

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

Minutes from a meeting held Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at the Municipal Operations Building located at 877 Kiel Street, White Rock, B.C.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Doug McLean, **Chair** (arrived at 5:16 p.m.)  
Haven Elliott (arrived at 5:12 p.m.)  
Roger Emanuels  
Todd Fookes, RCMP Liaison  
Don Griffith  
Thaddeus Kearney  
Grant Meyer

**ABSENT:** Phil LeGood

**STAFF:** David Pollock, Director of Municipal Operations and Staff Liaison (departed at 6:25 p.m.)  
Susan Campbell, Committee Secretary

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. In the absence of the Chair the Committee appointed Thaddeus Kearney.

**1. AGENDA APPROVAL**

THAT the Agenda for the Transportation and Safety Committee meeting scheduled for September 5, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

**M/S/C**

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

THAT the Minutes of the Transportation and Safety Committee meeting held July 18, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

**M/S/C**

**3. MATTERS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**3.1 MASTER PARK PLAN**

Council has referred the Master Park Plan to all Committees for review and feedback. Accordingly, the Master Park Plan was attached as a separate PDF document and was presented for consideration and report back.

**\*5:12 p.m.** Haven Elliot arrived.

**Comments:**

- Regional Parks Funding – how the City’s overall park plan meshes with the Parks Plan for the City of Surrey and the GVRD’s Regional Parks Plan. This plan needs to coordinate with those plans and this should be referenced in the document. While the Plan talks about off-leash dog areas it doesn’t address them and this issue should be fleshed out in the Plan. Design standards aren’t mentioned and should be taken into account, for example, bicycle widths - make sure that design criteria reflect parks needs and other modes of transportation.
- With respect to the plan’s comments regarding a possible extension of the promenade and future acquisition of the railway right-of-way this would be supported. Would like to see a route developed from the town center to the shoreline.

**\*5:16 p.m.** Councillor Doug McLean arrived and assumed the Chair.

- Vision an extended promenade linking the American border through to Crescent Beach and beyond in the next 10 to 15 years.
- Several Committee members expressed concerns that an off-lease area for dogs was not identified in the Plan.

3.1.1 THAT the Transportation and Safety Committee recommends:

- THAT Council place a high priority on the enhancement and improvement of walkways from the town center to the waterfront;
- THAT the Parks Master Plan include commentary with respect to linkages for trails and greenways between South Surrey and White Rock;
- THAT the Parks Master Plan reference parks planning initiatives from both the City of Surrey and the GVRD to capture the regional perspective;
- THAT the extension of the promenade east and west be given a high priority and staff explore partnership opportunities with the GVRD<sup>1</sup>, BNSF<sup>2</sup> and the City of Surrey for the extension.
- THAT the off-leash dog park issue be reviewed.
- AND FINALLY THAT the Parks Master Plan consider the potential for water transportation off the pier.

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<sup>1</sup> Greater Vancouver Regional District

<sup>2</sup> Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway

**3.2 MAJOR OBJECTIVES ARISING FROM STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

The major objectives coming out of the strategic planning session held July 18, 2007 is deferred to the next meeting and the strategic plan document will be resent to all Committee members along with the Committee Tracking Report.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**4.1 TREE BYLAW**

The Committee will review the draft Tree Bylaw at their next meeting.

**4.2 TRANSLINK SOUTH OF FRASER AREA TRANSIT PLAN**

**4.2.1** Mr. Joyal, Surrey School District, regarding the appointment of a youth representative to the South of the Fraser Area Transit Plan Group – to be reported on at the next Committee meeting.

**4.2.2** Report from Staff Liaison regarding the appointment of a TransLink representative to replace the former representative on the Transportation and Safety Committee. The Committee was advised that the Staff Liaison was awaiting a report back from TransLink.

**4.2.2.1** THAT the Transportation and Safety Committee request Council send letters to the School Board and TransLink requesting representation on the Committee.

**M/S/C**

**4.3 SAFETY SURVEY**

Verbal report from the Director of Municipal Operations relative to the safety survey received from the City of New Westminster. The Chair observed that it would be of value to survey the community and all Committee members agreed. The Chair summarized that in principle this was a good exercise and all Committee members were requested to take the survey home and email any ideas/revisions to the Director of Municipal Operations with a report back to the next meeting.

The Chair observed that there were many mechanisms that could be used for transmission of the survey.

A Committee member observed that many corner sight lines need improving, in the City, as there are many areas that have overgrown shrubs. The Director of Municipal Operations requested that Committee members email him with any areas of concern.

**4.4 OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP) - Haven Elliot**

The Committee was advised that the first draft of the OCP is available on the City's web site and all members were encouraged to review the material on the web and provide feedback to Natalie Horn, Planner.

The Chair suggested that the OCP and Strategic Transportation Plan be better integrated and that a time frame for review be incorporated - at least once every three years review was suggested.

A Committee member suggested that a review period of at least once every three-years may be excessive and likely review could take place when development required it. The remainder of the Committee agreed that a three-year review period would be appropriate.

- 4.4.1** THAT the Transportation and Safety Committee recommends to the OCP Task Force that the Strategic Transportation Plan needs to be better integrated into the OCP through reference and that the Transportation Plan should be updated at least every three years.

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**4.5 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED**

The Director of Municipal Operations reported on planned improvements to intersections in 2007 and circulated an on table document outlining the proposed intersection improvements. The Committee was advised that the high priority items will be addressed first and the remainder of the list would be finished in the next year. Note: these improvements are separate from the traffic calming programs.

The Director of Municipal Operations spoke of the need for a mobile speed monitor unit.

- 4.5.1** THAT the Transportation and Safety Committee recommend adding \$20,000 to next year's budget for the purchase of a mobile speed reader unit to assist the Municipal Operations Department and the RCMP in speed management.

**4.6 MILLENNIUM TRAIL – Grant Meyer**

Mr. Meyer indicated that he was hoping that a stronger recommendation would be forwarded to Council regarding the extension of the Millennium Trail.

**\*6:25 p.m.** The Director of Municipal Operations departed the meeting.

A Committee member suggested that this issue should be forwarded from Council to be considered by GVRD Parks suggesting that they should start the planning because this is a regional entity.

- 4.6.1** THAT the Transportation and Safety Committee recommend that Council write to the GVRD requesting that the pedestrian walkway extension of the White Rock promenade be included as part of the update to the GVRD Regional Parks Plan (a Stanley Park type walkway) extension to Crescent Beach;

AND THAT FURTHER MORE Council place this proposal on the next agenda of the joint meeting between the City of White Rock and Surrey Councils.

**M/S/C**

**5. NEXT MEETING**

The next Committee meeting is October 17, 2007 commencing at 5:30 p.m. (this time only).

**6. CLOSURE**

The meeting was declared closed at 6:45 p.m.