



Public Works & Transportation Committee

Date: Wednesday, October 9th, 2002

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Lyn Greenhill, Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Rob Howard

Absent: Councillor Kiichi Kumagai, Vice-Chair
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., and added to the agenda as an additional item, "Meeting Frequency".

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works & Transportation Committee held on Wednesday, September 18th, 2002, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

2. **STEVESTON ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON PARKING – PROGRESS REPORT**

(Report: Sept. 9/02, File No.: 0100-20-SPAR1-01) (REDMS No. 848015)

The Manager, Transportation Planning, Victor Wei, briefly reviewed the report with the Committee. In response to questions, the following information was provided:

- the Steveston Advisory Task Force, as part of its final recommendations, would address the need for a one-way street configuration to facilitate the signalization of the No. 1 Road and Moncton Street intersection

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- with reference to the Reserve Fund Reconciliation, funds were expended to acquire two properties on First Avenue and Second Avenue, as well as to improve parking in the Steveston area.

It was moved and seconded

That the report (dated September 9th, 2002, from the Director, Transportation), regarding the Steveston Advisory Task Force on Parking – Progress Report, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM – PROPOSED APPROVAL PROCESS

(Report: Sept. 3/02, File No.: 6450-01) (REDMS No. 843796, 863764)

Mr. Wei reviewed the proposed policy with the Committee. Discussion then ensued among Committee members and staff on the rationale for requiring that certain traffic calming measures involving any physical changes to arterial roads or collector streets still be submitted to Council. As a result of the discussion, the following **amended** motion was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That the proposed policy for the approval of traffic calming related measures, as amended by the Committee to:

- (1) *delete clause (b) of Part 1 of the policy in its entirety, and to renumber the remaining clauses accordingly;*
- (2) *delete clauses (a) and (b) of Part 2 of the policy in their entirety,*
- (3) *insert the words “or project” after the word “program” in clause (d) of Part 2; and*
- (4) *renumber the remaining clauses of Part 2 accordingly,*
be endorsed.

CARRIED

4. MEETING FREQUENCY

The Chair referred to a recent Governance Meeting which was held with members of Council, at which time the frequency of Committee meetings was addressed. As a result of that meeting, Cllr. Greenhill announced that effective with the next scheduled meeting on October 23rd, 2002, the Public Works & Transportation Committee would meet once a month on the Wednesday preceding the second Council meeting.

A brief discussion ensued, during which Cllr. Greenhill confirmed that meetings could be called at the call of the Chair if an emergency should arise. Reference was made to a report prepared by the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works, Jeff Day, on a new tendering process, and he was asked to submit that report to the General Purposes Committee for review and submission to Council for approval.

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5. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) *Proposed – Off-Street Bus Exchange – Steveston* - Mr. Wei reported that a second open house had been held with regard to the proposed bus exchange on Chatham Street. He advised that while a majority of the attendees supported the proposal, there were two areas of concern, the first being the potential loss of parking on the Chatham Street lot, and the second being how transit routes would terminate in Steveston and whether passengers would be forced to walk from the Chatham Street lot. He stated that the proposal would be evaluated over the next two months.
- b) *Pacemore Walkway*- Mr. Wei reported on the efforts of a resident in the Pacemore area to initiate a Local Improvement petition for concrete sidewalks with curb and gutter, indicating that the resident was seeking additional time to complete the petition. A brief discussion ensued on whether the organizer of the petition would be successful as concerns were expressed for the safety of school children walking in the area. As a result, it was agreed that no further action would be taken until the end of December, 2002.
- c) Mr. Wei reported that for the next four weeks, he would be the Acting Manager, Community Bylaws as Sandra Tokarczyk would be absent from City Hall, and that Jim Hnatiuk would be replacing him as the Acting Manager, Transportation Planning.
- d) The Manager, Roads & Construction Services, Tony Hillan, referred to the dyke sustainability report undertaken on the dyke at the south end of No. 5 Road and reported that the dyke was in good condition. He stated that a review of the dyke located south of No. 3 Road in the area of Gilbert Road, would be undertaken next with a report in approximately three weeks time.
- e) The Director, Engineering, Steve Ono, referred to the proposal made recently to pursue with the Provincial Government, the question of whether senior citizens would be able to defer payment of utility charges. He reported that the question had been reviewed by the Tax Policy Branch of the Provincial Government and would be submitted to the Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, for consideration as a taxation issue for the 2003 budget.
- f) Mr. Ono further reported that a representative of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal & Women's Services would be meeting with City staff on October 16th, 2002, to talk about the BC Infrastructure Program and ways to maximize the City's grant applications to this program. A brief discussion ensued, during which Cllr. Howard asked that he be included in the discussions.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:37 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 Wednesday, October 9th, 2002.

Councillor Lyn Greenhill
Chair

Fran J. Ashton
Executive Assistant