STRATEGIC PRIORITIES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 22, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Strategic Priorities, Administration and Protective Services Standing Committee convened on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 7:10 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mayor Richard Stewart
Councillor Brent Asmundson
Councillor Doug Macdonell
Councillor Mae Reid
Councillor Linda Reimer
Councillor Selina Robinson
Councillor Lou Sekora

ABSENT: Councillor Barrie Lynch

STAFF: Peter Steblin, City Manager
John DuMont, Deputy City Manager
Tony Delmonico, Fire Chief
Bill Susak, General Manager Engineering and Public Works
Lori MacKay, General Manager Leisure and Parks Services
Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development
Maurice Gravelle, General Manager Strategic Initiatives
Sheena MacLeod, Manager Financial Services
Jim Ogloff, Chief Fire Prevention Officer
Lanny Englund, Urban Forestry Operations Manager
Kerri Lore, Deputy City Clerk

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Strategic Priorities, Administration and Protective Services Standing Committee Meeting held February 22, 2010

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Strategic Priorities, Administration and Protective Services Standing Committee Meeting held Monday, February 22, 2010.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising.

DELEGATIONS

2. Dr. Larry Gustafson and Ms. Jane Wark – Fraser Health Authority – Amendments to Smoking Control Bylaw

Jane Wark, Healthy Living /Healthy Communities Specialist, and Dr. Larry Gustafson, Medical Health Officer, both of the Fraser Health Authority, appeared before the Committee to speak to the proposed amendments to the City's Smoking Control Bylaw.

Ms. Wark stated that the Fraser Health Authority (FHA) supports the amendments and provided the following reasons for their support:

- Reducing the number of youth who take up smoking is a priority for the FHA – banning smoking in parks and trails contributes to the “de-normalization” of tobacco use and gives children a consistent message that smoking is not an acceptable behaviour
- Policies lead to change in behaviour – bringing in policies to reduce the number of places people can smoke makes it more likely they will quit
- Second hand smoke is dangerous

She stated that the FHA hopes Coquitlam will join the many other municipalities that have shown their commitment to the health of their residents and ban smoking in parks and trails.

Dr. Gustafson also spoke regarding the potential health benefits resulting from the proposed bylaw amendments. He noted that while individually the health benefits may be difficult to measure on their own, the end results of further lowering smoking rates in the population is predictable and has known health benefits. He also stated that the proposed bylaw is a helpful piece in a strategy to reduce the burden of illness related to tobacco smoke. He provided background information related to Medical Health Officers’ support for similar bylaws and encouraged the City of Coquitlam to support the proposed bylaw amendments. He also stated that he hopes the City will, in the near future, consider the recommendation regarding buffer zones and patios, recognizing that such are beneficial to the health of the population served. He noted that the introduction of such bylaws in nearby communities has not has not resulted in the feared business loss or enforcement difficulties.
3. **Report of Fire Chief and General Manager Leisure and Parks Services – Smoking Ban for City Parks**

The Urban Forestry Operations Manager provided an overview of the staff report. He also referred to on-screen slides showing subdivision developments built against large forested areas (highlighting the interface issues the City faces) and images of the large 2003 Kelowna/Okanagan Mountain Park Forest Fire.

Discussion ensued relative to the proposed smoking ban for City parks and included:
- The definition of “park” in the proposed Bylaw
- Challenges associated with enforcement of the proposed smoking ban
- The fact that smoking is contradictory to the health benefits associated with sporting activities
- The need to address the broader issue of the health effects of second hand smoke
- The need for communication and education regarding the ban

The Committee Recommends:

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

That Council give first, second, and third readings to “Smoking Control Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 4108, 2010”.

(Councillor Sekora registered opposition).


The Committee received the report “Auxiliary Policing Year End Report” dated February 23, 2010 from the RCMP Superintendent for information.
5. Report of General Manager Strategic Initiatives – Evergreen ALRT Project Update
(Introductory comments by Peter Steblin, City Manager and Presentation by Maurice Gravelle, General Manager Strategic Initiatives)

The City Manager provided introductory comments relative to the status of the Evergreen ALRT Project, highlighting the positive shift in public sentiment for the project, the need for the City to become more public with respect to its priorities in relation to the Project, the City's efforts in building a business case for a City Centre station in the vicinity of Lincoln Avenue and Northern Avenue and the need to start weighing in on other issues (i.e. visibility of Guideway).

The General Manager Strategic Initiatives provided an on-screen presentation relative to the Evergreen ALRT Project and referenced slides titled as follows:
- Funding Gap
- Public Consultation
- Public Consultation – Preliminary Design – Fall 2009
- Third City Centre Station (Lincoln Avenue)
- Parking Facilities
- Other Issues

Councillor Robinson left the meeting at 8:02 p.m. and returned at 8:04 p.m.

Discussion ensued relative to the Evergreen ALRT Line and included the estimated cost of, and funding shortfall for, the Project as well as previous commitments to proceed with the Evergreen Line.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REID
AND SECONDED

That the staff recommendation (presented in the report of the General Manager Strategic Initiatives dated March 8, 2010) be amended as follows:
- Addition of the words “without additional property tax burden” immediately following the words “long term funding for Translink” in bullet point (a)
- Removal of the word “third” from bullet point (b)
- Removal of the word “elevated” from bullet point (c)

CARRIED UNAIRMOSLY
MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MACDONELL
AND SECONDED

That the staff recommendation be amended to remove the words “thanking them for proceeding with the Evergreen Line and”.

CARRIED

Mayor Stewart and Councillor Reimer registered opposition.

The Committee Recommends:

COUNCIL
ACTION:

That Council forward a letter and a copy of the Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project Lincoln Avenue/Northern Avenue Business Case to the Premier and Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting the following:

(a) That, pursuant to the Throne Speech, the Province proceeds with construction of the Evergreen Line and identifies sustainable long term funding for TransLink, without additional property tax burden, and instructs TransLink to develop a Supplemental Budget for 2011 which includes the necessary capital and operating funds for the Evergreen Line which addresses the current funding gap;
(b) That the Province include construction of a City Centre Station in the vicinity of Lincoln Avenue/Northern Avenue as part of the base project scope; and
(c) That the Province include, in the Project Evaluation or Proponent Selection Criteria, a provision which provides higher weighting to a guideway which is the most visually unobtrusive.


The Committee Recommends:

COUNCIL
ACTION:

That Council approve the attached 2011 Financial Plan Schedule, including the addition of five (5) meetings of the Strategic Priorities, Administration & Protective Services Standing Committee on May 10, November 1, 8, 9 and 27, 2010.
Reports of Committees

7. Minutes of Joint Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Meeting held Thursday, January 28, 2010

Discussion ensued relative to the decision of the Committee to move from bi-monthly to monthly meetings. Staff was requested to report back with information regarding the Committee’s decision to move to monthly meetings and the resultant impact on staff resources. Staff was also requested to provide information related to the statutory requirements associated with the Committee as well as the Committee’s history and accomplishments.

The Committee received the minutes of the Joint Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Meeting held Thursday, January 28, 2010.

Next Meeting Date April 12, 2010

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes Certified Correct

Chair

Kerri Lore
Deputy City Clerk