



## **INTELLIGENT CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**October 16, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.**  
**Meeting Room 1 (formerly EOC #1)**  
**City Hall**

### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor Bill Harper	- Co-Chair, City Council
Michael Hybryk	- Co-Chair
Gerry Akkerman	- TransLink
Jennifer Arbo	- Hyack Interactive
Gavin McLeod	- Community Member
Brigid Canil	- Ministry of Transportation

#### **MEMBER REGRETS:**

Ian McLeod	- Douglas College
Nelson Eng	- Douglas College
Reg Nordman	- Community Member
Luc Lang	- Justice Institute of BC

#### **GUESTS:**

Mike Smith	-Urban Fibre
Guy Akester	- TransLink

#### **STAFF:**

Gary Holowatiuk	- Director, Finance and Information Technology
Jim Lowrie	- Director, Engineering
Susan Buss	- Deputy Chief Librarian (arrived at 10:02 a.m.)
Alvin Chok	- Chief Information Officer
Steven Faltas	- Electrical Operations (alternate for Rod Carle) (left at 10:46 a.m.)
Blair Fryer	- Manager, Communications and Economic Development
Andrea Khan	- Economic Development Coordinator
Debbie Johnstone	- Committee Clerk
Lauren Blake	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

## **1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

## **2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of September 25, 2015**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the September 25, 2015 Intelligent City Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

### **3.1 Presentation by Urban Fibre**

Mike Smith, Urban Fibre, provided a presentation regarding gigabit fibre optic internet, noting that the goal of Urban Fibre is to encourage open access for a more connected community.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Smith provided the following information:

- Urban Fibre is the service provider while Urban Communications is the public company name;
- Urban Fibre has an android platform App for subscribers;
- Initial conversations with Strata Councils regarding Urban Fibre's services have been positive;
- Competition with other companies could be an issue for Urban Fibre in the future; however, the company is confident with their price point in relation to other service providers;
- Urban Fibre is able to implement their own risers in strata buildings;
- Buildings can accommodate for multiple fibre systems in telecom rooms, and infrastructure sharing could be a possibility if space in telecom rooms is an issue;
- Urban Fibre is working towards finalizing their television services, which could be offered along with internet in the future;
- Telephone services would likely not be provided; and,
- There could be an opportunity to share gigabit services in smaller buildings to reduce business costs.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee provided the following comments:

- The New West fibre model could allow competition for google fibre/gigabit in order to keep costs down for businesses;
- Fibre services would be targeted to businesses for economic development; and
- It was suggested that the fibre network be treated as a utility rather than a service.

### **3.2 Ministry of Transportation Fibre Network**

Brigid Canil, Ministry of Transportation, provided an on-table PowerPoint presentation regarding the Ministry of Transportation's fibre network.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Canil provided the following information:

- The Ministry of Transportation Fibre network is required to focus on public sector work to avoid profit gains, which may lead to conflicts in their agreement with Telus;
- On average, there have been one or less fibre cuts per year, usually occurring on a construction site;
- No breaks have occurred in the past 15 years; and,
- The Ministry of Transportation maintains a connection with the City of Surrey, and a connection between New Westminster and Surrey is a possibility.

**Procedural Note:** Item 4.1 was considered following the adjournment of the Closed Meeting of the Committee.

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Intelligent City Coordinator**

Blair Fryer, Communications and Economic Development, provided an update regarding the recruitment process for the Intelligent City Coordinator. Mr. Fryer advised that a candidate has been selected, and that an appointment should be announced at the next meeting.

## 4.2 Fibre Utility Branding Report for Council

Blair Fryer, Communications and Economic Development, provided an update with regards to the Fibre Utility Branding report. Mr. Fryer advised that the report would be submitted to Council on November 2, 2015, and would include the name and logo for the Fibre Utility Branding.

## 5.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 Committee Restructuring

This item was deferred to the November 20, 2015 meeting.

## 6.0 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Council immediately following the Regular Meeting of Council on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter:*

- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public*

Purpose of the meeting:  
Negotiations

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

## 7.0 ADJOURNMENT

*ON MOTION the meeting was adjourned into Closed Session at 10:16 a.m.*

### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the meeting be adjourned and proceed to Closed session.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

## **8.0 RECONVENE TO REGULAR**

### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Regular Meeting of the Intelligent City Advisory Committee be reconvened ( 10:50 a.m.)*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Council present voted in favour of the motion.

## **9.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

There were no items.

## **10.0 NEXT MEETING**

**November 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 1 (formerly EOC #1)**

## **11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Certified correct,

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**Councillor Bill Harper**  
**Chair**

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**Debbie Johnstone**  
**Committee Clerk**