



Public Works & Transportation Committee

Date: Thursday, January 9th, 2003
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Rob Howard, Chair
Councillor Kiichi Kumagai, Vice-Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Derek Dang
Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Also Present: Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Harold Steves
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works & Transportation Committee held on Thursday, December 19th, 2002, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

At the request of the Chair, the Manager, Facilities Planning & Construction, David Naysmith, introduced the City's new Staff Architect, Ms. Mary Brunet, who had recently joined the Department from the City of Surrey. On behalf of the Committee, Councillor Howard welcomed Ms. Brunet to the City.

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

2. **RICHMOND AIRPORT VANCOUVER RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT**

(DELEGATION: Jane Bird, Project Director, Richmond Airport Vancouver Rapid Transit Project)

Councillor Howard spoke briefly about the formation of the Richmond Airport-Vancouver Rapid Transit Task Force, and introduced the following members of the Task Force who were in attendance this afternoon – Gary Cohen, Past President and a current Director of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce; Danny Leung, Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Fairchild Property Group Ltd.; and Bruce Rozenhart, President of COUNTERPOINT Communications Inc. Also introduced were the City's staff representatives – David McLellan, General Manager, Urban Development; Gordon Chan, Director of Transportation; and Council representatives Mayor Brodie and Councillors Kumagai, Steves and Howard.

The Chair then introduced Ms. Jane Bird, Project Director. Ms. Bird then gave a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview on the status of the project to the present time. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached as Schedule A and forms part of these minutes.

Discussion then ensued among Committee members and the delegation on a variety of issues relating to the project, including:

- the 'downside' to the project, such as the challenges to be faced, including the expensiveness of the project, working with several different agencies and corporate cultures, and the need to reach a consensus with these agencies on the direction to take
- the rationale for proceeding with the project as a means of dealing with increased volumes of traffic in the coming years
- the technology being considered for use and how the technology would be described in the upcoming "Request for Proposal" Call (RFPC), if at all
- the opposition of certain municipalities and cities within the Greater Vancouver Regional District to the proposed project, and how this opposition would be dealt with
- the lack of financial commitment by the Federal Government to the project
- whether the Provincial Government had agreed to contribute funding
- whether the Cambie Street corridor had been officially chosen as the route for the Vancouver portion of the proposed rapid transit line
- the proposed RFPC, and whether the proposed timeline would accommodate the proposed public consultation process and the presentation of the results of this process to the City prior to the issuance of the RFPC; and whether a consensus as to the parameters of the project would be expected prior to the issuance of the RFPC

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- the technologies developed by Bombardier for both elevated and ground level transportation systems and whether this company would be permitted to submit a proposal for each technology
- whether a presentation similar to the one given at this meeting would be made to the City of Vancouver as it was important that the consensus of the City of Vancouver was obtained
- how the transportation network for the north-east sector of the GVRD would fit with the strategy being proposed for Richmond and Vancouver
- whether it would be worthwhile to have a joint meeting with the City of Vancouver to discuss the project.

(Councillor Barnes left the meeting at 5:08 p.m., during the above discussion, and did not return.)

Advice was given during the discussion that a further presentation would be made to the City by Ms. Bird following the completion of the Project Definition Phase at the end of January of this year.

Ms. Bird was thanked for her informative presentation and she then left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:22 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Public Works & Transportation Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Thursday, January 9th, 2003.

Councillor Rob Howard
Chair

Fran J. Ashton
Executive Assistant