



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WHITE ROCK

May 8, 2007

The TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE will meet in the MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS BUILDING BOARDROOM located at 877 Keil Street, White Rock, B.C. on **MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007** 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 May 14, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the Transportation and Safety Committee meeting held March 19, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

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3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 TRACKING REPORT - Updated report to be circulated on-table

3.2 TRANSLINK SOUTH OF FRASER AREA TRANSIT PLAN - UPDATE

3.3 MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION REVIEW OF TRANSLINK'S GOVERNANCE

3.4 TRAIN SAFETY

3.5 SAFETY SURVEY

3.6 SEMIAHMOO MALL REDEVELOPMENT

3.7 OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP)

3.8 RED STRIPES ON STOP SIGNS

4. NEXT MEETING

The committee will determine the next meeting date.

5. CLOSURE

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TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

A meeting held March 19, 2007 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
Thaddeus Kearney
Phil LeGood
Grant Meyer

LIAISONS: Don Buchanan, TransLink
Staff Sergeant Todd Fookes, RCMP
Mike Joyal, Surrey School District

STAFF: Dale Kitsul, Acting Director of Municipal Operations and Staff Liaison
Branca Verde, Committee Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Round table introductions were undertaken.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the Transportation and Safety Committee meeting scheduled for March 19, 2007 be adopted as circulated, and with the following items added:

- 4.2.1 APPOINTMENT OF NEW REP TO TRANSIT PLAN COMMITTEE**
- 4.5 SAFETY SURVEY**
- 4.6 TRAINS AND SAFETY**
- 4.7 OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP) UPDATE**

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2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the Transportation and Safety Committee meeting held September 18, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

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3. MATTERS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

3.1 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee received the Terms of Reference (as circulated with the agenda). It was clarified that the role of liaisons is to act in an advisory capacity and to provide information to the committee.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 TRACKING REPORT - Tabled to next meeting.

**Roger Emanuels joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m.*

4.2 TRANSLINK SOUTH OF FRASER AREA TRANSIT PLAN

The committee reviewed material regarding the *South of Fraser Area Transit Plan* (circulated on table, copy of file). Don Buchanan, TransLink Liaison, noted the proposed plan will include a 5-year implementation plan as well as a 25 year vision (2031). The intent of the plan is to address transit needs for projected population growth in the South of Fraser area. The long-term vision will be updated every 5 years to address priorities, which may change in response to growth. Discussion ensued and the following points were noted:

- BNR rail-line - desire for additional local stop; concerns over transport of hazardous goods;
- Grandview Heights - area of significant growth; transit service will need to be provided;
- Town Centre - need to continue service for population in the new development; and
- Peninsula priorities - local routes and services, connections to adjacent *town centres* and service to downtown Vancouver were identified as priorities.

The TransLink Liaison commented that upon completion of the Canada Line project, the intent is to have all transit services from points south of the Fraser terminate at Bridgeport Station (with connections to other services). Committee members expressed concern that the *351 transit service* will decrease and it was suggested that the peak hour *express service* to downtown be maintained.

It was requested that, for the next meeting, the TransLink Liaison provide information on proposed changes to the *351 transit service*, noting that the community will want to see options.

4.2.1 APPOINTMENT OF NEW REP TO TRANSIT PLAN COMMITTEE

It was agreed that Thaddeus Kearney will continue as the committee's representative to the South of Fraser Area Transit Plan Committee. In addition, it was agreed that the Chair will be a representative until such time as an alternate can be determined (the intent is to find a youth representative). Mike Joyal, Surrey School District Liaison, agreed to assist in finding a suitable youth representative.

4.3 MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION REVIEW OF TRANSLINK GOVERNANCE

The committee discussed recent recommendations proposing changes to the TransLink Governance structure. The proposed changes include provisions for operating agreements for cross-border services. The proposed model suggests that long-range planning for land use and transportation shift from the GVRD to the Province. In the interim, the development of the South of Fraser Area Transit Plan will continue. However, it was noted that legislative governance changes may impact the transit plan and updates or addendums may be required. Committee members were encouraged to review the TransLink website for information on the governance review.

4.4 SEMIAHMOO MALL REDEVELOPMENT

The Staff Liaison reported that staff have had discussions with the City of Surrey regarding a proposed *transportation corridor* along 152nd Street. The intent is to accommodate a transit hub on the Semiahmoo Mall development site (off-street to reduce impact on traffic flows).

The *Semiahmoo Mall Redevelopment* will be added to the committee tracking report.

4.5 SAFETY SURVEY

The Committee discussed the merits of conducting a survey on traffic safety, pedestrian safety and neighbourhood crime on the Town Centre area. Discussion ensued and the following points were noted:

- a survey of strata-councils in the area could be carried out with limited staff resources;
- a survey including apartments and single family areas would ensure broader input, but would require additional staff resources; and
- City staff have compiled data on sidewalk conditions which may be useful for this discussion.

It was agreed that the committee will discuss the *safety survey* at the next meeting.

4.6 TRAINS AND SAFETY

There were concerns raised over the increase in the use of train whistles along the rail-line. It was noted that the City is addressing the issue and that Transport Canada is aware of concerns. There was discussion on the transport of dangerous goods along the rail line and the following points were noted:

- it is the responsibility of the municipality to have an emergency plan for known risks within its boundaries; the City of White Rock should be urged to implement an emergency plan;
- *SmartRail*, a local organization, will be putting together a website to educate the public about dangerous goods; events are planned for May featuring speakers who have experienced dangerous goods spills in their jurisdictions; and
- need to establish a goal to reduce the number of trains and, if possible, remove train activity and use the rail corridor as an amenity.

It was agreed that *Train Safety* will be added to the tracking report and discussed at the next meeting.

4.7 OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP) UPDATE

Haven Elliott, committee representative to the OCP process, reported that initial open houses and a telephone survey have been completed and density and height have emerged as key issues. Committee members were urged to refer to the City's website for more details on the OCP process.

It was agreed that the *OCP update* will be added as an on-going agenda item and that the committee representative will provide transportation-related sections of the OCP to the committee for discussion at the next meeting.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 14 at 5:00

6. CLOSURE

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.