

Citizens' Advisory Panel

Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2010
Time: 7:30 am to 8:30 am
Place: Victoria City Hall – Committee Room 1

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members: Cara Segger, Andrew Turner, Jim Kerr, Sid Chow, Richard Linzey, Margaret Lucas, Don Prittie and David Cubberley

Staff: Gail Stephens [Chair], Mike McCliggott, Peter Sparanese, Katie Josephson, Dwayne Kalynchyk, Mike Lai, and Howard Markson

1. Welcome and Approval of the Minutes

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on June 10, 2010 were moved by Andrew Turner and seconded by Margaret Lucas.

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2. Recap of June 14 Technical Presentation and June 17 Staff Report to GPC

It was reported that the City's senior staff project team, accompanied by the team of engineers, met with Mayor and Council on June 14th to give a detailed analysis of the technical and financial aspects of the Johnson Street Bridge Project. The purpose of the meeting was to provide Mayor and Council with the information they would need in order to make decisions at the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting scheduled for June 17th.

The Citizens' Advisory Panel was then provided with an overview of the presentation that was provided to Council at their meeting held on June 14th; highlighting the project requirements as:

- Project objectives
- Seismic considerations
- Rail considerations
- Lane considerations

Included in the handout to the CAP members was a copy of Governance and Priorities Committee Decision Request document which sets out the requests required and recommendations in detail. It was noted that Council did approve the recommendation that either the rehabilitation or the new bridge be built to 8.5 earthquake magnitude specifications. Council also agreed that the corridor for a commuter rail would be preserved; but that the City would not borrow funds for the rail portion of the project. It was further agreed that the building of the railway crossing will not proceed without funding from other sources.

The decision on whether to rehabilitate the existing structure or build a new bridge will be before Council at its meeting scheduled for August 12th, at which time the results from the referendum will have been summarized for their review and consideration.

Issues around finding other funding sources was discussed.

3. Project Timelines

With respect to the timeframes; the replacement option starts with the design and tender in 2011 and construction completing in 2014, with the old bridge being taken down in 2015. There are no road closures involved as it would be built to the north of the existing structure.

For the rehabilitation option, the design and tender starts in 2011 and sees the upgrades being complete in 2016 with a number of road closures to facilitate the various reconstruction stages.

4. Phase 3 Public Engagement Process

Katie Josephson distributed copies of the "get informed-provide input" mail out package that will be sent to Victoria area residents as of July 7th.

The mail out asks for a reply no later than August 3, 2010 in order to have the responses before Council at their August 12th meeting.

Katie added that in addition to this mail out, all information related to the Johnson Street Bridge, technical, heritage, costs estimates, etc. for both options are readily available on the City's JSB website.

5. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the CAP-JSB should meet again over the course of the next two weeks to discuss the draft questions as part of the next IPSOS Reid survey and to review the results of that poll. The CAP members will be advised of these dates early the week of July 5th.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 am.

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