



Planning Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2002
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Bill McNulty, Chair
Councillor Lyn Greenhill, Vice-Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Harold Steves
Also Present: Councillor Rob Howard – Items 1-3
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 Planning Committee held on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

2. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday, **July 3, 2002**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

DELEGATIONS

3. *Mr. J. Carline, Chief Administrative Officer, Greater Vancouver Regional District, to present an update on the GVRD's Sustainable Region Initiative.*
Mr. Carline formally introduced the Greater Vancouver Sustainable Region Initiative to the Committee. A copy of the presentation is attached as Schedule 1 and forms a part of these minutes.

A discussion ensued on the following:

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- how to make the GVRD more recognizable to its citizens;
- that without a co-operative and collective view among the GVRD municipalities there will not be a sustainable future;
- a suggestion that the GVRD make partners of its unions;
- that consideration would be given to the implementation of a kitchen table package and mall presentations;
- that youth involvement in the initiative was an important factor;
- a suggestion was made for a "Sustainability Day" which would bring organizations together;

It was moved and seconded

That the Greater Vancouver Sustainable Region Initiative be referred to staff for consideration of how best to engage the community in the initiative.

CARRIED

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

4. **BUSINESS REGULATION BYLAW 7148
AMENDMENT BYLAW 7390**

(Report: May 30/02, File No.: 8060-20-7390) (REDMS No. 726285, 726263)

The Manager, Zoning, Alan Clark, briefly reviewed the report.

It was moved and seconded

That Bylaw 7390 which amends Schedule A of Business Regulation Bylaw 7148 to include unit 7 – 8280 Lansdowne Road among the geographic areas in which a video arcade may operate, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

5. **DRAINAGE PLANS**

(Report: May 30/02, File No.: 8060-20-7313/7314/7317/7318/7325/7326) (REDMS No. 719987, 566065, 600314)

The Manager, Development Applications, Joe Erceg, briefly reviewed the report. Siu Tse, Project Engineer, was also present, and, in response to questions, said that flow monitoring in the area had indicated that the Shell Road ditch was not being used to full capacity at this time. The monitoring thus far had involved the major trunk roads and that detailed inspections of interior roads, such as Aintree, had not yet been completed. Mr. Tse also said that run off from new development cannot exceed what is allowed under current zoning.

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It was moved and seconded

That Bylaws:

- 7313 for 10571 Williams Road;
- 7314 for 11171 and 11191 Williams Road;
- 7317 for 11231 Williams Road;
- 7318 for 11671 Williams Road;
- 7325 for 10091 Williams Road; and
- 7326 for 11271 Williams Road

for rezoning from Single Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E), to Single Family Housing District, Subdivision Area K (R1/K), be forwarded to Public Hearing.

CARRIED

6. **APPLICATION BY GURPARWIN GILL TO REZONE THE FRONT PORTION OF 7591 HEATHER STREET FROM SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA F (R1/F) TO SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA E (R1/E)**
(RZ 02-205367; Report: May 22/02, File No.: 8060-20-7380) (REDMS No. 722333, 723221)

The Manager, Development Applications, Joe Erceg, reviewed the report. Suzanne Carter-Huffman, Planner, was also present.

It was moved and seconded

That Bylaw No. 7380, for the rezoning of the front portion of 7591 Heather Street from “Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area F (R1/F)” to “Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)”, be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED

7. **APPLICATION BY RICHARD FLEMING FOR REZONING AT 8220 ST. ALBANS FROM SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA E (R1/E) TO TWO-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT (R5)**
(Report: May 15/02, File No.: 8060-20-7383) (REDMS No. 718024, 724189)

The Manager, Development Applications, Joe Erceg, reviewed the report.

It was moved and seconded

That Bylaw No. 7383, for the rezoning of 8220 St. Albans from “Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)” to “Two-Family Housing District (R5)”, be introduced and given first reading.

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8. **APPLICATION BY CHARLES SCOTT FOR REZONING AT 6340, 6360, AND 6380 COONEY ROAD FROM TOWNHOUSE DISTRICT (R2) TO COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (CD/121)**
(RZ 02-203282 - Report: May 24/02, File No.: 8060-20-7382/89) (REDMS No. 724247, 726231, 724290, 726224)

The Manager, Development Applications, Joe Erceg, and Suzanne Carter-Huffman, Planner, were present to answer questions.

Ms. Carter-Huffman, in response to a questions, said that i) the amendments to the off-street parking requirements for CD/121 were required when it was recognized that the zone could be used on multiple sites. The initial CD/121 zone contained parking requirements specific to the initial development. For future uses of the CD/121 zone staff wanted to ensure that typical parking requirements would be met; ii) no specific guidelines for overhangs existed. The design, which would be subject to the Development Permit review, presented a more urban look that fits with the high rise buildings in the area; and, iii) standards for boulevard installations are applied throughout the City.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That Bylaw No. 7382, to amend the off-street parking requirements in "Comprehensive Development District (CD/121)" to make them consistent with Richmond's standards for multiple-family residential development, be introduced and given first reading.*
- (2) *That Bylaw No. 7389, for the rezoning of 6340, 6360, and 6380 Cooney Road from "Townhouse District (R2)" to "Comprehensive Development District (CD/121)", be introduced and given first reading.*

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9. **APPLICATION BY GARY COX FOR REZONING AT 8071 AND 8091 NO. 1 ROAD FROM SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA E (R1/E) TO SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA K (R1/K)**

APPLICATION BY RAV BAINS FOR REZONING AT 8151 NO. 1 ROAD FROM SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA E (R1/E) TO SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA K (R1/K)

APPLICATION BY MANFRED FAST FOR REZONING AT 9291 AND 9311 NO. 1 ROAD FROM SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA E (R1/E) TO SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA K (R1/K)

APPLICATION BY LES COHEN & AZIM BHIMANI FOR REZONING AT 9331 NO. 1 ROAD FROM SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA E (R1/E) TO SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA K (R1/K)

(RZ 02-203799/203900/204025/203891 – Report: May 29/02, File No.: 8060-20-7384/85/86/87)
(REDMS No. 693281)

The Manager, Development Applications, Joe Erceg, reviewed the report.

A discussion ensued which included the following: i) that a letter would be sent out to the policy area as part of an abbreviated lot size policy review; ii) that no particular requirements pertaining to child care were part of the project.

The Manager, Policy Planning, Terry Crowe, said that a report was currently being prepared on development contributions to such areas as child care and affordable housing etc. Mr. Crowe also said that the Child Care Needs Assessment report would be presented to Committee in July.

Mr. Gary Cox, 8091 No. 1 Road, with the note that he had split the cost of the rezoning application with his neighbours, said that he had no plans to subdivide his property at this time. In agreement that the child care issue was important, Mr. Cox said he would be willing to make a contribution to the fund if required.

Mr. Les Cohen expressed his concerns over the number of costs associated with the rezoning application, and the affects of those costs on the development of affordable housing.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That Bylaw No. 7385, for the rezoning of 8071 and 8091 No. 1 Road from “Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)” to “Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area K (R1/K)”, be introduced and given first reading.*

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- (2) *That Bylaw No. 7386, for the rezoning of 8151 No. 1 Road from “Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)” to “Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area K (R1/K)”, be introduced and given first reading.*
- (3) *That Lot Size Policy 5452, adopted by Council in January 1993, be forwarded to Public Hearing and amended to exclude those properties fronting the west side of No. 1 Road between Francis and Williams Roads as shown on Attachment 5 to the report dated May 29, 2002 from the Manager, Development Applications.*
- (4) *That Bylaw No. 7387, for the rezoning of 9291 and 9311 No. 1 Road from “Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)” to “Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area K (R1/K)”, be introduced and given first reading.*
- (5) *That Bylaw No. 7384, for the rezoning of 9331 No. 1 Road from “Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)” to “Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area K (R1/K)”, be introduced and given first reading.*

Prior to the question being called further discussion ensued on developer contributions to social programs. Mr. Erceg said that due to the relatively small nature of the subject applications staff had not approached the applicants for contributions. The question was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

10. **APPLICATION BY STEVE EWERT FOR REZONING AT 7371 AND 7391 LINDSAY ROAD FROM SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA H (R1/H) TO SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA B (R1/B)**
(RZ 02-203973; Report: May 29/02, File No.: 8060-20-7388) (REDMS No. 727647)

The Manager, Development Applications, Joe Erceg, reviewed the report and, in response to a question, said that the replacement of existing trees would be part of the servicing agreement for the project.

It was moved and seconded

That Bylaw No. 7388, for the rezoning of 7371 and 7391 Lindsay Road from “Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area H (R1/H)” to “Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area B (R1/B)”, be introduced and given first reading.

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11. **BUILDING APPROVALS DEPARTMENT LEVELS OF SERVICE**
(Report: June 7/02, File No.: 0340-20-UDEV1) (REDMS No. 725905)

The report was referred to the July 3, 2002 meeting of the Planning Committee.

12. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

There were no reports.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:20 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, June 18, 2002.

Councillor Bill McNulty
Chair

Deborah MacLennan
Administrative Assistant

THE GVRD'S SUSTAINABLE REGION INITIATIVE

MAY 2002

A sustainable region in a better world.

That is what the GVRD's Sustainable Region Initiative is seeking. What kind of Greater Vancouver do we want? And is it sustainable? Will the legacy we leave to our children and our children's children be one of enduring prosperity, social well being and environmental health?

Or are we using up the natural, social and economic capital they will need in the future?

Through public workshops, seminars and conferences, the GVRD has begun discussions around what the Vancouver of the future residents of this region want.

It is clear that we can no longer afford to deal with economic, environmental and social issues in isolation from each other—so that the solutions to one set of issues become problems for the others. Nor can we afford to ignore the long-term consequences of our actions. At the heart of the Sustainable Region Initiative is the belief that we must deal with the issues of today in a way that keeps all three perspectives—economic, environmental and social—in focus all the time. And in dealing with those issues, we must do so in a way that ensures the solutions for today's problems also leave a better world for future generations to enjoy.

What does that mean in practice? That is one of the things the Sustainable Region Initiative seeks to discover. But as examples, it could encompass a regional economic development strategy that also gives explicit consideration to environmental and social goals. It might also include an

arts and culture strategy that seeks to be a generator of economic growth, and an environmental stewardship strategy that is founded on local community partnerships and has an eye open for eco-tourism opportunities.

However, the Sustainable Region Initiative is not directed solely towards new plans and strategies. Plans and strategies are important, but the initiative will also pursue sustainability practices like 'green buildings', and sustainability tools like 'triple bottom line analysis', and on the ground projects like pollution prevention and energy

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What is sustainability?

'Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.'

—World Commission on Environment and Development (1987)

'Sustainability means living and managing our activities in a way that balances social, economic, environmental and institutional considerations to meet our needs and those of future generations.'

—Fraser Basin Council Charter for Sustainability

'To be sustainable, development must improve economic efficiency, protect and restore ecological systems, and enhance the well-being of all peoples.'

—International Institute for Sustainable Development

'We are now at the stage of knowing it's not a question of whether we should embrace sustainability, but how.'

—GVRD Chair George Puil

Sustainable Region Initiative Partnerships:

United Way of the Lower Mainland

There is growing evidence that our economic well-being is dependent on our social well-being. Building communities and social capital has undeniable long-term payoffs.

There is a clear link between social infrastructure and our future prosperity—businesses cannot prosper where basic health and social services are not assured, where the arts do not flourish, and where children cannot play safely.

Business Council of British Columbia

Building a more prosperous economy in the lower mainland is critical in moving toward a sustainable region—a region that offers attractive employment opportunities to area residents, and that provides the diverse tax base necessary to fund high quality public infrastructure and services. The Business Council of B.C. sees the GVRD's Sustainable Region Initiative as a welcome opportunity to address the need for economic development in the region, while also ensuring that the environmental and social dimensions of sustainability are not overlooked.

FRASER BASIN COUNCIL

Integrating social, economic and environmental considerations into decision-making as well as encouraging collaboration across a broad range of interests is critical to Greater Vancouver becoming a more sustainable region.

SmartGrowthBC

Smart growth is about the practical application of sustainability. It is about bringing together key issues of growth management, transportation, housing, containment of sprawl, local economic development and environmental integrity through a meaningful community involvement process that engages citizens, local government, community groups and business, resulting in meaningful plans that create more livable communities. The SRI offers us all an opportunity to achieve those goals within the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

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conservation at regional utility plants, to ensure that the initiative has early practical consequences.

Can the GVRD and its member municipalities achieve all this by themselves? Not a chance!

Government alone cannot deliver a sustainable region, and even in terms of the things government can achieve, much lies outside the mandate of the GVRD. That is why the GVRD is stressing the concept of partnership in pursuing the Sustainable Region Initiative.

The GVRD will, of course, work to obtain the cooperation of Federal, Provincial and local governments in this endeavor. It has already reached out beyond the public sector to involve representative organizations from business, environmental and social interest groups in the first phase of this initiative.

These organizations have recognized the critical need to work towards a common strategy that goes beyond mere personal interest, and that addresses the diverse needs of our communities in an integrated way. They are working with the GVRD to bring people together in developing that strategy. We expect many other groups will join in the partnership effort as the initiative gains momentum.

Key characteristics of sustainability

- Sustainable practices integrate environmental, economic and social dimensions
- Planning based on principles of sustainability is necessarily intergenerational
- Sustainable processes are cyclical in nature, rather than linear—the waste generated by one process, for example, becomes an input to another process.

So what can you do?

Check out the information provided on the GVRD Web site at www.gvrd.bc.ca.

Attend one of the upcoming conferences.

Contact the GVRD by phone, by e-mail or by letter (see the contact information in this brochure) or one of our partners or your local municipality and let us know that you are interested.

What are the really good things about Greater Vancouver that you want to make sure we keep? What are the things we need to improve? What are the things we have not got that we need to create? And how do we do all this in a way that we can be handed down to future generations?

That is the challenge the Sustainable Region Initiative intends to meet. It is a challenge for the GVRD and its partners.

But beyond that, it is a challenge for everyone who cares about this region.

Some have suggested this may be an impossibly ambitious undertaking. They may be right.

But we think that if you truly love this region, if you really believe in this community, then nothing less will do. That is why we are asking you to get involved in the Sustainable Region Initiative. Because this is your region, and we think you care.

For more information, see the GVRD Web site www.gvrd.bc.ca.

E-mail comm_ed@gvrd.bc.ca, or write:

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Greater Vancouver Regional District
4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4G8**



Greater Vancouver's Sustainable Region Initiative

Presented by Johnny Carline
Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner
Greater Vancouver Regional District



*"The picture's pretty bleak...
The world's climates are changing,
the mammals are taking over,
and we all have a brain about the size of a walnut"*

A problem of cities



- another urbanizing century
- a world of city-regions
- the GVRD opportunity

**What does
“sustainability” mean
for this region?**

Definition



**“Development that meets the needs of
the present without compromising the
ability of future generations to meet their
own needs.”**

- World Commission on Environment and Development, 1987

Key characteristics

- the long view
- living within limits
- renewables, not disposables
- efficiency, not waste
- integrated social, economic, and
environmental dimensions

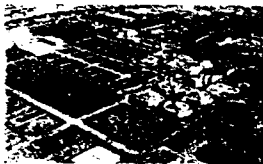
Rising to the challenge

- a sustainability based organization



Pollution Prevention at Annacis

- Environmental: 75% less gas burned, reduced emissions
- Economic: enhanced infrastructure, \$60,000 saved
- Social: empowered motivated staff



Utility Greenway

- Environmental: tree planting, fish habitat
- Social: new recreation opportunities
- Economic: enhancing region's quality of life



Rising to the challenge



- a sustainability based organization
- our mandated responsibilities

Organizing Framework

- Vision
- Basic principles
- Issue areas
- Goals
- Strategies
- Actions
- Assessment

Issue Areas

- Economy, Environment, Society
 - jobs, energy, materials
 - air, land, water, habitat
 - health, education, arts, culture & recreation, safety & security,
 - transportation, housing, parks
 - governance, finance and social capital

Rising to the challenge



- a sustainability based organization
- our mandated responsibilities
- facilitating a broader partnership

Targets and Goals

- Short term
 - Aligned business practices and working culture
 - Stream of demonstration projects and processes
 - Confirmed vision and set of integrated regional plans, strategies and actions
 - Working partnerships & engaged public
- Long term
 - Broadly aligned community taking action in support of a sustainable region

Filling in the Framework



- Vision
- Basic Principles
- Issue Areas
- Goals
- Strategies
- Actions
- Assessment
