



Regular Council

Monday, January 28, 2019

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Kelly Greene
Councillor Alexa Loo
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Linda McPhail
Councillor Harold Steves
Councillor Michael Wolfe

Corporate Officer – David Weber

Call to Order: Mayor Brodie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RES NO. ITEM

MINUTES

R19/2-1 1. It was moved and seconded

That:

- (1) *the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on January 14, 2019, be adopted as circulated;*
 - (2) *the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on January 14, 2019, be adopted as circulated; and*
 - (3) *the minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Public Hearings held on January 21, 2019, be adopted as circulated;*
- be received for information.*

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PRESENTATION

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (copy on-file, City Clerk's Office) John Watson, Chair, Gateway Theatre Board, Camilla Tibbs, Executive Director, Gateway Theatre, and Jovanni Sy, Artistic Director, Gateway Theatre, briefed Council on the Gateway Theatre's 2018 and 2019 activities, operations and finances, and thanked the City for its support.

It was noted that Mr. Sy will be leaving his position as Artistic Director and Council commended Mr. Sy for his service and commended the Gateway Theatre for their contributions to the community.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- R19/2-2 2. It was moved and seconded
That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on agenda items (7:13 p.m.).

CARRIED

3. Delegations from the floor on Agenda items
Item No. 16 – Recycling Depot – Potential Eco Centre Upgrade Options
Sam McCulligh, Richmond resident, commented on the report and expressed that he is in favour of the implementation of Option 3 – development of an Eco Centre Facility for expanded range of materials/services. Also, he suggested that the City promote awareness of recyclable materials and develop initiatives to increase the amount of waste diverted for recycling.

- R19/2-3 4. It was moved and seconded
That Committee rise and report (7:15 p.m.).

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CONSENT AGENDA

- R19/2-4 5. It was moved and seconded
That Items No. 6 through No. 14 and Items No. 16 and No. 17 be adopted by general consent.

CARRIED

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

That the minutes of:

- (1) *the special Finance Committee meeting held on January 14, 2019;*
- (2) *the Community Safety Committee meeting held on January 15, 2019;*
- (3) *the General Purposes Committee meeting held on January 21, 2019;*
- (4) *the Planning Committee meeting held on January 22, 2019; and*
- (5) *the Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting held on January 23, 2019;*

be received for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

7. INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND RECREATION STREAM

(File Ref. No. 06-2052-25-SCCR1; 03-1087-19-03) (REDMS No. 6067220 v. 13)

- (1) *That the submission to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture and Recreation Stream requesting funding of up to \$10 million for the Steveston Community Centre and Branch Library replacement project, as outlined in the report titled, "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture and Recreation Stream," dated January 7, 2019, from the Director, Recreation and Sport Services, be endorsed;*



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- (2) *That the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Community Services be authorized to enter into funding agreements with the government for the aforementioned project should it be approved for funding, as outlined in the report titled, “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture and Recreation Stream,” dated January 7, 2019, from the Director, Recreation and Sport Services;*
- (3) *That the Consolidated 5-Year Financial Plan (2019-2023) be amended accordingly should the aforementioned project be approved for funding as outlined in the report titled, “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture and Recreation Stream,” dated January 7, 2019, from the Director, Recreation and Sport Services; and*
- (4) *That copies of the submission to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture and Recreation Stream be sent to Richmond Members of Parliament.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**8. CITY CENTRE DISTRICT ENERGY UTILITY BYLAW NO. 9895,
AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 9947**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-009947) (REDMS No. 5992483 v. 7; 5992897)

That the City Centre District Energy Utility Bylaw No. 9895, Amendment Bylaw No. 9947 presented in the “City Centre District Energy Utility Bylaw No. 9895, Amendment Bylaw No. 9947” report dated December 20, 2018, from Director, Engineering be introduced and given first, second, and third readings.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT



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9. **HOUSING AGREEMENT BYLAW NO. 9959 TO PERMIT THE CITY OF RICHMOND TO SECURE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AT 6560, 6600, 6640 AND 6700 NO. 3 ROAD (BENE RICHMOND DEVELOPMENT LTD.)**

(File Ref. No. 08-4057-05; 12-8060-20-009959) (REDMS No. 6016667 v. 2; 6016383 v. 2)

That Housing Agreement (6560, 6600, 6640 and 6700 No. 3 Road) Bylaw No. 9959 be introduced and given first, second and third readings to permit the City to enter into a Housing Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto, in accordance with the requirements of section 483 of the Local Government Act, to secure the Affordable Housing Units required by the Rezoning Application RZ 15-694855.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

10. **RICHMOND COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RCSAC) 2018 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2019 WORK PLAN**

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-30-RCSAC1-01) (REDMS No. 6041373 v. 2; 6061385; 6061576; 6061926; 5276844)

That the staff report titled "Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee (RCSAC) 2018 Annual Report and 2019 Work Plan," dated January 2, 2019, from the Manager, Community Social Development, be approved.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

11. **APPLICATION BY WENSLEY ARCHITECTURE LTD. FOR A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE "INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS PARK (IB1)" ZONE TO PERMIT A DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANT AT 13020 DELF PLACE**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-009956; ZT 18-801900) (REDMS No. 5954610; 6035880)

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 9956, for a Zoning Text Amendment to the "Industrial Business Park (IB1)" zone in order to permit "restaurant, drive-through", limited to one establishment and a maximum floor area of 300 m², at 13020 Delf Place, be introduced and given first reading.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT



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12. APPLICATION BY LANDCRAFT HOMES LTD. FOR REZONING AT 5751 FRANCIS ROAD FROM “SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/E)” ZONE TO “ARTERIAL ROAD THREE-UNIT DWELLINGS (RTA)” ZONE

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-009974/009976; RZ 17-768762) (REDMS No. 6043629 v. 2; 6057070; 6036607)

- (1) That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 9976 to create the “Arterial Road Three-Unit Dwellings (RTA)” zone, be introduced and given first reading; and*
- (2) That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 9974, for the rezoning of 5751 Francis Road from “Single Detached (RS1/E)” zone to “Arterial Road Three-Unit Dwellings (RTA)” zone, be introduced and given first reading.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

13. APPLICATION BY CHRISTOPHER BOZYK ARCHITECTS LTD. FOR A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE “VEHICLE SALES (CV)” ZONE TO ALLOW AN INCREASE IN FLOOR AREA RATIO AT 5660 PARKWOOD WAY

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-009981; ZT 18-818164) (REDMS No. 5855389; 6054363; 6080535)

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 9981, for a Zoning Text Amendment to the “Vehicle Sales (CV)” Zone to increase the maximum permitted Floor Area Ratio (FAR) to 0.84 for the property located at 5660 Parkwood Way, be introduced and given first reading.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

14. 2019/2020 BIKEBC PROGRAM SUBMISSION

(File Ref. No. 01-0150-20-THIG1; 03-1000-18-071) (REDMS No. 6054370 v. 2)

- (1) That the submission for cost-sharing to the Province of BC 2019/2020 BikeBC Program for the Westminster Highway multi-use pathway, as described in the report, titled “2019/2020 BikeBC Program Submission” dated December 14, 2018, from the Director, Transportation, be endorsed;*



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- (2) *That, should the above application be successful, the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Planning and Development, be authorized to execute the funding agreement; and*
- (3) *That the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2019-2023) be updated accordingly.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

15. RICHMOND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – PROPOSED 2019 INITIATIVES

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-20-RCYC1) (REDMS No. 6042766 v. 3)

Please see Page 8 for action on this item.

16. RECYCLING DEPOT – POTENTIAL ECO CENTRE UPGRADE OPTIONS

(File Ref. No. 10-6370-04-01) (REDMS No. 5968841 v. 8)

- (1) *That Option 2 of the staff reported titled, “Recycling Depot – Potential Eco Centre Upgrade Options” from the Director, Public Works Operations dated January 16, 2019, be endorsed; and*
- (2) *That the City’s Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2019-2023) be amended to include \$1,226,000 for the Recycling Depot – potential eco centre upgrade as presented under Option 2 of the staff report entitled “Recycling Depot – Potential Eco Centre Upgrade Options”, funded from the Sanitation and Recycling provision.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

17. FUEL PURCHASES AGREEMENT – SUNCOR ENERGY PRODUCTS PARTNERSHIP

(File Ref. No. 03-1000-02-198) (REDMS No. 6073610)

- (1) *That the City enter into an agreement, as outlined in the staff report titled “Fuel Purchases Agreement – Suncor Energy Products Partnership” dated January 3, 2019 from the Director, Public Works Operations;*



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- (2) *That the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Engineering & Public Works, be authorized to negotiate and execute a fuel supply and delivery contract with Suncor Energy Products Partnership on the contemplated terms and conditions of the fuel consortium contract as outlined in City of Vancouver Request for Proposals No. PS20180305 Supply and Delivery of Fuels; and*
- (3) *That the current fuel purchase contract with Parkland Fuel Corporation under BCPPBG Contract No. PS11122 be extended until such time as the fuel supply and delivery contract with Suncor Energy Products Partnerships is executed and fuel delivery commences under the agreement with Suncor Energy Products Partnerships.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE
CONSENT AGENDA**

**15. RICHMOND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE –
PROPOSED 2019 INITIATIVES**

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-20-RCYC1) (REDMS No. 6042766 v. 3)

R19/2-5

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the proposed 2019 initiatives of the Richmond Active Transportation Committee, as outlined in the staff report titled “Richmond Active Transportation Committee - Proposed 2019 Initiatives” dated December 13, 2018 from the Director, Transportation, be endorsed; and*
- (2) *That a copy of the report titled “Richmond Active Transportation Committee – Proposed 2019 Initiatives” be forwarded to the Richmond Council-School Board Liaison Committee for information.*

The question on the motion was not called as the following **amendment motion** was introduced:



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R19/2-6

It was moved and seconded

That the references to the proposed Steveston Highway (Shell Road-Mortfield Gate) Pathway and the No. 6 Road Multi-Use Pathway be removed from the staff report.

The question on the amendment motion was not called as it was noted that the proposed pathway projects on Steveston Highway (Shell-Mortfield Gate) and No. 6 Road referenced in the staff report was related to feedback submitted by the Richmond Active Transportation Committee. Staff advised that the proposed projects will be reviewed by Transportation staff and will be presented to Council through the capital budget process.

The question on the amendment motion was then called and it was **DEFEATED** with all members of Council opposed.

The question on the main motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor Linda McPhail, Chair

18. **APPLICATION BY LANDCRAFT HOMES LTD. FOR REZONING AT 4226 WILLIAMS ROAD FROM SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/E) TO ARTERIAL ROAD TWO-UNIT DWELLINGS (RDA)**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-009973/009975; RZ 17-768134) (REDMS No. 6040432 v. 2; 6042671; 5845266)

R19/2-7

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 9975 to create the "Arterial Road Two-Unit Dwellings (RDA)" zone, be introduced and given first reading; and*
- (2) *That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 9973, for the rezoning of 4226 Williams Road from "Single Detached (RS1/E)" to "Arterial Road Two-Unit Dwellings (RDA)", be introduced and given first reading.*



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The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with regard to the parking design layout and the proposed number of parking spaces on-site.

The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Cllrs. Day and Wolfe opposed.

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Councillor Chak Au, Chair

19. **GEORGE MASSEY CROSSING – FINDINGS OF INDEPENDENT TECHNICAL REVIEW**

(File Ref. No. 01-0150-20-THIG1; 10-6350-05-08) (REDMS No. 5920748 v. 7)

R19/2-8

It was moved and seconded

That a letter requesting the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure:

- (1) *pursue short-term strategic improvements to the Steveston Highway interchange and expedite the completion of a business case for Highway 99 crossing improvements, as detailed in the staff report titled “George Massey Crossing – Findings of Independent Technical Review” dated December 21, 2018 from the Director, Transportation;*
- (2) *work with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to limit port traffic from using the George Massey Tunnel Crossing during peak hours; and*
- (3) *request that TransLink and the Ministry of Transportation review increasing bus capacity for routes along the George Massey Tunnel Crossing;*

be endorsed; and

- (4) *that copies of the letter be sent to Richmond Members of the Legislative Assembly.*

Cllr. Wolfe left the meeting (8:13 p.m.) and returned (8:16 p.m.).



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The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with regard to proposed (i) potential Rice Mill Road extension, (ii) improvements to the Steveston Highway interchange, and (iii) restrictions to truck traffic through the George Massey Tunnel during peak hours.

A historical Provincial press release announcing transit improvements on Highway 99 and George Massey Tunnel was distributed (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1). Staff were directed to include Schedule 1 along with the letter.

There was agreement to deal with Parts (1), (3) and (4) separately.

The question on Parts (1), (3) and (4) of Resolution R19/2-8 was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

The question on Part (2) of Resolution R19/2-8 was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Cllr. Loo opposed.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Mayor Brodie announced that Heather Larson has been appointed as the Board of Education liaison to the Richmond Child Care Development Advisory Committee for a one-year term to expire on December 31, 2019, with Norman Goldstein as alternate.

Mayor Brodie also noted that the Mayor's Annual Address will take place at the Richmond Chamber of Commerce's luncheon at the Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport on February 28, 2019 and that tickets are available from the Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

R19/2-9

It was moved and seconded

That the following bylaws be adopted:

Housing Agreement (6551 No. 3 Road) Bylaw No. 9952

Market Rental Agreement (Housing Agreement) (6551 No. 3 Road) Bylaw No. 9980



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Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 9752

Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 9753

CARRIED

R19/2-10

It was moved and seconded

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 9758 be adopted

CARRIED

Opposed: Cllrs. Day
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DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PANEL

R19/2-11 20.

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the minutes of the Development Permit Panel meeting held on January 16, 2019, and the Chair's report for the Development Permit Panel meetings held on May 16, 2018, be received for information; and

(2) That the recommendation of the Panel to authorize the issuance of a Development Permit (DP 15-715522) for the property at 9251/9271 Beckwith Road be endorsed, and the Permit so issued.

The question on the **motion** was not called as the following **referral motion** was introduced:

R19/2-12

It was moved and seconded

That the Development Permit (DP 15-715522) application for the property at 9251/9271 Beckwith Road be referred to the Regular Council meeting scheduled on February 25, 2019 and that staff report back on:

(1) opportunities to receive feedback from the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) regarding the Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) of the subject site;

(2) options to relocate homeless individuals who may be living on the subject site;



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- (3) *progress made to address the unsightliness of the premises and working with property owner to clean up the site;*
- (4) *the remaining Environmentally Sensitive Areas considered old fields and shrub land;*
- (5) *options to work with the applicant to work within the minimum 3.0 metre setback instead of the requested variance of zero; and*
- (6) *options to increase plant coverage on-site.*

The question on the referral motion was not called as staff responded to queries from Council, noting that (i) a third-party environmental assessment of the subject site was undertaken, (ii) approximately 345m² of ESA on-site and 400m² of ESA on City-owned property along the Bridgeport Trail will be enhanced, (iii) the City is coordinating with the property owner, along with the Richmond RCMP Vulnerable Persons Unit and a Provincial outreach worker to address homeless individuals sheltering on-site, (iv) clearing of the site may take place once all individuals sheltering on-site are relocated, and (v) the Advisory Committee on the Environment does not review applications unless directed by Council.

The question on the referral motion was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Mayor Brodie and Cllrs. Au and Loo opposed.

The question on Part (1) of the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

R19/2-13

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (8:41 p.m.).

CARRIED



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Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, January 28, 2019.

Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

Corporate Officer (David Weber)



Twinned tunnel part of Victoria's long-term plan

The provincial government's long-term road-building plans include a second mega-project on the scale of the \$3-billion Gateway Program, studies done for the Gateway plan show.

BY THE VANCOUVER SUN FEBRUARY 16, 2006

The provincial government's long-term road-building plans include a second mega-project on the scale of the \$3-billion Gateway Program, studies done for the Gateway plan show.

The second project would include twinning the George Massey Tunnel under the south arm of the Fraser River between Richmond and Delta, expanding Highway 99 on both sides of the tunnel from four lanes to six, and building a new four-lane expressway to connect Highway 99 with the Trans-Canada Highway.

However, there are no immediate plans to build it.

The Gateway Program calls for the Port Mann Bridge over the Fraser to be twinned, widening of the Trans-Canada Highway on both sides of the bridge and building new truck routes on both shores of the river.

The longer-term plan -- dubbed "the H99 project" by British transportation consultants Steer Davies Gleave, who did the major studies for the Gateway plan -- "is still in the early stages of development for possible future long-term implementation," their report notes.

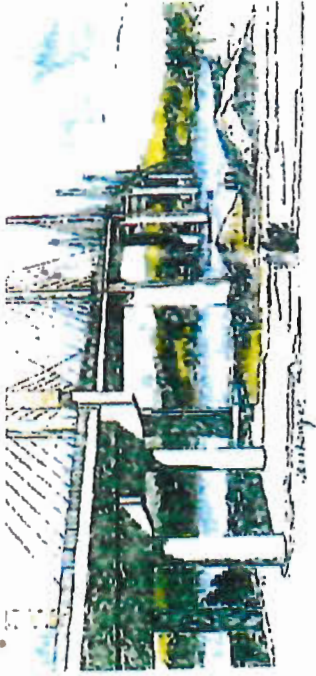
The report -- not yet public but obtained by The Vancouver Sun -- says the H99 project is similar to the Gateway plan "in that it assumes a widening of both the Fraser River crossing, in this case the new bore next to the existing George Massey (Deas) Tunnel, and widening of a length of the existing highway to both the north and south of the crossing."

The project is on the back burner in part because it would put pressure on traffic bottlenecks to the north, requiring expansion of the Oak Street and Knight Street bridges into Vancouver or a new bridge into Burnaby.

Gateway Program executive director Mike Proudfoot said Wednesday the Highway 99 plan is one of many proposals for the region.

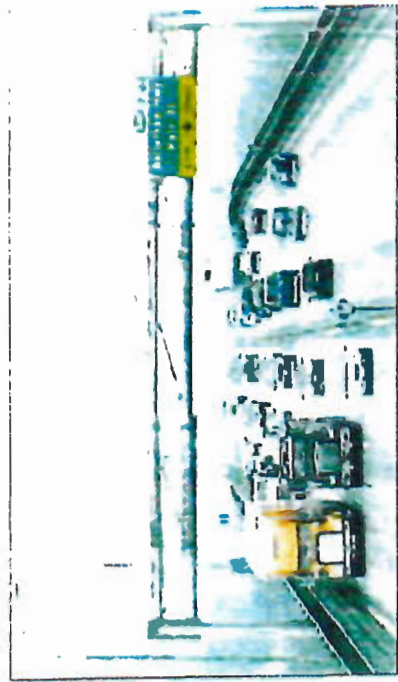
"That would be part of our longer-term strategy," he said. "The Gateway Program corridors are the priority ones."

The Steer Davies Gleave report is one of several "companion documents" to the Gateway plan. It is the only major document not yet posted on the Gateway Program's website, Proudfoot said.



Golden Ears bridge

TransLink is building an \$800 million, six-lane toll bridge across the Fraser River between Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows and Langley. The bridge will open in 2009, saving 20 to 30 minutes compared to a trip on Albion ferry — at a price approaching \$3 per crossing.



WARD PEKRIH / VANCOUVER SUN

Second Narrows expansion

District of North Vancouver has sought \$400 million in federal infrastructure funding towards upgrades on the jam-packed Ironworkers Memorial Bridge, seeking relief for transit users. Council envisioned a bridge widening project that would facilitate installation of priority lanes for buses.



IAN LUDLOW / VANCOUVER SUN FILES

Massey Tunnel improvements

Gateway council advocates \$700 million for Highway 99 corridor at Massey Tunnel crossing of Fraser River, a major choke point. Two extra lanes under river and extension of HOV lanes from King George Highway to Westminster Highway are sought.

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pace seems like the obvious culprit.
For many of them, the Gateway program —
winning the Port Mann Bridge, widening the
Trans-Canada Highway, building a new truck
route along the south shore of the Fraser River
and picnicking together another truck route on the
river's north shore, complete with a new Pitt
River Bridge — is a gift from heaven.

Bob Wilds, for one, is pretty happy this week.
Wilds is the long-time director of the Greater
Vancouver Gateway Council, which represents
the ports and other major transportation indus-
tries.
For many years, the council has been pestering
governments for more infrastructure —
specially road, bridge and rail — to move the
goods that enter our ports to destinations all
over North America.

It is no longer a voice in the wilderness.
The provincial Liberal government has
embraced trade and transportation as the core
of its economic vision, the federal government
has jumped on board, and Wilds is pleased.
“The Gateway program that was just
announced is pretty much in line with the pro-
jects that we had identified,” he said.

“Our list of projects included the RAV Line,
the Trans-Canada Highway, the Port Mann,
south and north Fraser perimeter roads, the Pitt
River Bridge, the Golden Ears Bridge. Those
are all key projects in our priority list that had
to be addressed for the goods-movement sector
and tourism.”

There will be demands for more. The new
truck route south of the Fraser will have to
connect to Richmond and its fast-growing
industrial parks, and to Highway 99.

Once 99 is tied into the new truck route,
here will be pressure to expand or replace
another bottleneck: the Massey Tunnel. That
will encourage more traffic to and from Van-
couver and we'll need a bigger bridge at Oak
Street or Knight Street or both.

Wilds said we may also want to tie the high-
way network to “short sea-shipping” terminals,
so containers can be moved by barge from
deep-sea terminals to points along the Fraser
river, where they can be loaded on to trucks.
“We've got to think of this as multi-modal,”
he said. “It's not all road.”

Things will change in the northwest corner
of Greater Vancouver too, where West Van-
couver has fought a losing battle against the
province's expansion of the northern portion
of Highway 99, the Sea to Sky Highway to
Whistler.

Former Vancouver councillor Gordon Price,
now a lecturer on urban planning, notes the
expanded corridor from West Van to Whistler

is about to experience a tourism and develop-
ment boom, generating more traffic — much
more, perhaps — through West Vancouver.

Much of it will head for the Lions Gate
Bridge and downtown Vancouver, which
means West Vancouverites will spend even
more time fighting for their share of the con-
gested road space on Taylor Way and Marine
Drive.

That may have implications for the three-
lane Lions Gate, which Vancouver planners
have deliberately used as a traffic management
tool to limit the number of vehicles entering
the downtown.

Look for another third-crossing debate to
break out before long.

Rail infrastructure also will need upgrading.

CN and CP announced a deal just a week ago
to handle train movement through the region
cooperatively, and that's one of the ways to
increase the volume of containers streaming
out of the ports.

But some new construction will be needed,
to keep the trains rolling and to aid road traf-
fic on either side of the tracks.

“There's additional sidings required if we are
to achieve the level of throughput ... to just
meet the tremendous growth to and from
Asia,” Wilds said.

All along the rail line from Deltaport through
the Fraser Valley, there is pressure to build
overpasses and underpasses. North-south road
traffic stops dead when trains pass level cross-
ings, and the trains will be longer and more fre-
quent.

Overpass construction has begun at 2044
Street in Langley and there will be others.

“We are going to participate in a compre-
hensive study of that entire rail line out to
Deltaport from Mission,” Wilds said, “that
going to look at all of the level-crossing issues
in

The Gateway Council now has much of what
it wanted, at least on paper.

“I think there is now general agreement
between ourselves, the regional transportation
authority, the province and the federal govern-
ment,” Wilds said.

“The real question is funding, and getting the
public to understand the need to have this
done.”

Review - News briefs July 15, 2004

Province to spend millions on seismic upgrade for the Massey Tunnel

Work will begin next month on ensuring the George Massey Tunnel doesn't collapse in the event of an earthquake.

Kenaidan Contracting has been awarded the \$22.2 million contract to improve the tunnel's safety, reinforcing the structure in order to avoid a collapse and reduce structural damage should the big one hit the West Coast. The project is expected to wrap up in March 2006.

"These improvements are designed to make the tunnel safer in the event of a major earthquake," Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon said.

The upgrading work will include the tunnel's pumping system, pipes and emergency power supply, which is designed to remove large volumes of water in the event of flooding inside the tunnel.

The scope of the work also includes Rice Mill Road Bridge, which will have its concrete surfaces repaired and cleaned, while deck joints will be retrofitted.

New lights will also be installed in the tunnel.

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

BUS LANE WILL SPEED TRANSIT COMMUTE ALONG HIGHWAY 99

RICHMOND – Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Kevin Falcon, along with Richmond East MLA Linda Reid, officially broke ground today on the shoulder bus lane project along Highway 99 in Richmond, which will eventually carry transit commuters from White Rock to the Canada Line.

“This dedicated bus lane will move transit riders past rush-hour congestion on one of the busiest stretches of Highway 99 northbound,” said Falcon. “When we provide transit options like this that are quicker and more convenient than the single-occupant vehicle, we’ll get people out of their cars and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”

“Transportation infrastructure projects like this bus-only lane will give commuters more reasons to take transit,” said Reid. “With this new bus lane, and the Canada Line’s estimated 100,000 riders daily, improved transit connections to and through Richmond will provide tremendous benefits to our local economy.”

The shoulder of Highway 99 northbound from Westminster Highway to Bridgeport Road, a distance of 2.8 km, will be widened to create a bus-only lane. Warning signals at on-ramps along the route will be automatically activated to provide priority for bus transit. The lane will be used by current northbound transit service, and will also be used by RapidBus BC service, once in operation, to carry commuters to the Canada Line’s Bridgeport Station.

“The new bus lane will offer superior travel time reliability for south of Fraser commuters connecting to the Canada Line and we appreciate the province’s initiative to move quickly on this project,” said Tom Prendergast, CEO of TransLink. “There’s no doubt that motorists will notice how well the bus-only lanes help our highway coaches avoid the heavy traffic line-ups and we expect this is going to entice quite a few more Vancouver-bound commuters onto transit.”

RapidBus BC is a key pillar of the Provincial Transit Plan. Commuters riding RapidBus BC will get high quality, point-to-point service with minimal stops along a number of high-profile corridors in the Lower Mainland, including Highway 99 in both directions between White Rock and Richmond.

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