



General Purposes Committee

**Anderson Room, City Hall
6911 No. 3 Road**

**Tuesday, September 3, 2013
4:00 p.m.**

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MINUTES

GP-2 *Motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, July 15, 2013.*

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- 1. **WESTMINSTER HIGHWAY AND NELSON ROAD WIDENING
APGCI FUNDING AGREEMENT REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**
(File Ref. No. 10-6340-20-P.11203) (REDMS No. 3941325)

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Designated Speaker: Milton Chan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That a letter be sent to Transport Canada requesting an extension to the Canada-Richmond Asia Gateway and Corridor Initiative Transportation Infrastructure Fund Agreement for Roadway Improvement Projects.

ADJOURNMENT



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, July 15, 2013

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Linda McPhail
Councillor Harold Steves

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

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. **COMMUNITY ENERGY AND EMISSIONS PLAN – PHASE 2 CONSULTATION PROCESS**
(File Ref. No. 10-6000-01) (REDMS No. 3899526 v.2)

Peter Russell, Senior Manager, Sustainability and District Energy was available to answer questions.

It was moved and seconded

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General Purposes Committee
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That, as described in the Director, Engineering report titled “Community Energy and Emissions Plan – Phase 2 Consultation Process”, dated June 27, 2013, staff proceed with the public consultation process for Phase 2 of the Community Energy and Emissions Plan.

The question on the motion was not called as a discussion ensued about: (i) the targets related to the reduction of community-wide greenhouse gas emissions (GHG); and (ii) establishment of future incentive programs with organizations within the community.

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:20 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, July 15, 2013.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Shanan Sarbjit Dhaliwal
Executive Assistant
City Clerk’s Office



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee

Date: August 12, 2013

From: John Irving, P.Eng. MPA
Director, Engineering

File: 10-6340-20-
P.11203/Vol 01

Re: **Westminster Highway and Nelson Road Widening APGCI Funding Agreement Request for Extension**

Staff Recommendation

That a letter be sent to Transport Canada requesting an extension to the Canada-Richmond Asia Gateway and Corridor Initiative Transportation Infrastructure Fund Agreement for Roadway Improvement Projects.

John Irving, P.Eng. MPA
Director, Engineering
(604-276-4140)

REPORT CONCURRENCE			
ROUTED TO:	CONCURRENCE	CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER	
Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
REVIEWED BY DIRECTORS	INITIALS:	REVIEWED BY CAO	INITIALS:
	DW	yes	GD

Staff Report

Origin

The Westminster Highway / Nelson Road widening project is partly funded through a contribution agreement with Transport Canada (the Canada-Richmond Asia Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative Transportation Infrastructure Fund Agreement for Roadway Improvement Projects 2011-12 / 2013-14). This agreement was finalized September 8, 2011. The current grant funding deadline is March 31, 2014.

There are poor soils in this area of Richmond, and the placement of preload sand was required prior to road construction. To place the preload, some property acquisition was required. Once the contribution agreement was finalized, staff proceeded with the property acquisition and design works for the project.

Based on the current rate of preload settlement, completion of the project is expected in late 2015.

In October 2012, staff initiated discussions with Transport Canada regarding an extension to the agreement. In order to expedite any extension approval, Transport Canada have asked that a formal extension request under the Mayor's signature be provided.

TransLink is also providing funding for the project. Once an extension is approved by Transport Canada, staff will seek an extension from TransLink to synchronize the end dates of these agreements. Approval from TransLink will likely be granted if the Transport Canada extension is approved.

Financial Impact

None, provided that the extension requests are approved by Transport Canada and TransLink.

Conclusion

The completion of the Westminster Highway / Nelson Road widening project will help alleviate traffic congestion in this area of Richmond. Obtaining an extension to the federal funding agreement will allow the full scope of the project to proceed.

 FOR

Milton Chan, P.Eng.
Manager, Engineering Design & Construction
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MC: mc