

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, November 1, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 2:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mayor Richard Stewart
Councillor Brent Asmundson
Councillor Steve Kim
Councillor Trish Mandewo
Councillor Dennis Marsden
Councillor Teri Towner
Councillor Chris Wilson

REGRETS: Councillor Craig Hodge

OTHERS PRESENT: Sav Dhaliwal, Metro Vancouver Regional District
Jerry Dobrovolsky, Metro Vancouver Regional District
Heather McNell, Metro Vancouver Regional District
Vincent Gonsalves, TransLink
Clair MacLean, SHARE Family and Community Services Society

STAFF: Peter Steblin, City Manager
Raul Allueva, Deputy City Manager
Jamie Boan, General Manager Engineering and Public Works
Lanny Englund, General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities
Michelle Hunt, General Manager Finance, Lands and Police
Genevieve Bucher, Director Community Planning
Don Luymes, General Manager Planning and Development
Andrew Merrill, Director Development Services
Tiina Mack, Manager Recreation and Culture Facility Planning
Kathy Ho, Transportation Policy Engineer
Kristen Elkow, Planner 3 Community Planning
Glen Chua, Planner 2 Community Planning
Stephanie Lam, Legislative Services Manager
Misty Temple, Legislative Services Clerk

Councillor Marsden, as per the Acting Mayor schedule, assumed the role of Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, October 25, 2021

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, October 25, 2021.

DELEGATIONS

Recess and Reconvene

The Committee recessed in order to resolve a technical issue at this time (2:07 p.m.) and reconvened at 2:21 p.m.

2. Chair Sav Dhaliwal, Jerry Dobrovolny, Heather McNell, (Metro Vancouver Regional District) – Draft of Metro 2050 Update to the Regional Growth Strategy

Sav Dhaliwal, Jerry Dobrovolny, and Heather McNell, Metro Vancouver Regional District, appeared before the Committee and referred to slides contained in their presentation.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Concern that targets may introduce disproportionate challenges for some municipalities
- Support for regional office development throughout the Lower Mainland
- The potentially strenuous commutes from increased office centralization in Vancouver
- Concern that some targets may conflict with achieving housing goals
- The growing pressure on municipalities to facilitate employee transit to Vancouver
- The desire for potential caps on office development to foster interregional growth
- The understanding that major international hubs compete to attract corporate offices

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the delegation for their presentation.

3. Vincent Gonsalves (TransLink) – Transport 2050 Update

Council agreed to consider this item later in the agenda in order to allow the delegation to resolve technical problems with the presentation.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this time (3:06 p.m.) and returned at 3:08 p.m.

4. Claire MacLean (SHARE Family and Community Services Society) – Update on SHARE's Activities and Strategic Plan

Recess and Reconvene

The Committee recessed in order to resolve a technical issue at this time (3:15 p.m.) and reconvened at 3:18 p.m.

Claire MacLean, SHARE Family and Community Services Society, appeared before the Committee and referred to slides contained in the presentation.

Councillor Towner returned to the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Support for the accomplishments made in the affordable housing program
- The significant impact that shifting life circumstances have on housing security
- The importance of addressing key issues in social, community, and health services

Mayor Stewart left the meeting at this time (3:31 p.m.) and returned at 3:36 p.m.

In response to a question from the Committee, the delegation responded that the organization also provides therapy services for youth in the New Westminster school district.

Councillor Kim left the meeting at this time (3:39 p.m.) and returned at 3:42 p.m.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the delegation for their presentation.

3. Vincent Gonsalves (TransLink) – Transport 2050 Update

Councillor Asmundson left the meeting at this time (3:58 p.m.) and returned at 4:02 p.m.

Vincent Gonsalves, TransLink, appeared before the Committee and referred to slides contained in the presentation.

Councillor Marsden left the meeting at this time (4:03 pm.) and returned at 4:04 p.m.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Concern that as electric vehicles become more common, traffic-related congestion may potentially increase
- Support for proactive transit improvements in areas where development is underway
- The potential for partnerships with developers in order to foster TransLink's growth
- Concern that prioritizing routes to Vancouver may hinder neighbouring municipalities
- Support for expanded bus service hours in order to support local employment options
- The potential for traffic reduction with a direct link between Surrey and Coquitlam
- The knowledge that available funding is a major component in carrying out transportation initiatives
- The growing need for additional public charging stations for electric vehicles

Councillor Towner left the meeting at this time (4:07 p.m.) and returned at 4:12 p.m.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the delegation for their presentation.

REPORTS OF STAFF

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

5. Report of the General Manager Planning and Development – Hazel-Coy Neighbourhood Planning Process – Phases 1 and 2 Summary

The Director of Community Planning provided introductory comments relative to the report. The Planner 3 and Planner 2, Community Planning, referred to slides contained in the presentation attached to the report.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The importance of providing the public with context during consultations
- Support for incorporating townhouses into the neighbourhood plan
- Concern for low rates of community response despite staff's effort to generate feedback
- The historical concerns of residents in relation to the Oxford extension
- The potential for differing views between homeowners and renters on future development
- The importance of completing the planning process in a timely manner

In response to a question from a member of the Committee, the Director Community Planning responded that public participation during the consultation process varies significantly based on numerous variables, such as the proposed development's location.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The growing polarity between housing development and environmental preservation
- The need for clarity with the public regarding conservation during land development
- Concern regarding the implications of land development designations on major infrastructural needs

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Planning and Development dated October 22, 2021 and entitled, "Hazel-Coy Neighbourhood Planning Process – Phases 1 and 2 Summary" for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – November 15, 2021

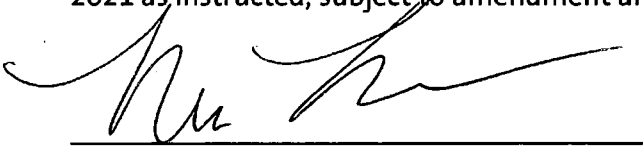
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 4:47 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the
Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, November 1,
2021 as instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.



Misty Temple
Legislative Services Clerk