

## Public Works and Transportation Committee

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2000

Place: W.H. Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall

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

Absent: 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, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2000 be adopted as circulated.***  
**CARRIED**

### DELEGATIONS

### 2. RICHMOND AUTO MALL – PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Gail Terry, General Manager, Richmond Auto Mall, Gary Cowell, Jonathan Losee, and Steve Knoblauch, of Ram Construction were in attendance to make a presentation to the Committee.

Ms. Terry introduced the above delegates to the Committee. Mr. Cowell presented a brief background history of the Richmond Auto Mall, noting that he had done research and worked with Council to develop design guidelines. As a result of public and member input, it was concluded that upgrading and beautification was required.

Consultant, Mr. Steve Knoblauch, reviewed the proposed changes to the Richmond Auto Mall using site plans and an aerial photograph of the Mall. He noted the location of the property line of the Mall on the site plan. Permanent precast perimeter fencing was proposed, with a yellow band running along the

top. He referred to the irregularity of the fence line and the need to lease additional property to complete the fencing plan. They were currently in the permit approval stage of refurbishing the signage for the Mall.

Mr. Losee, Landscape Architect, provided an analysis of the proposed landscaping which softens and simplifies the present material. He referred to the island off Jacombs Road, which would be re-landscaped, and the yellow band introduced as an identifying logo. Upgrading would also take place at the areas where new signs were proposed. Paving stones would be removed and replaced with stamped concrete on City property with its permission. The desire to place turning lanes at the entrance at Jacombs Road and Smallwood Place was noted. A traffic study was proposed to be performed at this site and at Jacombs Road at Westminster Highway.

Gail Terry clarified the requests of the Richmond Auto Mall: approval to install fencing; ability to upgrade the perimeter of the fencing; to acquire land on long term lease or by purchase.

In response to a query from the Chair, Mr. Losee advised that concrete was chosen as a fencing material to assist in maintenance; due to the unstable soil bases along the perimeter and provides a contemporary image to the Mall. It was further advised that this would be 7 ft. in height, in panels with a grid, broken up with plain panels, and barbwire situated at the backside of the fence.

Ms. Terry explained that they were seeking the support of the Committee to expedite acquisition of the proposed property due to timing issues, as the fencing required to be installed prior to September due to soil conditions.

Mr. Chuck Gale, General Manager, Engineering & Public Works, advised that negotiations were currently ongoing with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways as to whether or not the property in question would remain within the City's jurisdiction and that results were expected in approximately a month's time.

It was moved and seconded

***That the application by the Richmond Auto Mall to lease the property at the south and east side of the Mall be referred to staff to work with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways to identify appropriate solutions***  
**CARRIED**

### 3. **11000 BLOCK GRANVILLE AVENUE**

Steve Ono, Manager, Engineering Design and Construction, gave a brief history of the issue of the filling of ditches located in the 11000 Block of Granville Avenue. He advised that plans had been made to infill the ditch on the south side and that area residents had wanted concurrent ditch infill for the north side. He explained that, due to budgetary constraints, the north side was not considered as high a priority as other areas in Richmond and had been identified in the 5-year program for 2004 or 2005. In response to queries from the Chair, Mr. Ono explained that the cost for the north ditch would include an additional \$380,000 due to replacing an existing watermain. He clarified that some savings would take place with common excavation and that the permanent watermain had been planned to be concurrent with the ditch infill.

Steve Ono advised that they had met with residents at the site this morning to provide further information and that design guidelines were available for perusal.

Gerry Zadra, of 11171 Granville Avenue, was in attendance to express his concerns and submitted a petition from neighbourhood residents regarding the filling of the north side ditch at the same time as the south side (a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's office). Mr. Zadra noted the smell of septic run-off in the area, annual flooding of homes on the north side, the fact that the ditch is caving in along the length of the street, the inability to park on the north side of the street, safety issues due to lack of lighting.

Jorgen Thorsen, of 11291 Granville Avenue, agreed with the previous speaker and noted that the north side of the street was caving in more than the south, making this a safety issue. He stated that the CNR should be responsible for cleaning their ditch and expressed frustration that nothing was being done to drain this area.

Ned Matharu, of 11371 Granville Avenue, advised that he had lived here for 8 years and had been inconvenienced many times due to breakage of water lines. He referred to the bandage approach to water line repair which, probably had cost a third of the cost for replacement. He encouraged Committee members to consider repairing both sides and to re-evaluate the cost of the project and methods of funding.

Gerry Schaper, of 11611 Granville Avenue, stated that the City had a responsibility to provide adequate drainage for homes. He referred to constant flooding of homes on the north side of the street and encouraged the City to utilize synergies for the consideration of the residents.

Ikiko Nikoro, resident of Granville Avenue, resides at the corner of the railway on the north side of Granville Avenue, and expressed concern regarding the large number of rats found in the ditch and the resultant odour.

Mr. Ono advised that the construction for the south side of Granville Avenue was out to tender at present but that no tenders had been awarded for 2000 Construction Program Drainage Projects. Mr. Day noted that the tender would close on April 17<sup>th</sup> and, that there was a 60-day time buffer to review options prior to expiration of the tender. Mr. Ono referred to the plan for a dedicated planning group which would develop long term plans over the coming years and would result in a comprehensive prioritised list of projects that would address issues.

An area resident, an engineer, advised that the cost would be less if both ditches were infilled concurrently.

It was moved and seconded

***That staff prepare a report to the next meeting of Public Works & Transportation, which would:***

- (a) review the order of priority of the ditch infill projects currently approved in the 2000 capital plan for funding;***
- (b) identify options to accomplish infill of the north side ditch along the 11000 block of Granville Avenue in 2000; and***

- (c) ***identify impacts to the 2000 capital plan if the north side ditch along the 11000 block of Granville Avenue is completed in 2000.***

**CARRIED**

4. **RICHMOND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – SUMMARY OF 1999 ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROPOSED YEAR 2000 INITIATIVES**

(Report: Mar. 7/00; File: 0100-20-TSAD1-01; REDMS: 140542)

Victor Wei, reviewed the staff report. He listed the achievements of the Committee and formally requested that the proposed initiatives for the year 2000 be endorsed. Reference was made to the formulation of educational brochures to educate drivers/parents to drive safely; innovations; the development of customised signs. Further reference was made to potential partnerships with other organizations.

It was moved and seconded

1. ***That the proposed Year 2000 initiatives for the Richmond Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, as outlined in the attached report (dated March 7, 2000 from the Manager of Transportation), be endorsed.***
2. ***That staff be directed to report back to Council on the results of the proposed Year 2000 initiatives for the Richmond Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.***

**CARRIED**

<b>FINANCE &amp; CORPORATE SERVICES</b>
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5. **PARKING OFF-STREET REGULATION BYLAW NO. 7094**

(Report: Mar. 15/00; File: 8060-20-7094; REDMS: 139928, 118077)

Sandra Tokarczyk, Manager, Property Use & Administration, presented the above bylaw for the consideration of Committee members.

Richard McKenna, City Clerk, observed that the proposed bylaw had been modernized and that there were no major changes.

Mr. Doug Newton, Bylaw Enforcement, provided clarification of Part Seven of Bylaw No. 7094, under Interpretation – Parking Permit, (a) temporary parking permit.

It was moved and seconded

- That Parking (Off-Street) Regulation Bylaw No. 7094, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.***

**CARRIED**

**URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

6. **TRANSLINK'S 2000 PROGRAM PLAN – FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON INTRODUCTION OF BUS SERVICE OPERATIONS ON CITY CENTRE ROADS**

(Report Mar. 17/00; File: 6480-01; REDMS: 144366)

Victor Wei, Transportation Engineer, presented the staff report.

It was moved and seconded

1. ***That the use of the following roadways for new bus services as outlined in the proposed TransLink 2000 Program Plan be endorsed:***

- (a) Cooney Road - Cook Road to Lansdowne Road;***
- (b) Kwantlen Street - Lansdowne Road to Alderbridge Way;***
- (c) No. 4 Road - Alderbridge Way to Cambie Road;***
- (d) Westminster Highway - No. 3 Road to Cooney Road;***
- (e) Lansdowne Road - No. 3 Road to Garden City Road;***
- (f) Alderbridge Way - Kwantlen Street to No. 4 Road; and***
- (g) Capstan Way - Sexsmith Road to No. 3 Road.***

2. ***That staff be directed to install bus stops to support the introduction of new bus service on the roads described above at a cost of approximately \$50,000, with the source of funds being the 2000 Capital Budget - Richmond Transit Infrastructure Program.***

**CARRIED**

7. **SAFETY TIPS FOR HAND-CYCLING ON ROADWAYS**

(Report: Mar. 13/00; FILE: 6450-09; REDMS: 116014)

Victor Wei, Transportation Engineer, reviewed the staff report, as requested by Council in September 1999. The proposed leaflet was submitted for comment and review.

Tegan Smith, Transportation Planning Analysis, explained that the jargon used was chosen in the interest of consistency, as this was utilized by the Rick Hansen Foundation.

It was moved and seconded

***That the information leaflet entitled: "Safety Tips for Hand-Cycling on Roadways", as presented in the attached report (dated March 13, 2000 from the Manager of Transportation), with an additional picture of a hand cycle, be endorsed for distribution by the City to hand-cyclists through various community groups and organizations.***

**CARRIED**

6. **RICHVIEW GOLF CENTRE – 5700 DHILLON WAY**

(Report: Mar. 28/00; File: 6450-09; REDMS: 144919)

Alan Clark, Manager, Zoning, advised that staff had been referring all complaints regarding the Richview Golf Centre to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

It was moved and seconded

1. ***That staff be instructed to work actively with the property owners and the Department of Highways to achieve a viable and satisfactory solution to the golf range lighting problems, and to report back to Committee when resolved.***
2. ***That staff be instructed to bring forward, through the Planning Committee, amendments to the Zoning and Development Bylaw 5300 as it relates to screening to mask or separate uses.***

**CARRIED**

<b>ENGINEERING &amp; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION</b>
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7. **ENGINEERING PLANNING STRATEGY 2000**

(Report: Mar.6/00; File: 0340-20-PWOR1; REDMS: 129217)

Paul Lee, Manager, Engineering Planning, explained that the submitted staff report outlined a blueprint for a work program for the next two to three years which would support the commitment made by Council for long range planning. He summarized the strategy and noted the process involved in developing a model, using simulation and determining impact. The majority of the work would be done by staff with limited use of consultants and would result in a draft infrastructure Master plan. Mr. Lee presented copies of Master Plans from other municipalities for the information of Committee members.

It was moved and seconded

***That the report (dated March 6, 2000 from the Manager, Engineering Planning), entitled "Engineering Planning Strategy 2000" be received for information.***

**CARRIED**

8. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Victor Wei, Transportation Engineer, suggested that the City of Richmond challenge another municipality such as Delta in the upcoming Community Challenge and will formally present a report to the Committee for their consideration.

Mr. Wei noted that the Vancouver Airport Authority will hold a public information session on the McLennan Avenue improvements this week. A report will be brought back to the next meeting to provide information on what can be done to minimize the impact.

Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt advised that he had received a letter from the BCTFA informing him that the grant from the Provincial Federal Infrastructure Works Program to complete the west to north on ramp at the Steveston interchange had been extended by one year to March 31, 2001.

Eric Gilfillan, Director, Operations, advised that flusher trucks were being utilized on a regular basis and noted the schedule for its use.

Mr. Gilfillan advised that staff were currently awaiting the latest information from the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the City of Surrey on water meters and will report back to the Committee on this issue.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded,  
***That the meeting adjourn (5:28 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, April 5, 2000.

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Councillor Lyn Greenhill  
Chair

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Susan Kopeschny  
Administrative Assistant