noise issues). It was noted that the City of Surrey has produced useful bicycle path maps. The Staff Liaison noted the bicycle plan was slightly revised following the Transportation Plan and that the OCP includes a map of bicycle routes. It was noted that Translink also provides regional bike route maps.

6. MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

7. CLOSURE

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Councillor Doug McLean, Chair

David Pollock, Director of Municipal Operations