



CP COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL

Thursday, October 7, 2021 commencing at 10:00am
Township of Langley
Via Zoom

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1. CP Community Advisory Panel – October 7, 2021

Recommendation that the CP Community Advisory Panel approve the Agenda of the October 7, 2021 meeting.

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1. CP Community Advisory Panel – March 12, 2020

Recommendation that the CP Community Advisory Panel adopt the Minutes of the March 12, 2020 meeting.

C. PRESENTATIONS

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1. Trespassing on Rail Right-of-way

- City staff talk to the RCMP about increased communication between the CP Police and the RCMP with regard to trespassing on the railroad tracks;
- City staff to determine ownership of the fence at Duncan Ave under 204th Street overpass;
- Follow up discussion to coordinate resources in the future.
- CP staff to look into installing “No Trespassing” or “Danger” signage at that location, under the 204th Street overpass.

D. UPDATES

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2. Regional Transportation Projects

- A breakdown of costing for the RBRC combo project (attached)
- Identify Langley City priorities for future projects and funding applications

3. Rail Crossing Information System Performance

Update from Rick Bomhof and Dennis Bickel

4. Rail Crossing Improvements in TOL (SRY, CP, and CN) to meet Transport Canada No. 2021 deadline of new regulations

Update from Paul Cordeiro

E. OTHER BUSINESS

1. BC Housing on Glover Road

Incidences of theft and public safety due to the proximity of the CP Rail Corridor.
Discussion requested by Councillor Arnason.

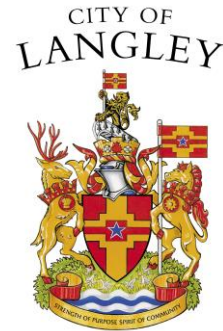
F. NEXT MEETING

Date: TBD
Location: City of Langley
Time: 10:00am

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G. TERMINATE



CP COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL

Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 10:00am
City of Langley, CKF Boardroom
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, City of Langley (Co-Chair)
Councillor David Davis, Township of Langley, Co-Chair
Mike LoVecchio, Canadian Pacific Railway (Co-Chair)
Councillor Petrina Arnason Township of Langley (Alternate Co-Chair)
Councillor Rudy Storteboom, City of Langley, (Alternate Co-Chair)
Dennis Bickel, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
Colleen Clark, Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce
Rob Chorney, City of Langley, Member at Large
Shahin Soheili, Township of Langley, Member at Large

Staff: Paul Cordeiro, Mgr. of Transport Engineering, Township of Langley
Rick Bomhof, Dir. of Engineering, Parks and Environment, City of Langley
Paula Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer

Councillor Albrecht welcomed the group and introductions took place.

1) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY Mr. Soheili
SECONDED BY Ms. Clark

THAT the CP Community Advisory Panel amend the March 12, 2020 agenda to add item 3b) Update on Regional Transportation Projects, and adopt as amended.

CARRIED

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Mr. LoVecchio
SECONDED BY Councillor Arnason

THAT the CP Community Advisory Panel adopt the minutes of the October 3, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

3) OTHER BUSINESS

a) Trespassing on Rail Right of Way

Councillor Albrecht referred to the photo that was included in the agenda which illustrated a view of the railroad tracks near Duncan Ave, from the 204th Street overpass above, and it clearly showed many footprints in the snow crossing the railroad tracks back and forth. The footprints are believed to have been made by homeless individuals known to frequent the area who are using the railroad tracks as a shortcut to Langley Bypass from Logan Avenue. Councillor Albrecht deferred to Mr. LoVecchio for comment.

Mr. LoVecchio confirmed with CP Police that the fence was cut, explaining the trespass. He advised that CP does not own the fence advising it is likely either the jurisdiction of the City or the Province. Fence maintenance is an ongoing cost and despite the fact that pedestrians can use the sidewalks and bike lanes on the above 204th Street overpass, people continue to cut the fence and take the shortcut across the railroad tracks.

There was discussion about who owns the fence and how to better secure it. Mr. LoVecchio advised that he will ask CP Police to increase enforcement in the area, however he noted prosecution for trespass is rare. Councillor Davis added that this is a social problem, not just a trespass problem.

There was discussion about whose responsibility it is to keep the tracks clear of homeless people and/or camps. Mr. LoVecchio pointed out that it is a simple matter for CP as the tracks are private property and no one can be on the tracks without permission otherwise they are trespassing. CP Police have the same authority as the RCMP and can remove trespassers.

There was further discussion about the community problem and public safety in general and how each party can be part of the solution, however it was noted that for CP it is a question of enforcement not accommodation, which may not be the case for municipalities. He assured the group that the CP Police have a good rapport and working relationship with the RCMP.

It was noted that public safety is everyone's responsibility and perhaps a communication initiative between all parties and the RCMP would be helpful.

ACTION:

- City staff talk to the RCMP about increased communication between the CP Police and the RCMP with regard to trespassing on the railroad tracks;
- City staff to determine ownership of the fence;
- Follow up discussion to coordinate resources in the future.

There was discussion about signage being helpful to advise of the dangers of cutting across the tracks and to mitigate risk to the municipalities.

ACTION:

Mr. LoVecchio advised that CP has signage for that purpose and he will ask CP staff to look into installing signage at that location, under the 204th Street overpass.

b) Update on Regional Transportation Projects

Rick Bomhof, Langley City Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment addressed a question raised with regard to who the CP Community Advisory Panel should lobby to, to advance important regional transportation projects. He provided a presentation referring to a 2016 report based on a previous funding program which included the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Combo project (RBRC). It was a very successful program where multiple partners came together and collaborated and he felt it was a good place to start a review.

He provided some background about how projects in the Metro Vancouver area were selected and prioritized for funding. It was noted there were several different funding sources.

Mr. Bickel advised that the whistle cessation project funding was not supported at the time, however if the City or Township have infrastructure projects currently that incorporate whistle cessation, they could be considered for funding now.

Mr. Bomhof noted that the City and Township are competing with all of Canada for that funding and Mr. Bickel advised that there isn't much funding left from that program. Staff anticipate that the federal government will announce new funding opportunities this year.

Councillor Albrecht suggested that this group should get ahead of the announcement of funding and lobbying should start now.

Ms. Clark noted that the Chamber is waiting for the federal budget announcement as they anticipate there may be something there to enhance trade in the country.

Mr. Bomhof reminded members that the Roberts Bank project had many willing partners come together driving the project. He inquired if members felt the same willingness existed to pursue new funding at this point in time.

There was further discussion about the following:

- Monitoring pinch points in the area to determine priority projects;
- Determine economic benefit with associated trade regarding travel time savings and overall economic benefits;
- City and Township need to decide what the priorities are to access NIC funding; identify trade benefit and community benefit;
- RBRC project is an ideal project to demonstrate how the partnership can work;
- Suggestion to engage Mike Henderson, Executive Director of Gateway Council;
- Identify specific projects before seeking grant funding;
- Consideration needs to be given to the potential Skytrain coming to Langley;
- Safety is not a factor when applying for NIC funding, it is congestion relief;
- Underpass vs overpass – economics favour overpass;
- Value in funding application goes up where you have increased trade value. Show benefit for trade and find a way to increase capacity in a way that works with the operations serving the gateway;
- Once the City and Township work through project ideas, CP can support where possible.

It was noted that Township Council has seen a project list and are working toward an agreement on priority.

It was further noted that past projects need to be reassessed and reprioritized based on today's circumstances.

Mr. Bomhof noted that the Railway Crossing Information System (RCIS) crossing signage went live last week, completing the RBRC project. The intent of the RCIS signage is to mitigate congestion problems. Time will tell.

ACTION: Provide a breakdown of which partner paid what percentage of the RBRC combo project at the next meeting.

ACTION: Langley City Council needs to determine priorities as the Township has already done so. Mr. Cordeiro will provide the endorsed list to Mr. Bomhof for information.

4) **STANDING ITEMS**

a) Rail Crossing Information System (Standing Item)

Mr. Cordeiro advised that contact information has been provided to the Township and City of Langley if there are issues with the system, so the

public can contact either jurisdiction to report issues or contact the province directly to report.

Mr. Bickel noted that he met with the province and they are looking to extend the analysis to monitor the performance. The hope is to expand the system in the region and the rest of the country.

This item can be removed from the agenda as a standing item.

ACTION: Update on RCIS system performance from Mr. Bomhof and/or Mr. Bickel at the next meeting.

b) Emissions Implications

Councillor Arnason asked the group to consider to what degree they should be informed about climate action impacts of rail transportation verses other forms of transport. She noted that she'd recently read that railway transportation is more favourable than truck transport and she felt this item should be part of the discussion at this table. Identifying the carbon impact may be helpful in attaining funding and should be part of the analysis and specifically integrated into the policy discussions. She advised that the Township of Langley is working on a carbon budget. When they have a carbon lens, they will need to know what the implications are and the carbon impact should be considered when reviewing new projects.

Mr. LoVecchio advised that trains are four times more efficient to move containers than trucks. Currently, there is one extra train running through Langley, which takes about 400 trucks off the road each day.

5) **NEXT MEETING**

Date: October 8, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: City of Langley

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY Councillor Davis
SECONDED BY Mr. LoVecchio

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 11:27 a.m.

CO-CHAIR

Certified Correct:

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DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER

From: [Rick Bomhof](#)
To: [Paula Kusack](#)
Subject: Follow up to this morning's RBT2 Discussion
Date: March 12, 2020 3:46:39 PM

This is in follow up to the request by the CP Community Advisory Panel for information regarding who the funding partners were for the previous completed Roberts Bank Railway Corridor projects. The funding agreement references the projects in two sections firstly the Combo Project, i.e. three projects in the center area (as Mike had referenced in the March 12 meeting) and the secondly the full Roberts Bank Railway Corridor project.

The following were the funding partners for the three combo projects, namely 192 St, 196 St and 54 Ave Overpasses, having a total value of \$121M.

- Transport Canada
- BC MoT
- Surrey
- City of Langley
- Township of Langley

The entire Roberts Bank Rail Corridor projects consisted of nine projects, having a total value of \$307M (including the projects noted above), are as follows:

- 41B St - Delta
- 80 St - Delta
- 152 St - Surrey
- 168 St - Surrey
- 192 St - Surrey
- 54 Ave - Surrey
- 196 St - Surrey/City of Langley/ Township of Langley
- Mufford Cres - Township of Langley
- 232 St - Township of Langley

The list of funding partners of all nine projects were:

- Transport Canada
- BC MoT
- Vancouver Port Authority
- Translink
- Municipalities (Delta, Surrey, Township of Langley and City of Langley) Note: Delta funding is assumed but as the City of Langley was not party to that agreement I do not know that for certain.
- Railways

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