

TO: CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: REZONING REFERENCE #99-32
SPERLING SKYTRAIN STATION
PUBLIC HEARING SUBMISSIONS

2000 March 20

PURPOSE: To provide a response to the submissions made at the Public Hearing held on 2000 January 25 for Rezoning Reference #99-32.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report and a copy of the Public Hearing Minutes for Rezoning Reference #99-32 be sent to Rapid Transit Project 2000 Ltd., #200-3875 Henning Drive, Burnaby, B.C., V5C 6N5 and TransLink, 1700 - 4720 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4M2, with the view that this information, including expressed concerns, would assist the Rapid Transit Project 2000 Ltd. and TransLink in pursuing the appropriate final design and construction of the SkyTrain stations and associated provisions.

REPORT

At the Public Hearing held on 2000 January 25 for Rezoning Reference #99-32, Sperling SkyTrain Station, representations were made on behalf of the property owner, Dairyworld Foods, on whose property the station is located, as well as by four residents. Council subsequently on 2000 February 07 requested staff to submit a report responding to these Public Hearing submissions.

The responses to the Public Hearing are outlined as follows:

- a) A spokesperson for the property owner, Dairyworld Foods, indicated support of the owner for the station location. Some suggestions were offered for an appropriate name for this station. The naming of stations will be the subject of a separate future report to Council. Concern was also expressed by Dairyworld Foods that the proposed reconfiguration of the Sperling/Winston/Dairyworld truck access intersection which is also intended to accommodate bus access to the bus loop needs to be appropriately handled to mitigate any traffic problems and to minimize any negative effects on Dairyworld truck traffic.

It is also noted that the level of site servicing and infrastructure including road improvements to be provided in relation to the station development and rezoning by RTPO, TransLink and the Municipal Integration Fund (MIF) has been determined through a further agreement

involving RTPO, TransLink and the City which was approved by Council at its meeting of 2000 March 13. Other desirable infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of the station will be achieved through other auspices including future rezoning applications in the area.

- b) A 30-signature form letter petition was submitted on behalf of residents of Kneale Place, a townhouse project located on the north side of the Lougheed Highway across from the station. The petition expressed concern about the impact construction of the station will have on their dwellings. A resident of Kneale Place also spoke expressing concern about the lack of parking for the station and the potential for increased crime.
- c) Another resident expressed concern about the soil conditions in this area and its impact on the station construction. Two other residents expressed opposition to the rezoning, one adding that the proximity to Sperling Elementary School and the townhouse project made the proposed station location inappropriate.

In response, it is noted that some on-street pick-up and drop-off areas are planned but park-and-ride is not part of the SkyTrain provisions in Burnaby. The structural design of the station takes into consideration station-specific geotechnical studies which have been carried out.

Discussions which included RCMP input have indicated the need for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and station policing to be addressed in the station designs and operations. A report entitled "Security, Safety and Rapid Transit" had been prepared by a security consultant engaged by RTPO. The report is general in nature and not site specific. Staff have requested more detailed information on the security arrangements that TransLink intends to put in place but have not yet received such information.

As previously indicated, the City is pursuing the rezoning applications for the stations in Burnaby. The RTPO has agreed to cooperate with this rezoning process and is providing the necessary information to advance the rezoning applications. Although representatives of both RTPO and TransLink were in attendance at the Public Hearing for this subject rezoning held on 2000 January 25, it is recommended that a copy of this report as well as a copy of the Public Hearing minutes be sent by the City Clerk to both RTPO and TransLink. The RTPO and TransLink are requested to consider this information including expressed concerns in pursuing the appropriate final design and construction of the SkyTrain stations and associated provisions.



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