

ITEM 24
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 43
COUNCIL MEETING June 10/74

Re: Draft Policy Statement of the G.V.R.D.
Transportation Study Committee

Council will recall that on May 27, 1974 a letter dated May 15, 1974 from Mr. G.W. Carlisle, Director of Finance and Administration, G.V.R.D., was on the Agenda regarding the above. At that time, we advised that a report would be submitted in this connection on June 10, 1974.

The following is the report of the Director of Planning, dated June 5, 1974, in this connection.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the meeting between the Burnaby Council and the Transportation Committee concentrate on the following procedure:

1. That the Livable Region Plan include as an integral part of its proposals a comprehensive concept for transportation, and
2. That a Technical Transportation Committee consisting of representatives of the Region, member municipalities and the Province be established to clarify the roles of their respective organizations in relation to the Livable Region Plan, and
3. Following this clarification of responsibility and acceptance of the Plan, steps be pursued to obtain the necessary powers by the appropriate authorities to implement the Plan.

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MR. M. J. SHELLEY,
MUNICIPAL MANAGER.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
JUNE 5, 1974

Dear Sir:

RE: DRAFT POLICY STATEMENT OF THE G.V.R.D.
TRANSPORTATION STUDY COMMITTEE

At the Council meeting of May 27, 1974, a letter dated May 15, 1974 was received by the Council from G. W. Carlisle, enclosing a copy of the above statement and requesting that the Burnaby Council meet with the Committee to discuss the position paper.

Council agreed to meet with the Committee on Wednesday, June 12, 1974 at 4:00 p.m. and requested a report on the matter from Municipal staff.

This is a particularly timely meeting as Council has before it the Burnaby Planning Department Report entitled "Burnaby Transportation Study to 1985" which contains a number of recommendations among which are the following:

- (1) Support the principle of a conceptual road network as a basis for future coordinated transportation development.
- (2) Strengthen the established liaison with the Provincial Government to seek an early resolution of the areas of responsibility between municipal and non-municipal roads.
- (5) Fully support the concept of increased public transit both in Burnaby and in the Region.
- (6) Seek a stronger liaison with the Bureau of Transit to improve all aspects of public transit within Burnaby, particularly improving the local bus service and increasing the number of transit foci.

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Inasmuch as the position paper deals with similar items, particularly those of clarification of Provincial, Regional and Municipal roles; comprehensive and coordinated transportation planning; establishment of a Technical Transportation Committee consisting of Provincial, Regional and Municipal representatives to carry out such planning, and for the raising of funds; it deserves the support of the Burnaby Council.

In my view it is not so deserving of support, when the paper prematurely asks for powers to acquire lands in transportation corridors and to plan, design, and develop those lands for commercial, industrial, institutional and transportation purposes in terminal, station and regional town centre areas in these transportation corridors.

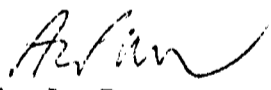
The paper also sets the stage for possible conflict, when it refers to the Region acting on behalf of member municipalities rather than acting jointly with the member municipalities.

It seems that as with other aspects of the Livable Region Program, the G.V.R.D. is endeavouring to obtain powers to implement, BEFORE the Municipalities in the Region have agreed together with the Region and the Province what is to be implemented.

I would therefore recommend that the meeting between the Burnaby Council and the Transportation Committee concentrate on the following procedure:

1. That the Livable Region Plan include as an integral part of its proposals a comprehensive concept for transportation.
2. That a Technical Transportation Committee consisting of representatives of the Region, member Municipalities and the Province be established to clarify the roles of their respective organizations in relation to the Livable Region Plan.
3. Following this clarification of responsibility and acceptance of the Plan, steps be pursued to obtain the necessary powers by the appropriate authorities to implement the Plan.

Respectfully submitted,


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