

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

Minutes from a meeting held June 25, 2007 at the Municipal Operations Building located at 877 Kiel Street, White Rock, B.C.

PRESENT: Councillor Doug McLean, **Chair**
Haven Elliott
Don Griffith
Thaddeus Kearney
Grant Meyer

ABSENT: Roger Emanuels
Phil LeGood

STAFF: David Pollock, Director of Municipal Operations and Staff Liaison
Susan Campbell, Committee Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

THAT the Agenda for the Transportation and Safety Committee meeting scheduled for June 25, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

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2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

THAT the minutes for the Transportation and Safety Committee meeting held May 14, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

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3. MATTERS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

There are no items presented.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 TRACKING REPORT

The Committee considered an on table tracking report.

The Chair reordered and amended the list (Tracking Report) in the following manner: No. 1 Strategic Transportation Plan – budget, surplus distribution and grants; No. 2 Traffic Calming Policy Report – to be reviewed on an annual basis; No. 3 South of the Fraser Area Transit Plan; No. 4 OCP; No. 5 Millennium Trail – promenade extension, agreements with Semiahmoo First Nations and Provincial support; No. 6 Safety Survey. The first four items have been assigned to the Committee from Council. Note: Nos. 5 and 6 need to be scoped

out and then forwarded to Council for approval as additions to the work plan. No. 7 Speed Limit Review and No. 8 Traffic Noise Reduction.

The Chair noted that strategic planning issues would be reviewed at the next meeting.

4.2 TRANSLINK SOUTH OF FRASER AREA TRANSIT PLAN

The Committee was advised that there have not been any further meetings and that the previously scheduled TransLink South of the Fraser Area Transit Plan meeting was cancelled on the day of the meeting. Overall, TransLink is not anticipating a lot of transit changes to this area this year.

The Chair observed that stronger communications with TransLink are needed starting with the need to have a TransLink representative at the Committee meeting. White Rock's representatives on the TransLink South of the Fraser Area Transit Plan (Advisory Group) are Councillor Doug MacLean and Thaddeus Kearney and the Director of Municipal Operations will advise TransLink of those appointments.

In closing discussion, the Chair observed that perhaps the Committee should look at routes and make recommendations to TransLink - take a proactive approach rather than waiting for TransLink to come forward. The Chair further requested that a TransLink representative be present at the September Committee meeting.

- 4.2.1** Mr. Joyal, of the Surrey School District, was not in attendance and therefore was unable to report on the appointment of a youth representative to the South of the Fraser Area Transit Plan Advisory Group. The Chair indicated that once a youth representative is appointed that he would be prepared to step down from the Advisory Group.

4.3 TRAIN SAFETY

The Director of Municipal Operations verbally reported on the City's Emergency Plan, particularly those sections addressing the transportation of dangerous goods. It is the intent of the emergency plan is to have an 'all hazards plan' covering a wide range of general catastrophes, identifying responsible agencies and who was responsible for what actions at the scene. Therefore, while the plan does address the issue of dangerous goods, moving through the community, it addresses it in a general way.

With respect to the issue of pandemic, the Director of Municipal Operations indicated that he would raise that topic at the next EMC¹ meeting.

A Committee member observed that the volume of dangerous goods moving through the municipality was increasing not decreasing.

A Committee member indicated that rail safety was also an issue for some citizens opining that inspections of the rail bed shouldn't be done, by vehicle, at 30-miles-per-hour and perhaps this was something that the Committee wished to comment on. The Chair indicated

¹ Emergency Management Committee

that when staff reviews the emergency plan that they will assess the risk and one of recommendations following that risk assessment maybe a recommendation that the rail beds be upgraded or that Transport Canada upgrade their rail bed standards.

- 4.3.1** THAT the Transportation and Safety Committee recommends that Council regularly review and update their emergency plan based on new and potential risks; for example, pandemic risk, increased volume of dangerous cargo shipments and the condition of the rail bed on the BNSF².

4.4 SAFETY SURVEY

Report from the Director of Municipal Operations relative to the safety survey received from the City of New Westminster. The Committee considered on table copies of the New Westminster Road Safety Plan Survey. The Chair requested that Committee members receive the survey and that the discussion of the survey take place in the July strategic planning session.

4.5 SEMIAHMOO MALL REDEVELOPMENT

The Committee was advised that there was nothing new to report.

The Chair observed that this item should remain on the agenda as a standing item so that the Director of Municipal Operations can continue to provide reports on the transportation and safety issues of the redevelopment.

4.6 OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP)

Presentation of the first draft of the OCP by Haven Elliot, Committee Representative on OCP Taskforce. Mr. Haven reported that the main parts pertaining to the Committee are highlighted in the draft document - the biggest concern was traffic movement in the Town Center while maintaining the livability of the area. Note: the Strategic Transportation Plan is linked and referenced in the OCP. The issue of DCCs³ as tools to handle growth amenities was discussed, with the Chair explaining the difference between area DCCs and overall DCCs and it was agreed that this discussion would be expanded upon further at the July strategic planning session.

The Chair indicated that the Committee could review the first draft of the OCP, along with the Strategic Transportation Plan, at their upcoming July strategic planning session and that the Committee could provide their comments in September.

² Burlington Northern Santa Fe

³ Development Cost Charges

4.7 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

The Director of Municipal Operations noted that the report on planned improvements to intersections in 2007 was behind schedule and likely would be completed in the next couple of weeks. The list will be available for the next meeting.

The Chair observed that while the Committee believed all the sidewalk improvements were high priority the Council did not fund all the improvements.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items presented.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be a strategic planning session held on July 18, 2007 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Committee will meet in September and the date will be determined.

7. CLOSURE

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.