

JULY 3, 1961

A Special Meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 4545 East Grandview-Douglas Highway, on Monday, July 3, 1961 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Reeve A. H. Emmott in the Chair;  
Councillors Drummond, Edwards,  
Harper, Clark and Hicks

ABSENT: Councillors Jamieson, MacSorley  
and Prittie.

Mr. J. F. Intihar, Operations Manager, Metropolitan Transit Lines, B. C. Electric Company Limited, wrote with reference to the proposed Beta - Brentlawn - Delta routing confirming the Company's views following a meeting with the Public Utilities Committee held June 29th. The Company submitted an evaluation on the two alternatives discussed:

- (1) Delta between Loughheed and Hastings
- (2) Springer, Halifax and Delta between Douglas Road and Hastings Street

regarding:

(1) The Company submitted that the length and extent of the grade of Delta Avenue was such that a bus under loaded conditions could not satisfactorily negotiate the grade. Furthermore, due to the sharp change in grade at the bottom of the hill, buses could not negotiate since the underframe of the bus at front and back would contact the road surface. The application of essential braking power would aggravate this situation. The Company submitted it was not prepared to accept this alternative.

(2) Regarding alternative (2), it was submitted that the general approach to the Loughheed Highway from Springer was unsatisfactory due to the non-signalized nature of the intersection, the restricted visibility of traffic travelling from the west and the wide expanse of the Highway. Furthermore, Halifax Street linking Springer to Delta was not paved and could not be utilized as a bus route. Patrons to the Brentwood Shopping Centre would be required to walk a distance of over a quarter of a mile which would detract from the patronage on the route.

Another alternative would be the continuation of the Douglas route along Loughheed to Willingdon and the Company were unable to accept this alternative since those residents of the area adjacent to Delta, south of Hastings Street, would be deprived of the more convenient transit service. The Company expressed the opinion that the best interests of the majority lay in concurring in the use of Beta - Brentlawn - Delta, as planned.

Mrs. M. R. Stephens wrote attaching a petition signed by a number of residents of Springer Avenue requesting a diversion of the bus route from Delta across Union to Springer south to the Loughheed Highway and thence to the Brentwood Shopping Centre.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS,  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HARPER;

"That the correspondence be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Municipal Manager read a Record Memo prepared as a result of the Public Utilities Committee meeting held on the 29th of June in the Health Conference Room which concurred with the views of the Transportation Company as related in their letter forming a part of these Minutes. His Worship the Reeve recapped the considerations of this phase of the new general transit programme submitting that the Council had previously decided on the Hastings, Delta, Brentlawn, Beta route and that the question of transit service in the Brentwood Subdivision had been raised by the Brentwood Park Ratepayers Association, with the result that the Council had referred the matter back to the Committee for reconsideration.

Councillor Drummond reviewed the new proposals through the medium of a marked plan indicating that the transit programme would supply needed services in a north - south direction.

The need of service on Springer Avenue was mentioned and it was suggested that the possibility of a pedestrian access from Springer to Delta was being explored by the Manager.

It was pointed out that the suggested alternative that the route be established along Lougheed and up Willingdon would provide a dual service on Willingdon and would eliminate service to the section of Delta Avenue north of the Brentlawn area.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DRUMMOND,  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:

"That the Council reaffirm its decision to approve the new Douglas transit route via Beta Avenue, Brentlawn Street and Delta Avenue."

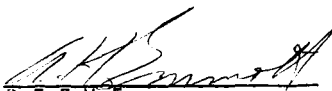
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A petition received from Mrs. A. L. Rollins and other residents in the Central Park Garden Village area protesting the discontinuation of transit service into the Garden Village area was read to the Council.

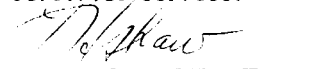
His Worship the Reeve explained that this item was not included in the Agenda for the Special Meeting but was being presented informally to the Council because of the timing restriction imposed by the proposed implementation of the new transit routing on July 21st and that it was proposed to investigate the request of the residents and present the matter formally to the Council on July 10th.

The meeting then adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Confirmed:

  
REEVE

Certified Correct.

  
CLERK