

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Place: W.H. Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Lyn Greenhill, Chair
Councillor Derek Dang
Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt

Absent: Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Kiichi Kumagai

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

The agenda was varied to place Broadway/Lougheed Phase II Rapid Transit Study – Issues Related to Planning of Vancouver-Richmond Rapid Transit Line as Item No. 7.

1. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Public Works & Transportation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2000 be adopted with the following amendment to Item 2, to delete part 3 of the recommendation.

CARRIED

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

2. RICHMOND AREA TRANSIT PLAN – PROPOSED TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT CONCEPTS AND OUTCOME OF SECOND ROUND OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

(Report: Feb. 22/00; File: 6480-01; REDMS 137842)

Gordon Chan, Manager, Transportation, reviewed the staff report. He advised that the proposed transit service concepts had been presented at two public events. He noted that the public had expressed concern regarding local transit services and felt service to UBC, Metrotown, and Surrey Centre should be first priority. A fixed-route type of service within the City Centre was favoured. It was advised that further comments would be published shortly in a report.

Gary Abrams, of the Richmond Area Transit Plan Public Advisory Committee, was in attendance to answer questions from the Committee. He advised that he spoke as a citizen as the Advisory Committee had not met since February. He stated that he attended both public meetings and was fully supportive of what the City has accomplished. He further stated that he was pleased with the plans TransLink has made for integration of the Rapidbus at the end of the year and proposed new routes and alterations to existing routes.

Mayor Halsey-Brandt commended staff for the excellent detail of the attached maps. Mr. Chan advised that this information will be submitted to Council this Monday for their comment and consideration.

Upon questioning, Mr. Chan advised that the proposed service would be monitored on an ongoing basis.

Mr. Abrams thanked the City for the opportunity to take part in this very interesting process.

It was moved and seconded

1. ***That the proposed transit service improvement concepts, as presented to the public in the second round of public consultation process and outlined in the attached report from the Manager of Transportation, be endorsed to be carried forward for further evaluation to determine implementation priorities in developing the first draft of the Richmond Area Transit Plan.***
2. ***That staff be directed to report back to Council on the implementation strategy of the recommended components of transit improvements for Richmond over the next five years upon completion of the first draft of the Richmond Area Transit Plan.***

CARRIED

3. **INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT MINORU BOULEVARD AND ELMBRIDGE WAY – FOLLOW-UP REPORT**

(Report: Feb. 22/00; File: 6450-08; REDMS 137896)

Gordon Chan, Manager, Transportation reviewed the staff report. He advised that, as per the recommendation from the Committee, the median opening on Minoru Boulevard at Firbridge Way had been monitored. Staff have recommended that this be retained.

It was moved and seconded,

1. ***That the median opening on Minoru Boulevard at Firbridge Way be retained at this time, as concluded in the attached report from the Manager of Transportation regarding the traffic conditions resulting from the recent improvements at the intersection of Minoru Boulevard and Elmbridge Way.***
2. ***That staff continue to monitor the operation of the intersection of Minoru Boulevard and Firbridge Way and report back to Council should circumstances require that further actions be taken on this matter.***

CARRIED

4. **USE OF BLUNDELL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY BY ECOWASTE INDUSTRIES LTD. – NO. 6 ROAD/SAVAGE ROAD AREA**

(Report: Feb. 24/00; File: 1000-14-034; REDMS 138637)

Jeff Day, Director, Engineering, provided an update to the Committee. He gave a brief overview of the current status of applicant. He noted staff had reviewed information provided by Ecowaste which included roadway evaluation and truck counts, and do not feel enough information had been provided. Staff had recommended that a public information session take place and a traffic impact study developed.

Applicant, Kabel Atwall of Ecowaste Industries, was in attendance to make a presentation to the Committee. He provided some background information and referred to the impact of the relationship between recreational and industrial traffic in the area of Silver City. He noted previous discussions with the City regarding alternate accesses and referenced the alternate roadways. He stated that Ecowaste's preference was No. 7 Road but that the City preferred Blundell Road. He advised that they were willing to pay their share of the cost of the traffic studies but felt that the City should contribute to the traffic study, as this affects not only their development. If Blundell Road was opened up to the industrial lands and Highway 99, there would be a much broader area affected by opening up the access. Mr. Atwall suggested that public information meetings should be required after the traffic study in order to give direction and that the City should set up and promote these meetings. Mr. Atwall commented that Ecowaste was having to do this work and review its access as a result of traffic and displacement from Triangle Road.

Stewart Somerville, of Ecowaste Industries, advised that truck traffic has been relatively constant in this area over the years. Upon query, Mr. Somerville commented on the problem on Triangle Road with traffic from Silver City.

The Applicants stated that they were willing to consider other options for access to the site and noted that a peak day would have 300 trucks over a 10-hour period with the bulk of the traffic occurring in the morning.

Mr. Chan noted that there were no site line restrictions at the bend in Triangle Road and the access to the recreation complex, and that there was no history of accidents at this site.

It was moved and seconded

That staff report back on the use of No. 7 Road by Ecowaste Industries as an alternative access route and that staff review the intersection of Triangle Road and access to the recreation complex to identify any possible improvements.

CARRIED

5. **TENDER NO. T. 1517 – UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION FOR BC HYDRO – NO. 3 ROAD FROM FIRBRIDGE WAY TO CAMBIE ROAD**

(Report: Feb. 24/00; File: 0775-20-T1S17; REDMS 137476)

Jeff Day, Director, Engineering, reviewed the staff report. He advised that this item has been allocated in the capital budget.

It was moved and seconded

It is recommended that Tender T.1517, closing on March 14, 2000, be awarded to the lowest qualified tender, subject to the total cost of the project being within the budget approved by Council.

CARRIED

6. **SERVICING PROPOSAL FOR THE NO. 5 ROAD INSTITUTIONAL PROPERTIES**

(Report: Jan. 20/00, File: 6340-01, REDMS 131167)

Jeff Day, Director, Engineering, reviewed the staff report. He stated that the above proposal had been reviewed and that he had become aware of a letter from Francis Wong of No. 5 Road Assembly Group which stated that it was possible to reduce costs by \$250,000 by constructing only one pumping station.

Mr. Day advised that it was difficult to comment on this proposal at this time pending further information from a consultant. Assuming this would work, it would then be necessary to upgrade the forcemain on Shell Road as this would not have the required capacity. Mr. Day provided further explanation of the process. It was noted that funds for the sewer forcemain would come from the capital budget.

Mr. Wong was not in attendance to address questions from the Committee.

Kai Lok, of Karley Management, Project Manager for the proposed project, clarified that Francis Wong wished to proceed with their portion of the work at this time and save \$250,000 and noted that the Lingyen Mountain Temple would front end the funding. It was further noted that this project could be phased over time.

Mr. Day advised that, although technically feasible, the idea of having one pumping station may cause difficulties with long term maintenance and thus prove to be more expensive.

It was moved and seconded

That Council:

- 1. Accept Lingyen Mountain Temple's proposal to finance the Shell Road oversizing, Williams Road pump station and gravity sewer along their frontage; and***
- 2. Direct staff to identify the required funding in year 2001 of the 5-year capital plan required to construct the forcemain on Shell Road.***

CARRIED

7. **BROADWAY/LOUGHEED PHASE II RAPID TRANSIT STUDY – ISSUES RELATED TO PLANNING OF VANCOUVER-RICHMOND RAPID TRANSIT LINE**

(Report: Feb.29/00, File: 6520-02-01 REDMS 138773)

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

Mayor Halsey-Brandt commented that he attended the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting for the GVRD and that the issue of transit in the Broadway area had been discussed.

It was moved and seconded

1. ***That in the planning and design of the Broadway/Lougheed Phase II Rapid Transit Project, the City of Vancouver and TransLink be requested to support:***
 - (a) ***Adopting a rail technology (Skytrain or LRT) for the Broadway West corridor; and that the link be extended at least to Arbutus Street;***
 - (b) ***Making provision in the planning and design of the Broadway West rapid transit line to accommodate future direct rail-to-rail connections with the Vancouver-Richmond rapid transit line on key potential corridors (i.e. Cambie Street and Arbutus Street).***
2. ***That Council re-iterate the importance of retaining the Arbutus corridor as a transportation corridor for the possible future development of a rapid transit line between Vancouver and Richmond.***
3. ***That Vancouver City Council and TransLink be requested to involve the City of Richmond in the planning process for the Broadway/Lougheed - Phase II Rapid Transit Project and on other aspects of the project which may have an impact on the planning and design of the Vancouver-Richmond rapid transit line.***
4. ***That the above resolutions be forwarded to the Rapid Transit Project office, TransLink, and Vancouver City Council.***

CARRIED

8. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Gordon Chan, Manager, Transportation, referred to a memo concerning an open house held last week regarding the Transportation Strategic Plan. He summarized what was said at the open house, stating that three residents spoke, expressing concern regarding the idea of transfers. A total of eighteen residents spoke at this event.

Eric Gilfillan, Director, Operations advised that the existing snow pack in the Fraser Basin area was at or slightly below normal, far below volumes from last year. He then referenced other areas which were all below normal for this time of year.

Mayor Halsey-Brandt expressed concern regarding recent complaints regarding the lighting at the golf driving range at Richmond Golf Centre. A brief discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded,
That the meeting adjourn (5:01 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, March 8, 2000.

Councillor Lyn Greenhill
Chair

Susan Kopeschny
Administrative Assistant