

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 5, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Council-in-Committee convened on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 2:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mayor Richard Stewart, Chair
Councillor Craig Hodge
Councillor Neal Nicholson
Councillor Terry O'Neill
Councillor Mae Reid
Councillor Linda Reimer
Councillor Selina Robinson
Councillor Lou Sekora

ABSENT: Councillor Brent Asmundson

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Boston, Consultant
Rick Eligott, Consultant
Eric Vance, Consultant

STAFF: Peter Steblin, City Manager
John DuMont, Deputy City Manager
Tony Delmonico, Fire Chief
Inspector Doug Smith, RCMP
Lori MacKay, General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services
Jim McIntyre, General Manager Planning and Development
Bill Susak, General Manager Engineering and Public Works
Jamie Umpleby, Director of Public Works
Raul Allueva, Manager Development Services
Bruce Irvine, Manager Community Planning
Verne Kucy, Acting Manager Environmental Services
Sheena MacLeod, Manager Financial Services
Andrea McDonald, Manager Bylaw and Animal Control Services
Dan McDonald, Manager Corporate Communications
Dan Mooney, Manager Roads and Traffic Operations
Greg Needham, Manager Service Development and Planning
Ron Price, Manager Human Resources
Kathy Reinheimer, Manager Parks and Open Space Services
Dana Soong, Manager Utility Programs
Trevor Billy, Energy Manager
Jim Charlebois, Planning and Program Development Manager

Allyson Friesen, Leisure Services Policy Supervisor
Andrew Young, Community Planner
Andrew Merrill, Consultant Planner
Ryan Perry, Planner 2
Kerri Lore, Deputy City Clerk
Karen Wanders, Committee Clerk

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held on Monday, February 27, 2012

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Council-in-Committee Meeting held Monday, February 20, 2012.

DELEGATION

2. Beverly A. Welsh, Fraser Pacific Rose Society – Pesticide Use Control Bylaw

Ms. Welsh, Fraser Pacific Rose Society, appeared before the Committee to speak to the Pesticide Use Control Bylaw. She requested that Council grant the Centennial Rose Garden permission to apply an occasional application of an in-season fungicide to the roses in the Centennial Rose Garden. She highlighted the following:

- A historical overview of the Centennial Rose Garden
- The number of committed volunteers caring for the garden
- The reasons for keeping the roses disease free
- The fact that the Centennial Rose Garden will be transitioning to more disease resistant hybridized roses over the coming years
- The community benefits of the garden (i.e. Roses & Mimosa event)
- The fact that many volunteers act as ambassadors to the garden on behalf of the City of Coquitlam

In conclusion, Ms. Welsh distributed a letter of support written by Zamir K. Punja, Professor, Plant Pathology/Biotechnology, Simon Fraser University, in addition to a petition submitted on behalf of the “Women Helping Others Group”, both requesting an exemption to the Pesticide Use Control Bylaw for the Centennial Rose Garden. Ms. Welsh also provided copies of her presentation to the Committee.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The historical significance of the Centennial Rose Garden and the number of volunteer hours expended
- The number and types of varieties of roses within the garden
- The fact that hybridized disease-resistant roses are being experimented with but that science has not perfected the plant yet
- The pesticide application process and the products applied

- The fact that the public is notified when pesticides are applied within the rose garden and that the use of pesticides has never been problematic
- The opportunity that exists for the society to become a leader in the transition to utilizing hybrid rose plants and the reasons for adopting the hybridized roses

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REIMER
AND SECONDED

That staff be directed to report back, prior to fourth and final reading of *Pesticide Use Control Bylaw No. 4254, 2012*, on options for exempting the Centennial Rose Garden from the Bylaw, until such time as the Garden has completely transitioned to disease-resistant roses.

MOTION AMENDED
(*Note: The amendment motion failed)

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Implementing a transitioning process under certain circumstances, such as with the Centennial Rose Garden
- Distinguishing between cosmetic pesticide use and non-cosmetic pesticide use
- Whether or not a broader policy should be implemented
- The unique nature of the Centennial Rose Garden and the fact that it is a tourist attraction

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SEKORA
AND SECONDED

That Council direct staff to broaden the scope of the staff report to consider additional exceptions (beyond the Centennial Rose Garden) to the Pesticide Use Control Bylaw.

DEFEATED

Mayor Stewart and Councillors Hodge, Nicholson, Reid, Reimer, and Robinson registered opposition.

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- The use of pesticides on City owned properties versus privately owned properties
- Whether or not additional exemption requests will be brought forward for consideration
- The need to move forward with the approval process for the Pesticide Use Control Bylaw

The Committee recommends:

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ACTION**

That staff be directed to report back, prior to fourth and final reading of *Pesticide Use Control Bylaw No. 4254, 2012*, on options for exempting the Centennial Rose Garden from the Bylaw, until such time as the Garden has completely transitioned to disease-resistant roses.

REPORTS OF STAFF

3. Report of General Manager Planning and Development – Northeast Coquitlam Development Reporting

The General Manager Planning and Development provided introductory comments relative to the status of recent residential developments in each of the approved neighbourhood plan areas in Northeast Coquitlam.

The Manager Community Planning provided an onscreen presentation and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Development to Date and Annual Building Permits Issued
- A map outlining the number of building Permits Issued in Northeast Coquitlam between 2006 to 2011
- Density is Increasing
 - Original Planned Density vs. Anticipated Density
 - Percent of Units Developed vs. Percent of Land Area Used
- Why is Density Increasing?
- Benefits of Increased Density
- Making Projections
- What does the Future Hold for Northeast Coquitlam?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The ratio of parkland area in Northeast Coquitlam
- The timeline to complete the Northeast Coquitlam Development Plan
- The advantages of increased density within Northeast Coquitlam
- The challenges/risks of providing “future density” projections
- The effects that market trends may have on density and housing choices
- The need for transit to service the area
- The fact that TransLink has not updated their Northeast Service Area Plans in ten years
- Use of private shuttle service as an option for ensuring transit service to the area and the costs associated with the provision of such transit services (are usually subsidized)
- Distinguishing between the number of attached versus detached units

- Tracking and accounting for secondary suites and the effects these numbers may have on supporting the need for transit services to the area
- The parking requirements for secondary suites

Councillor Sekora left at 3:25 p.m. and returned at 3:27 p.m.

Councillor Nicholson left at 3:28 p.m. and returned at 3:29 p.m.

The Committee received the report dated February 24, 2012 of the General Manager Planning and Development entitled “Northeast Coquitlam Development Reporting” for information.

4. Report of General Manager Planning and Development and General Manager Engineering and Public Works – Draft Coquitlam Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy

The Manager Community Planning provided introductory comments relative to the Draft Coquitlam Community Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Strategy noting that the services of Alex Boston, Consultant, HB Lanarc, were retained.

The Planner 1 provided an onscreen presentation and referred to slides titled as follows:

- Community vs. Corporate Climate Action
- Background
- Coquitlam’s Response to the Community GHG Strategy Process
- Double Benefits – “Good Planning” and GHGs
- Process: Moving Forward... What do we need?
 - The Current Gaps in coordinating Community Climate Action
 - 2012: Community GHG Strategy

Mayor Stewart left the meeting at this time (3:36 p.m.) and Councillor Robinson assumed the role of Chair.

The Planner 1 continued with his presentation, referring to slides titled as follows:

- Proposed Strategy – Taking Action
- Modeling Preferred Path (2010) (Community Energy and Emissions Mapping and Planning Tool)
- The Multiple Spheres of Influence
- Modeling Preferred Path (2010) (Coquitlam Greenhouse Gas Reductions by Policy Bundle)
- Achieving our Goals

Mayor Stewart returned to the meeting at 3:44 p.m. and reassumed the role of Chair.

Continuing with his presentation, the Planner 1 referred to the following slides:

- Proposed Strategy
 - Opportunities by Neighbourhood Type
 - Tracking Action and Looking Forward (Section 6.1)
 - Monitoring Progress (Section 6.2)
- Moving Forward (A Living Document)
 - Primary Indicators – Total Emissions (Coquitlam Community Wide GHG Emissions – Monitoring)
 - Supporting Indicators – Sector Specific (Land Use Indicator – Walking Distance to Commercial and Rapid Transit)
 - Supporting Indicators – Sector Specific (Transportation Indicator - Mode Split for All Trips)
- Consultation Recap
- Financial Implications
- Checking-In (Three Identified Options)
 - Option A : Recommended Approach (Proposed Draft Strategy)
 - Option B: Continue with 2010 Approach
 - Option C: Review 2010 Targets
- Conclusion

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- How the City's annual community-wide GHG emissions reduction target of 15% and per capita community GHG emissions reduction target of 30% were set
- The costs associated with implementing a Community GHG Strategy Process
- The target set by the City and how surrounding municipalities are setting and meeting their targets
- Whether or not municipal monitoring is duplicating the efforts undertaken at Provincial and Federal levels
- The use of technology to reduce current emissions (i.e. the stopping and starting of cars)
- Encouraging alternate modes of travel (i.e. electric cars)
- The positive effects that will result once the Evergreen Line comes to fruition
- The financial implications associated with implementing greenhouse gas reduction strategies
- The reporting methods utilized, the amount of information reported on and the coordinated approach taken by staff

Councillor Sekora left at 4:01 p.m. and returned at 4:10 p.m.

Councillor Reid left at 4:11 p.m. and returned at 4:13 p.m.

Councillor Sekora left the meeting at this time (4:21 p.m.).

Councillor O'Neill left at 4:24 p.m. and returned at 4:25 p.m.

The Committee received the joint report dated February 24, 2012 of the General Manager Planning and Development and the General Manager Engineering and Public Works entitled "Draft Coquitlam Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy" for information.

5. Report of General Manager Planning and Development – Annual Progress Report – Multiculturalism Strategic Plan

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Holding the "Welcome to Coquitlam Event" on an annual basis
- The feasibility of dedicating a single web page in an alternate language highlighting key information (i.e. how to pay property taxes, important contact information etc.)
- Reaching out to those who do not belong to a group or organization

Councillor Sekora returned at 4:26 p.m.

The Committee received the report dated February 21, 2012 of the General Manager Planning and Development entitled "Annual Progress Report – Multiculturalism Strategic Plan" for information.

6. Report of General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture Services – Parks, Recreation and Culture Strategic Plan Update

Due to time constraints the Committee agreed to defer this item to the March 19, 2012 Council-in-Committee meeting.

7. Report of General Manager Engineering and Public Works – Petitions Regarding Safety and Noise in the Area of David Avenue and Pipeline Road

Due to time constraints the Committee agreed to defer this item to the March 19, 2012 Council-in-Committee meeting.

Staff was requested to notify the petitioners that the Report of the General Manager Engineering and Public Works entitled "Petitions Regarding Safety and Noise in the Area of David Avenue and Pipeline Road" will be coming forward to the March 19, 2012 Council-in-Committee Meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE – MARCH 19, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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CHAIR



Karen Wanders
Committee Clerk