A Regular Meeting of Strategic Priorities, Administration and Protective Services Standing Committee convened on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 8:34 p.m. in Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
- Mayor Richard Stewart, Chair
- Councillor Barrie Lynch, Vice Chair
- Councillor Brent Asmundson
- Councillor Fin Donnelly
- Councillor Doug Macdonell
- Councillor Mae Reid
- Councillor Linda Reimer
- Councillor Selina Robinson
- Councillor Lou Sekora

STAFF:
- Peter Steblin, City Manager
- John Dumont, Deputy City Manager
- Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development
- Trevor Wingrove, General Manager Corporate Services
- Bill Susak, General Manager Engineering and Public Works
- Sonia Santarossa, Manager Corporate Planning
- Joyce Fordyce, Manager Leisure Services
- Jay Gilbert, City Clerk
- Kerri Lore, Deputy City Clerk

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Councillor Lynch left the meeting at this time (8:35 p.m.).

1. Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday, January 5, 2009

The Committee approved the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Monday, January 5, 2009.

2. Minutes of Committee of the Whole (Budget) Meeting held Monday, January 12, 2009

The Committee approved the minutes of the Committee of the Whole (Budget) Meeting held Monday, January 12, 2009.
3. **Minutes of Committee of the Whole (Budget) Meeting held Tuesday, January 13, 2009**

The Committee approved the minutes of the Committee of the Whole (Budget) Meeting held Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**REPORTS OF STAFF**


The City Manager provided introductory comments relative to the *Livability Accord Between High Growth Municipalities* highlighting background information and the objectives of the Accord.

Councillor Lynch returned to the meeting at this time (8:37 p.m.).

Mike Harcourt and John Steiner of Urban Systems, appeared before the Committee to provide an update relative to the *Livability Accord Between High Growth Municipalities*.

Mr. Steiner provided an on-screen presentation entitled “Livability Accord for High Growth Communities” and highlighted the following:

- Reasons the Livability Accord was developed for High Growth Communities:
  - common vision for livability and sustainability
  - similar combination of unique challenges
  - consistent set of needs to be successful
  - collective desire to enhance inter-government relationships and partnerships
- A common vision for livability and sustainability:
  - strategic Land Use
  - supportive transportation
  - safe communities
  - effective social infrastructure
- What High Growth Municipalities and the Province are doing today – sustainability plans and programs/charters
- Combined challenges unique to High Growth Communities:
  - rate of growth
  - sustainable growth patterns
  - underserved by transit
  - rising recreational and protective services costs
  - extensive social needs
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- limited sources of revenue
- The commitment of High Growth Communities – more compact, denser transit-oriented development
- The “foundation needs” for livable High Growth Communities:
  - enhanced transit and transportation
  - roles and responsibilities in shared jurisdiction
  - expanded and diversified revenue
- The Livability Accord Objectives:
  - Objective #1: enhanced transportation investment – transit and major roads
  - Objective #2: define roles and responsibilities in areas of shared jurisdiction
  - Objective #3: expand and diversify revenue sources
- Commitment of High Growth Communities
- Request of the Province

Discussion ensued relative to the Livability Accord and included the following:
- Riverview Lands as a huge economic opportunity for not only Coquitlam, but the entire Lower Mainland
- The need for cooperation amongst High Growth Communities so as to avoid duplication of roles
- The need for strategic thinking and looking ahead with respect to sustainability
- Concerns regarding governance and planning
- Concerns regarding food security and waste
- Concerns regarding commitments to road expansion while there are no funding commitments for transit expansion into the valley
- Using transit to shape growth rather than simply responding to it
- Geographical challenges to Coquitlam’s full participation in the Livability Accord
- Competition between the participating communities for transit dollars and questions regarding how the Livability Accord will help Coquitlam achieve its transit goals
- The need for performance measurements and early indicators of success
- Benefits of participating in the Livability Accord
- Costs to date and anticipated future costs
- Anticipated duration of the Livability Accord
- The need for the City to develop an outline of what is needed over the next several years to meet sustainability goals

Councillor Asmundson left the meeting at this time (9:04 p.m.) and returned at 9:06 p.m.

Councillor Robinson left the meeting at this time (9:16 p.m.).

Mayor Stewart left the meeting at this time (9:19 p.m.) and Councillor Lynch assumed the Chair.

Councillor Asmundson left the meeting at this time (9:20 p.m.)
Councillor Robinson returned to the meeting at this time (9:20 p.m.).

Councillor Asmundson returned to the meeting at this time (9:21 p.m.).

Mayor Stewart returned to the meeting at this time (9:25 p.m.).

Mayor Stewart left the meeting at this time (9:30 p.m.).

Staff was requested to conduct a review of the fundamental benefits of participating in the *Livability Accord* within the next six months.

The Committee recommends:

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

That Council:

1. Receive for information the report dated February 2, 2009 of the City Manager entitled “Livability Accord Between High Growth Municipalities – Status Report”.
2. Endorse the commitments that are listed in the body of the report dated February 2, 2009 of the City Manager; and
3. Authorize the City Clerk to forward, as information, a copy of the report dated February 2, 2009 of the City Manager and the related Council resolution to each of the other local governments that is a party to the Livability Accord, to the Metro Vancouver Board, to the Fraser Valley Regional District Board and to the TransLink Board.


The City Manager provided introductory comments relative to the City of Coquitlam Strategy for Asia Pacific Twinning Initiative and highlighted background information relative to the Study.

Councillor Macdonell left the meeting at this time (9:45 p.m.).

Mayor Stewart returned to the meeting at this time (9:45 p.m.) and assumed the Chair.

Councillor Macdonell returned to the meeting at this time (9:47 p.m.).
Ken Beck Lee, New East Consulting Services Ltd., appeared before the Committee to present the City of Coquitlam Strategy for Asia Pacific Twinning Initiative. He highlighted the following:

- The Provincial Government's Asia Pacific Initiative
- Opportunities to establish relationships for benefits of trade and development
- Two types of relationships:
  - Sister city relationship – more formal and requires more extensive funding
  - Friendship city relationship – less formal
- Recommendation that the City start with a friendship city relationship
- The City's current sister city relationships
- Economic benefits of sister city relationships
- Potential twinning relationship with Paju, South Korea

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Whether or not there will still be economic benefits associated with a twinning relationship given the current economic situation
- Funding the proposed friendship city relationship with Paju, South Korea
- Anticipated future costs of entering into twinning relationships
- Benefits of a twinning relationship with Paju, South Korea
- The need to consider twinning relationships in the context of an Economic Development Strategy

Councillor Reid left the meeting at this time (10:00 p.m.).

The Committee recommends:

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

That Council enter into a friendship city relationship with Paju, South Korea.


The City Manager spoke regarding the process used to arrive at, and intent of, the business plan priorities. He advised that staff will continue to follow the general intent of the Business Plan priorities until such time as Council can give further consideration to, and specific direction regarding, the priorities.

Discussion ensued relative to the need to schedule a Special Meeting to consider and discuss the Business Plan priorities and Strategic Plan in more detail.

The Committee deferred this item to a future Special Meeting, with the understanding that staff will continue to follow the existing Business Plan priorities until such time as Council has had an opportunity to further discuss and provide direction with respect to
the priorities.

Staff was requested to provide information regarding the criteria for determining the A, B and C rankings as well as identify intended performance measurements at the above noted Meeting.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR RATIFICATION AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

The Committee agreed to refer the following items to the Regular Council meeting on February 9, 2009:

- Report of City Manager – Livability Accord Between High Growth Municipalities – Status Report (Presentation by City Manager and Urban Systems) (Item 4)
- Report of Deputy City Manager – City of Coquitlam Strategy for Asia Pacific Twinning Initiative (Presentation by Ken Beck Lee, Consultant) (Item 5)

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1-1 Terms of Reference – Strategic Priorities, Administration & Protective Services Standing Committee

**NEXT MEETING DATE - AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

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Kerri Lore  
Deputy City Clerk