

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2000

Place: W.H. Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Lyn Greenhill, Chair
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Ken Johnston

Absent: Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Kiichi Kumagai

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Public Works & Transportation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 9th, 2000 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

2. STRATEGY FOR FINANCING DRAINAGE & DYKING IMPROVEMENTS

(Report: Feb. 1/00; File: 6045-08-01; REDMS 133358)

Paul Lee, Manager, Engineering Planning, reviewed the staff report. He referred to recent changes in the Municipal Act which provided the opportunity to create a fund for drainage and dyking improvements.

The Chair suggested that this issue be brought forward to the Finance Select Committee.

It was moved and seconded

(1) *That the concept of creating a dedicated drainage and dyking reserve fund be endorsed; and*

(2) *That staff prepare the necessary statutory reserve bylaw(s); and*

- (3) ***That this issue be forwarded to the Finance Select Committee for review.***

CARRIED

3. **UTILITY ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH AT & T TELECOM SERVICES COMPANY**

(Report: Feb. 4/00; File: 1000-03-005; REDMS 133243)

Paul Lee, Manager, Engineering Planning, introduced Gerrard Thomas and Dan Brabansky, representatives from AT&T Telecom Services Company.

Bill Jones, Supervisor, Infrastructure Planning, reviewed the staff report. He noted that, due to the deregulation of the CRTC, there has been an opportunity to generate revenue from the occupation of the City's valuable corridors. He advised that negotiations have been held over the last year and an agreement has been reached which will protect FCM principles and the master agreement previously agreed upon by Council.

Mr. Thomas assured Committee members that, as the former Vice-President of Operations for MetroNet and the new Vice-President of Operations for AT&T, there would be optimum communication between the recently merged companies.

It was moved and seconded

That the Utility Access Agreement with AT&T Canada Telecom Services Company (attached to the report dated February 4th, 2000 from the Director, Engineering) be approved for endorsement as it is regulated by Bylaw No. 6896 for the use of city streets by telecommunication companies.

CARRIED

4. **STEVESTON SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION BY THE DESIGN-BUILD APPROACH**

(Report: Feb. 7/00; File: 6400-01; REDMS 135000)

Steve Ono, Manager, Engineering Design and Construction, reviewed the staff report. He noted the advantages of putting together the designer and the contractor in a combined team to address the difficulties with rehabilitation of sewers in certain locations. He stated that this project was expected to come in at or under budget. He noted a number of locations which were approaching the end of their life span and gave a summary of the methodology used to determine this. He then referred to various possible cost effective solutions to the problem of sewage rehabilitation.

It was moved and seconded

That sanitary sewer main rehabilitation in the Steveston area proceed, utilizing the Design/Build approach for project procurement.

CARRIED

5. **2000 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – SOUTHDAL ROAD WATERMAIN**

(Report: Feb. 11/00; File: 6650-01; REDMS 136138)

Steve Ono, Manager, Engineering Design and Construction, reviewed the staff report. He noted that this program evolved as a result of two watermain breaks in a two-week period along Southdale Road as well as a previous history of breaks. Watermain pipe life span was based on asbestos pipe evaluation, and the Eperson Road system does not have the same history of breakage as Southdale Road. It was noted that the Manager, Water Service has a budget for minor repairs should they occur in the Eperson Road watermain.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) ***That the Eperson Road watermain replacement project (identified in the 2000 capital construction program) be deferred, and***
- (2) ***That the funding from the deferred project be reallocated to the construction of the Southdale Road watermain replacement project in 2000.***

CARRIED

6. **DRAFT TRANSLINK STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

(Report: Feb. 3/00; File: 6500-01; REDMS 130323)

Mr. Gordon Chan, Manager, Transportation, reviewed the staff report

Committee members suggested that the City strongly suggests that TransLink work with the Federal Government to redirect current federal road and fuel taxes to transportation infrastructure instead of to general revenue.

It was moved and seconded

1. ***That the overall vision and objectives of the draft TransLink Strategic Transportation Plan to enhance livability in the region through expanded transit services, roads and infrastructure, and implementation of transportation demand management measures, as outlined in the attached report from the Manager of Transportation, be supported.***
2. ***That Council request TransLink to address the following issues in the completion and implementation of the various components of the draft Plan:***
 - a) ***The study of the Richmond-Vancouver rapid transit line in 2001, involving full participation of Richmond City Council, staff and public, should include the identification of recommended options for alignment and technology, which can be implemented before 2010.***
 - b) ***The Richmond-Vancouver rapid transit line should be taken into consideration in the planning of the Broadway West rapid transit line and the future use of the Arbutus rail corridor.***
 - c) ***The introduction of "Express Bus" routes including the Richmond/Metrotown and Richmond/Surrey connections,***

continued improvement of service between Richmond and UBC, and the expansion in "City Bus" services to improve cross-town access to local Richmond destinations should be considered as high priority initiatives.

- d) *The draft Plan should ensure that sufficient funding is provided for the completion of the #98 B-Line with median bus lane operations on No. 3 Road by the end of 2000, without reducing the scope of improvements developed jointly by TransLink and Richmond.*
- e) *The introduction of "Community Shuttle" services in Richmond for application in the City Centre and various local neighbourhoods with the first application in 2001 and subsequent service expansions in other areas in Richmond should be included in the draft Plan.*
- f) *Adequate resources should be allocated in the draft Plan to ensure the full implementation of the Richmond Area Transit Plan within the next five years, including improvements to regional connections and accessibility to local destinations, and introduction of community bus services.*
- g) *TransLink and municipal staff should continue to work together to update the Richmond component of the MRN to reflect changes in land use and travel demand, and to modify the MRN to address elements that may not be appropriate for municipal jurisdiction, such as the Knight Street corridor in Richmond.*
- h) *The "Strategic Road Network" proposed in the Plan should also include: the major upgrade of the Steveston Interchange to address capacity and safety concerns and to protect the integrity of the Highway 99 system; and the replacement of the Moray Channel Bridge or its permanent closure to high vessel passage to ensure operational efficiency of the #98 B-Line and general traffic flow to/from the Vancouver International Airport.*
- i) *TransLink should work with municipal and provincial staff to establish the proposed bicycle program and to provide funding for the expansion of the municipal cycling infrastructure to ensure continuity between adjacent municipal and provincial bicycle networks.*
- j) *Further examination of the transportation pricing measures proposed in the draft Plan should be carried out with the inclusion of other alternative measures to ensure that the overall transportation demand management objectives are achieved.*
- k) *That the City of Richmond strongly suggests that TransLink work with the Federal Government to redirect current federal*

road and fuel taxes to transportation infrastructure instead of general revenue.

3. *That Council's endorsement of the above matters related to the draft TransLink Strategic Transportation Plan be conveyed to the Chair of the TransLink Board of Directors.*

CARRIED

7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

(a) **TransLink Transportation Plan**

Gordon Chan, Manager, Transportation, advised that there were 500 residents in attendance at a public information session held at the Richmond Centre. He stated that there was a need to work on the RapidBus project to provide more clarification. He referred to the necessity of public education once construction is underway and suggested that the bus service be offered free of charge for the first week or so. He noted that there will be a further public information meeting in April to present the final Plan.

(b) **Access to Ecowaste Landfill**

Paul Lee, Manager, Engineering Planning, distributed a map indicating a proposed Blundell Road Access to Ecowaste / Richmond landfill site. He advised that Ecowaste have approached the City with a request for an alternative access north of its site. Alternative accesses considered were Sidaway or No. 6 Roads. Reference was made for the necessity of public process for this use. Staff had noted that both the suggested roadways were in very poor condition and that the widths were not appropriate. Staff requested direction from the Public Works & Transportation Committee as the applicants have requested to attend as a delegation at the next meeting.

Mr. Lee advised that a report would be submitted to the next Committee meeting, outlining issues and making recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded,
That the meeting adjourn (4:32 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Wednesday, February 23, 2000.

Councillor Lyn Greenhill
Chair

Susan Kopeschny
Administrative Assistant