

PRESENT: T. Kearney, Chairperson
B. Read, Vice Chairperson
B. Abelson
N. Emmott
M. Koropecy
T. White

NON VOTING MEMBERS: Councillor Meyer

STAFF: R. Thompson, Director, Engineering and Municipal Operations
L. Sym, Committee and Freedom of Information Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. White and Mr. Thompson were introduced to committee members.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the agenda for the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for July 5, 2011 be adopted with the addition of "Workplan Items" as item 6.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the May 3, 2011 Transportation Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CONTACT LIST (revised)

The Transportation Committee contact list was distributed for information.

4.2 SURREY RAPID TRANSIT STUDY

Several committee members attended an open house discussion regarding the Surrey Rapid Transit Study. Discussion followed about transit options that would benefit White Rock as well as the entire Peninsula. It was noted that several drawings included in the study materials did not include the City of White Rock. Development is occurring in Newton to stimulate that area's economy, and some of the transit options were planned to suit this transition. The South Surrey Park and Ride will be expanded when funding becomes available.

4.2 SURREY RAPID TRANSIT STUDY - Continued

TransLink advised Council on June 27, 2011 that they are looking at funding options, the Evergreen Line requires \$400 million. Councillor Meyer advised that he participates on the South of Fraser Community Rail Task Force and offered to circulate materials to committee members.

There will be another Surrey Rapid Transit Study open house held in the fall of 2011. The Chairperson will obtain copies of the recent Surrey Rapid Transit Study documents to be distributed to committee members.

Staff suggested a direct bus route from White Rock to Richmond could be a preferred option for travel as White Rock does not have the mass to justify an alignment route. Staff will contact Coast Mountain Bus Company about the 90 minute transfer time being exceeded. Mr. Abelson provided a shuttle schedule to staff and noted that in most cases the buses were arriving and departing at the same time, so if a passenger was early or late, the connection would be lost.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Transportation Committee approves an additional meeting be scheduled for July 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the Surrey Rapid Transit Study.

CARRIED

4.3 C52 OVERFLOWS

Staff will determine how many times C52 buses have been overflowing, noting that if members of the public can't access one bus, they have a one hour wait for the next bus. It was noted that TransLink schedules extra C52 bus trips during peak days and special occasions, and it was suggested that the City advise TransLink of upcoming events in White Rock. *(Staff Note: this has been done)*

5. COUNCIL ADOPTED MOTIONS

Adopted by Council on May 30, 2011

THAT Council:

- a) Adopts the following 2011 Workplan for the Transportation Committee:
 - Investigate a circulatory park and ride system to Marine Drive (in accordance with Strategic Plan) in partnership with City of Surrey and TransLink/Improved Uptown Downtown connection; also to connections with intercity buses stopping in South Surrey;
 - Transit connection between White Rock and Langley;
 - Coordination/communication between shuttle buses and regional buses;
 - Expanding permitted transfer time for the commute time between White Rock and downtown Vancouver from the current 90 minutes;
 - Surrey Rapid Transit Extension Proposal – Improved access to Skytrain;
 - South Surrey Park and Ride;
 - Bus loop at North Bluff and 152nd
 - Improved access to BC Ferries; and
 - Keeping up to date with rail services; and
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- b) Directs staff to deal with the following two issues with TransLink:
- 1) coordination/communications between shuttle buses and regional buses; and
 - 2) commute time between White Rock and downtown Vancouver exceeds 90 minute transfer time.

6. WORKPLAN ITEMS

Several members attended the Town Centre Design Charrette and noticed that there was very little consideration given to transit matters, including a bus loop. It was suggested that Council may want to consider transportation plans in conjunction with the Town Centre urban plan.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Transportation Committee recommends to Council that transportation options, including a potential bus loop at North Bluff and 152 Street and circulatory uptown/downtown connection, be considered in the Town Centre Master Plan.

CARRIED

It was noted that TransLink has advised that a bus route connecting White Rock to Langley has already been designed, and is on hold until funding becomes available.

The South Surrey Park and Ride is heavily used, however the size of this facility could potentially be doubled on the south west quadrant of the interchange.

Staff updated the committee on the bus layover situation at 152 Street and North Bluff Road. At the current time ICBC is quoting one accident per week at this location. Cars in the curb lane don't realize that buses stopping are still within the curb lane, so they veer left into the median lane. It was noted that it appears there is a high number of potential pedestrian accidents due to jay walking. Plans to improve this area include improving the frontage from Foster to Stayte Street. In between Foster and Johnston telephone poles are situated in the roadway, so plans include extending the sidewalk beyond the poles. Staff have contacted the owners of the mall to discuss a potential bus layover space, however haven't received any response as of yet.

Councillor Meyer met with a contact at the Cascadia Centre as well as Amtrak and learned that Amtrak will retain the current Vancouver to Seattle route without a stop in White Rock.

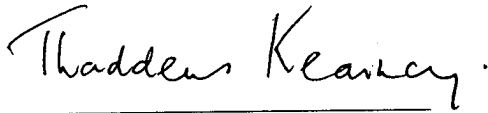
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7. NEXT MEETING

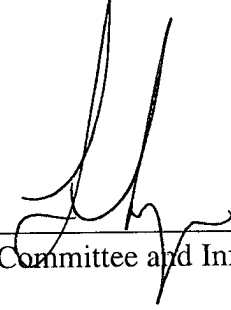
The committee has called an additional committee meeting on July 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

8. **CLOSURE**

The meeting was declared concluded at 6:00 p.m.



T. Kearney, Chairperson



L. Sym Committee and Information
Clerk