



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

October 16, 2006 3:51 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2, City Hall

PRESENT:

Councillor Bill Harper, Chair
Councillor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Calvin Donnelly
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Bob Osterman
Councillor Lorrie Williams
Mayor Wayne Wright

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Ms Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk
Mr. Tim Whitehead	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Chief Carl Nepstad	- Fire and Rescue Services
Chief L. Zapotichny	- Police Services
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Michael McAllister	- Solicitor
Ms. Joanna Federici	- Administrative Assistant

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the Agenda.

REPORTS

1. [Traffic Impacts of Gateway Program – Directors of Engineering Services/Development Services](#)

The Director of Engineering introduced Catherine Mohoruk, the new Transportation Planner. The Acting Transportation Engineering reviewed the October 16, 2006, report from the Director of Engineering, updating Council on the technical analysis undertaken on the Gateway Program. He confirmed that

Gateway will be requested to undertake a further level of analysis to confirm the independence of the North and South Fraser Perimeter Routes.

During the ensuing discussion, it was suggested that the Trucking Association be invited to address Council on the impact of the Road Diet on traffic and the trucking industry. Questions and comments were made on the following matters:

- Impact on the City of changes in intermodal transportation as they shift out of the Burnaby/New Westminster corridor
- Concern with a funding gap for the NFPR and replacement of Pattullo Bridge and potential impacts on the City
- Will travel patterns be encouraged to change if the North and South Fraser Perimeter Roads are built concurrently.

**** MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT Paul Landry of the BC Trucking Association be invited to address Council on the issue of impacts of the Gateway project on trucking through and around the City of New Westminster.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**** MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
Further to the City's motion made at the Regular Council Meeting of May 29, 2006, be it resolved:
THAT a letter be written to TransLink, the Greater Vancouver Regional District, and the Minister of Transportation outlining the concerns over the potential traffic impacts to both the bridge and surrounding City road network as a result of the Pattullo Bridge being the "free alternative".

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

2. Border Infrastructure Program – Director of Engineering Services (verbal)

The Director of Engineering reported that Federal funding for three major projects (Highways 10, 15, and 91) may no longer be forthcoming. The projects will likely be scaled back, however it is expected that pedestrian and bicycle improvements on the Queensborough Bridge will be completed. The Director agreed to report again with further information.

**** MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT a letter be written to the Federal and Provincial Transportation Ministers expressing the City's disappointment that the Border Infrastructure Program will be interrupted prior to its completion.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

**** MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends *THAT a meeting be arranged at the UBCM Conference with the Transportation Minister to discuss interruption of the Border Infrastructure Program.***

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

On a related matter, the Director of Engineering agreed to follow up on the matter of three properties which were expropriated for the Queensborough Bridge improvements project, which are now vacant and becoming unsightly.

NEXT MEETING

November 20, 2006

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Certified Correct,

BILL HARPER, CHAIR

JUDI TURNER, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK