

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 17, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 1:59 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 Craig Hodge
Councillor Steve Kim
Councillor Trish Mandewo
Councillor Dennis Marsden
Councillor Teri Towner
Councillor Chris Wilson
Councillor Bonita Zarrillo

ALSO PRESENT: Cathy Peters – Be Amazing Campaign
Jerry Dobrovolny, Chief Administrative Officer – Metro Vancouver
Heather McNell, General Manager Regional Planning and Housing Services – Metro Vancouver
Sean Galloway, Director Regional Planning and Electoral Area Services – Metro Vancouver

STAFF: Peter Steblin, City Manager
Raul Allueva, Deputy City Manager
Jaime Boan, General Manager Engineering and Public Works
Nikki Caulfield, General Manager Corporate Services
Michelle Hunt, General Manager Finance, Lands and Police
Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development
Andrew Merrill, Director Development Services
Genevieve Bucher, Manager Community Planning
Lanny Englund, Acting General Manager Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities
Stephanie James, Director Legal and Bylaw Enforcement
Andrew Martin, Acting Officer-in-Charge – RCMP
Darren Carr, Inspector – RCMP
James Taylor, Planner 2
Demian Rueter, Planner 3
Zachary Bennett, Planner 3
Kathleen Vincent, Manager Corporate Communications
Michelle Frilund, Senior Communications and Engagement Specialist
Stephanie Lam, Legislative Services Manager
Misty Temple, Legislative Services Clerk

Councillor Zarrillo, 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, May 10, 2021

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, May 10, 2021.

DELEGATIONS

2. Cathy Peters, Be Amazing Campaign – Human Sex Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Child Sex Trafficking in BC

Cathy Peters appeared before the Committee to provide information regarding child sex trafficking in British Columbia. She explained that Vancouver experiences high levels of sex trafficking, suggesting it is an international hotspot for traffickers.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The knowledge that the sex trafficking industry has been augmented by technology
- The understanding that victims often struggle with psychological trauma and drug addiction
- The need to educate people on how to recognize human trafficking and to report it to the police

In response to a question from the Committee, the Inspector – RCMP responded that sex trafficking is primarily handled at the Provincial level through the RCMP's Child Exploitation Unit. He added that being proactive is especially challenging because victims are often silent, either out of fear or due to a lack of resources. He stated that law enforcement relies heavily on community awareness and that teaching people how to identify the signs of sex trafficking is critical.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The need for federal funding for communities to combat sex traffickers
- The knowledge that, as the pandemic has forced children indoors, they could be more vulnerable to online offenders
- The knowledge that after victims escape, they could lack vital resources for survival
- The understanding that removing police from schools could exacerbate the issue

The Mayor advised that he will be writing a letter on behalf of Council in support of the campaign.

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

3. Heather McNell, General Manager Regional Planning and Housing Services, Metro Vancouver – Metro 2050 Presentation and Council Discussion

The General Manager Planning and Development provided introductory comments regarding Metro Vancouver's presentation and advised that they would be providing an update on the Regional Growth Strategy as it relates to the Metro 2050 process.

Heather McNell, General Manager Regional Planning and Housing Services – Metro Vancouver, provided an onscreen presentation entitled "Metro Vancouver 2050 Update to the Regional Growth Strategy" with slides titled as follows:

- Metro Vancouver
- Our Region is Growing
- Regional Planning Principles
- Legislative Framework for Regional Growth Strategies
- Metro 2040
- Regional Context Statements
- What's Working Well?
- Why Update?
- Scope of the Update
- Metro 2050 Process and Engagement
- Project Timeline
- Metro 2050 Phase 2 and 3 Timeline
- Policy Reviews (2019 – 2020)
- Policy Review Recommendation Summaries
- Metro 2050 Engagement
- Metro 2050
- What's Proposed?
- Metro 2050 Next Steps
- This is Your Plan
- Shape the Regional Vision
- Questions?

Councillor Kim left the meeting at this time (2:29 p.m.) and returned at 2:31 p.m.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The understanding that a regional effort is necessary in order to meet goals
- The understanding of Metro Vancouver's authority and work with member municipalities
- The desire for measures to be represented as guidelines
- The importance of ensuring that communities can meet Metro Vancouver's guidelines, taking into account the varying population size of its members
- The understanding that the strategy's targets are scientifically based and that not all communities are expected to individually accomplish all goals

- The knowledge that municipalities struggle to retain offices as the number of office buildings in Vancouver grows
- The understanding that global corporations often fixate on Vancouver and Toronto as office locations

Councillor Hodge left the meeting at this time (3:25 p.m.) and returned at 3:28 p.m.

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

REPORTS OF STAFF

4. Report of the General Manager Planning and Development – Regional Growth Strategy Update – Metro 2050

The General Manager Planning and Development stated that he had no further information to add regarding the Metro 2050 update and offered to answer any further questions that Committee members may have.

Councillor Towner left the meeting at this time (4:03 p.m.) and returned at 4:06.

The Committee recognized that municipalities have varying sizes of staff depending on the population and expressed a desire to collaborate with other municipalities.

In response to a question from the Committee, the City Manager reported that the Metro Vancouver do not have political representation at the Regional Environmental Action Committee and the Committee for Risk Assessment meetings.

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Planning and Development dated May 11, 2021 and entitled “Regional Growth Strategy Update – Metro Vancouver 2050”, for information.

5. Report of the General Manager Planning and Development – Southwest Housing Review – Phase 3 Corridor Development Strategy Draft Vision and Principles

The General Manager Planning and Development provided introductory comments regarding the report’s focus on the phase three component. He added that steady progress has been made, and that special care is being placed in meeting the needs of infrastructure, as well as providing the amenities most beneficial to members of the community.

The Planner 2 provided an on-screen presentation entitled “Southwest Housing Review Corridor Development Strategy: Draft Vision and Principles” with slides titled as follows:

- Southwest Housing Review Components and Timeline
- Corridor Development Strategy
- What We Heard: PH 1 Consultation
- CDS – Draft Vision Statement
- CDS – Draft Guiding Principles
- Phase 3 Consultation – Mid 2021
- Next Steps

In response to a question from the Committee, the Planner 3 responded that care will be taken in working with the unique needs and concerns of individual communities that will be impacted by these developments.

Councillor Asmundson left the meeting at this time (4:16 p.m.) and returned at 4:18 p.m.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The challenges in accomplishing the guiding principles while simultaneously respecting the individualistic identities of each neighbourhood
- The knowledge that a uniform approach to meeting a neighbourhood’s existing context is ineffective
- The possibility of providing neighbourhoods with examples of impacts in order to facilitate the receipt of appropriate feedback
- The desire to allocate developments for differing types of homes appropriately
- The importance of providing space for small family businesses
- The desire to avoid the overuse of land assemblies
- The importance of consulting with the public and investigating how other municipalities have accomplished similar goals

The Committee received the report of the General Manager Planning and Development dated May 12, 2021, and entitled “Southwest Housing Review – Phase 3 Corridor Development Strategy Draft Vision and Principles” for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

OB-1 Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination

A member of the Committee noted that in 2019, there had been a recommendation from the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee to obtain further information about the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (the Organization). She inquired as to whether or not an update was available.

The Deputy City Manager responded that the follow-up had not yet been actioned and reported that staff Report back to the Committee with further information regarding the Organization.

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A member of the Committee requested that the group invite the organization to present at a future meeting.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The interest in extending an invitation for the group to provide a presentation
- The desire for more information about the Organization, recognizing the amount of time that has passed since this item was last discussed
- The knowledge that Burnaby and Vancouver are a part of the Coalition
- The understanding that identifying how other municipalities participate in the group will provide further insight
- The importance of understanding the Coalition's scope prior to participating

The Deputy City Manager undertook to have staff liaise with the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination in order to obtain more information about the organization, and to provide a report for an upcoming meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE – May 31, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 5:38 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR

I hereby certify that I have recorded the Minutes of the
Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, May 17, 2021
as instructed, subject to amendment and adoption.



Misty Temple
Legislative Services Clerk