

TO: CITY MANAGER 2001 February 27
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING Our File: 08.230.3.5.1
SUBJECT: LAKE CITY STATION
GOVERNMENT ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING GROUP
PURPOSE: To seek Council approval of the Terms of Reference for the Working Group and approval of the proposed members of the Working Group.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Lake City Station Neighbourhood Working Group appended to this report as *Attachment A*.
2. **THAT** Council approve the list of residents proposed as members of the Lake City Station Neighbourhood Working Group shown on *attached Figure 1*.
3. **THAT** Council forward copies of this report to all members of the neighbourhood who submitted self-nominations or were nominated by the Seaforth Elementary School Parent Advisory Council, RCMP Lougheed Community Police Office, and the Burnaby School District.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its regular meeting of 2000 March 06, Council heard delegations representing the *Government Road Parents and Residents Group* who outlined concerns related to the future development of the Lake City SkyTrain Station. Upon consideration of a report requested by Council in response to the issues raised by area residents, Council at its regular meeting of 2000 April 1 directed staff to host a neighbourhood meeting to review concerns and possible mitigation options. Council also directed that a Working Group of neighbourhood representatives be formed to help the City develop and refine alternative mitigation proposals. Once developed these alternative proposals would be presented back to the broader community before being considered by Council.

This report summarizes neighbourhood comments received at the 2000 May 31 open house, presents Terms of Reference for the Working Group and proposes a list of 10 residents for the Working Group.

2.0 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

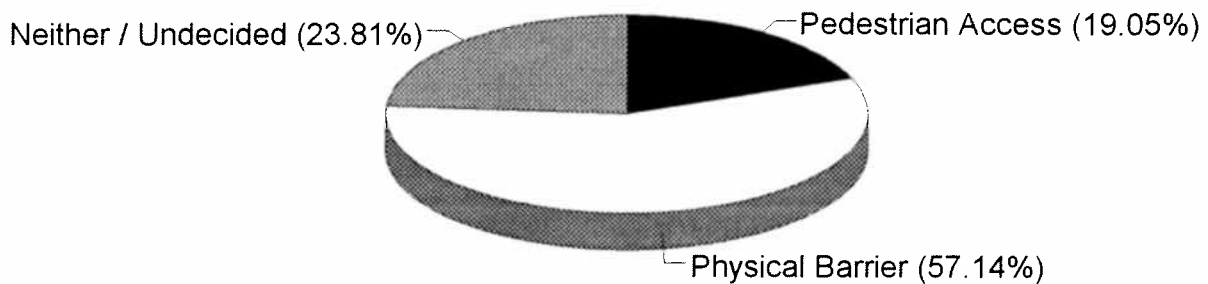
The open house was held on 2000 May 31 at Seaforth Elementary School. The objectives of this open house were to:

- communicate the proposed neighbourhood process;
- present background information related to the status of the proposed station;
- detail some of the general Millennium SkyTrain Line safety initiatives being lead by RTP 2000;
- outline two different general approaches to help address neighbourhood concerns (Option "A": using a physical barrier to discourage unwelcome access to the neighbourhood; and Option "B": providing neighbourhood pedestrian access);
- explore other considerations and initiatives; and
- seek nominations for the Working Group.

This open house was attended by over 70 residents from the surrounding Government Road neighbourhood. A summary of the main themes of the verbal presentations received from the area residents is contained in *Attachment B*.

The comment sheets handed out at the Open House asked attendees what their reaction to the two general approaches presented ("providing neighbourhood pedestrian access" or "physical barrier") was and they were also invited to provide general comments. The following graph presents the results to the question on the two general approaches presented.

Preferred Approach Open House No. 1 (21 responses)



The general written comments received at the open house are summarized in *Attachment C*.

3.0 THE WORKING GROUP

This section of the report outlines the Terms of Reference developed for the Working Group, the nominations received and the recommended membership for the Working Group.

3.1 Terms of Reference

The proposed Terms of Reference for the Working Group is detailed in *Attachment A*.

3.2 Nominations Received

In total 23 people put their names forward, representing 20 households in and around the Government Road area. Of the 23 people, 12 were put forward by the Seaforth Parent Advisory Council (PAC) in their letter of 2000 October 13. In this letter the Seaforth PAC requested that five (5) noted members should be included on the Working Group and the remainder be used if extra nominees are required at a later date.

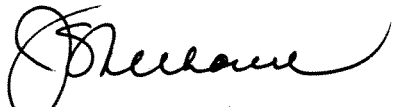
3.3 Recommended Members

Figure 1 (attached) shows the names and locations of the recommended citizen members of the Working Group. The request received from the Seaforth PAC has been honoured and all five of their specifically nominated PAC members have been carried forward (noted with an asterisk on *Figure 1*). The remaining five (5) other members of the committee were selected on the basis of representing the full breadth of the issues raised at the first open house and to ensure better geographic representation from the neighbourhood. The Mayor has requested Councillor Evans chair the Working Group. Councillor Der will serve as the second Councillor on the Working Group.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

Over 70 people from the Government Road neighbourhood attended the 2000 May 31 open house. At the open house a number of issues were raised by residents representing the local neighbourhood. The challenge remains one of seeking a solution to the issues raised which is practical, affordable and is supported by the broader Government Road neighbourhood.

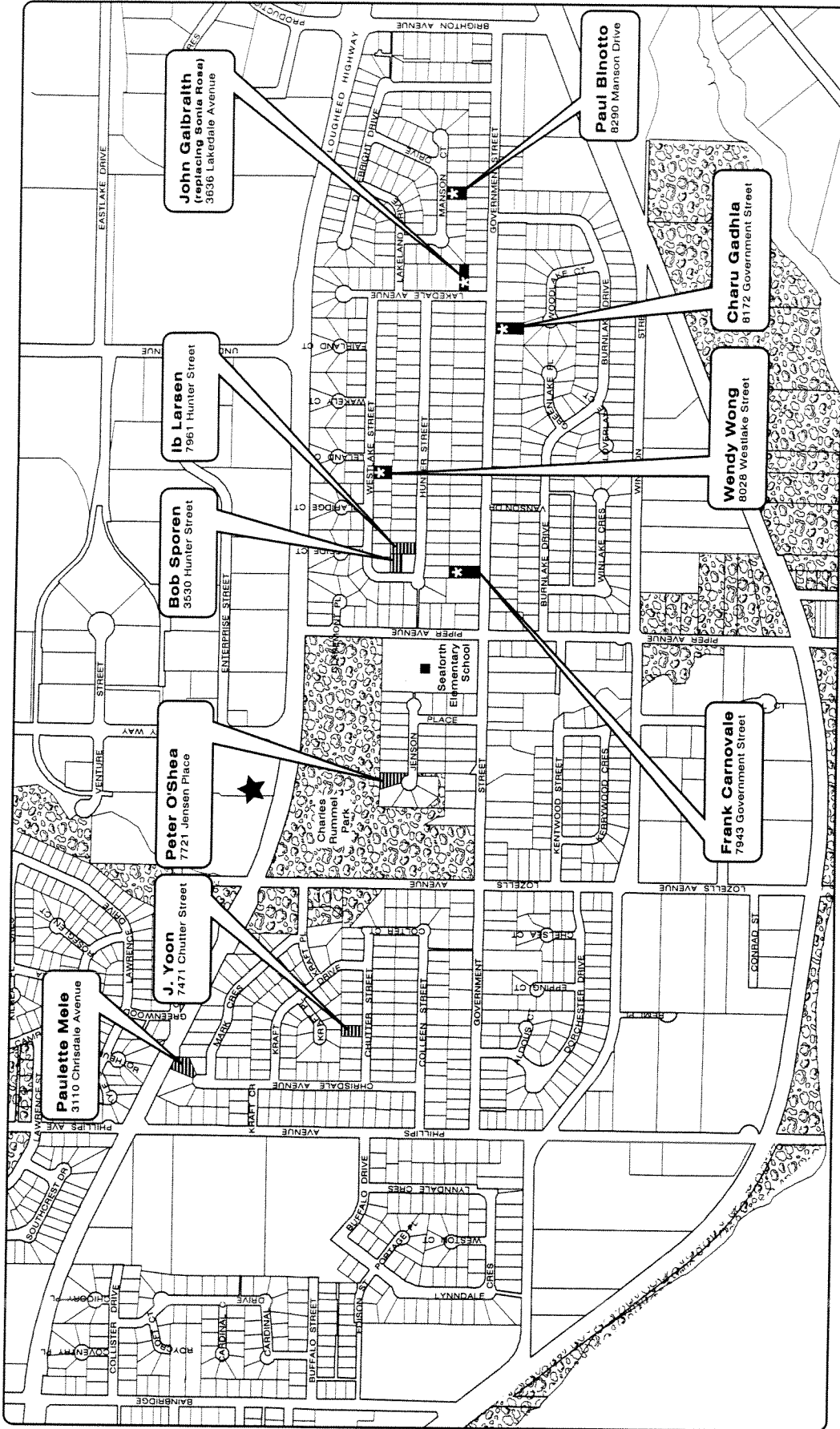
The Terms of Reference presented in this report for the proposed Working Group represents a mechanism for representatives of the neighbourhood to assist the City with the overall objective of finding a solution with broad community based support.


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Attachments

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CEO, TransLink

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Selected Working Group Members

- ▬ Self-nominations at large
- ▬ Seaforth Parent Advisory Council
- ★ Nominees received from Seaforth Parent Advisory Council
- ★ Approved station site

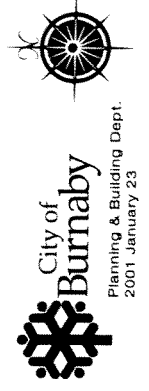


Figure 1

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Lake City Way Station Government Road Neighbourhood *Working Group*

The *Government Road Neighbourhood Working Group* is being formed to assist the City in the development of potential mitigation approaches to address neighbourhood concerns and issues related to the future development of the Lake City Way SkyTrain Station. The proposed process being suggested is outlined in **Figure 1**. The *Working Group* is expected to help the City develop and refine mitigation plan options for subsequent review by the broader neighbourhood at a second Open House. Community feedback on the potential options developed would contribute to the formulation of a finalized plan to be submitted to Council for consideration. Technical support for the *Working Group* will be provided by City staff. Representatives from the RCMP, TransLink and the Burnaby School District will be called upon as required.

1.0 Subject Area

- ▶ The *Working Group* shall endeavour to limit its consideration of neighbourhood concerns and issues to those that relate to the inter-relationship of the Lake City SkyTrain Station to the Government Road neighbourhood.

2.0 Composition

- ▶ The *Working Group* shall consist of 10 members representative of a cross-section of the community. Members are to be appointed by Council drawing on expressions of interests received from the community.
- ▶ A member of Council is to be appointed to serve as Chair and a second Councillor will sit as a member of the *Working Group*.

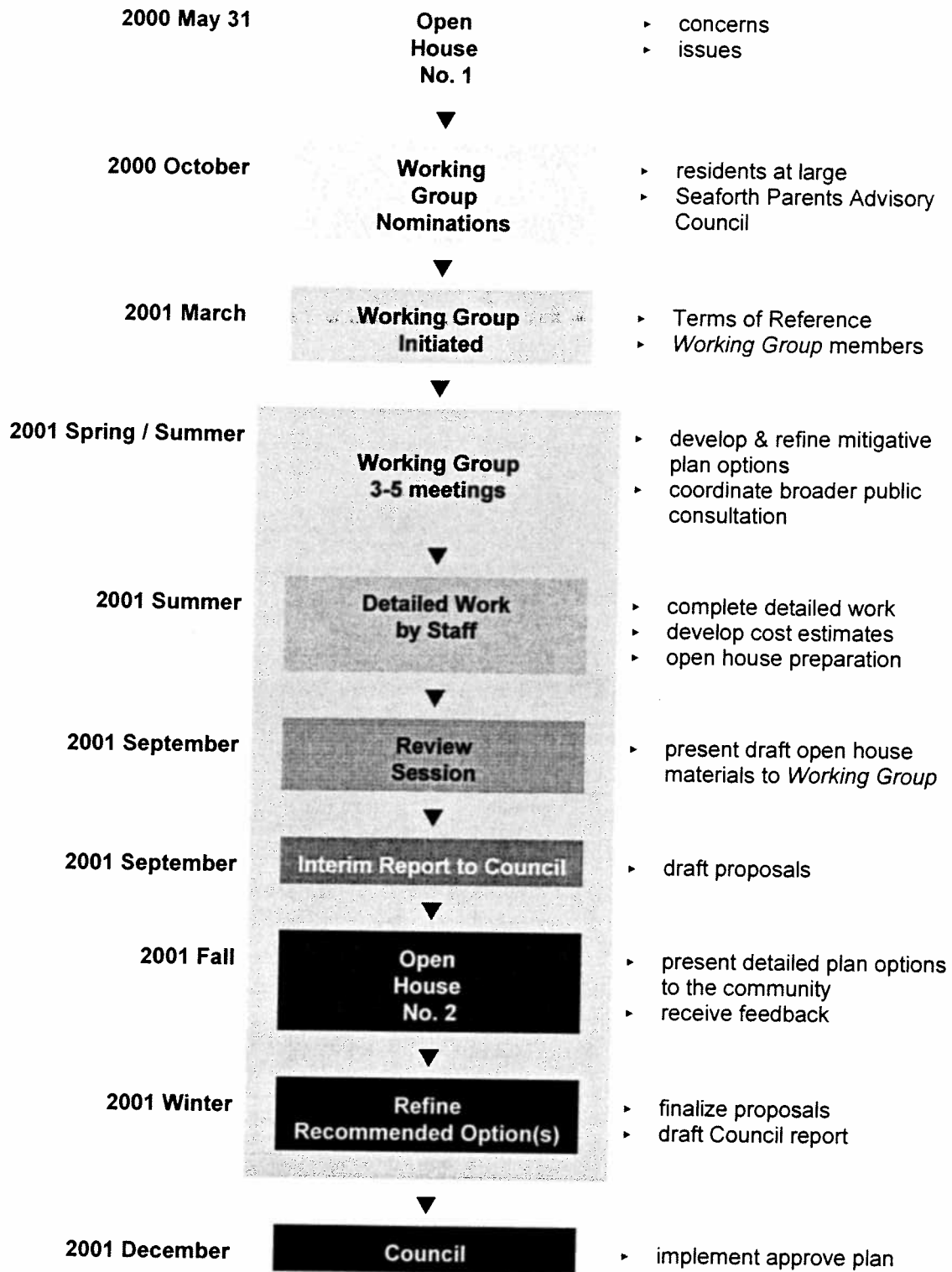


Figure 1: Proposed Process

3.0 Mandate

The following items express the scope and range of the established mandate for the *Working Group*. The recommendations of the *Working Group* should be developed in context with an operating SkyTrain Station on the north side of the Lougheed Highway at Lake City Way. The *Working Group* shall in collaboration with the Chair, the Councillor sitting as a *Working Group* member, and staff:

- ▶ prepare detailed options for public review for the mitigation of neighbourhood concerns and issues in relation to the future inter-relationship of an operating Lake City Way SkyTrain Station with the Government Road neighbourhood. The group shall at a minimum explore and develop a detailed option on the two themes presented at the public open house (ie. "providing safe and convenient local pedestrian access" and "discouraging unwelcome access to the neighbourhood").
- ▶ be involved in a broader neighbourhood consultation process to solicit resident views on potential options for the mitigation of neighbourhood concerns.
- ▶ submit a report to Council incorporating the views of the broader community with regard to a recommended and practical program of measures to address neighbourhood concerns related to the Lake City Way SkyTrain Station.

4.0 Public Consultation

- ▶ Members of the *Working Group* are expected to respect and consider the full range of views represented in their community.
- ▶ The *Working Group* will provide advice on the types, timing and format of public consultation methods to be used to review proposals developed.
- ▶ Distribution of public information or materials arising from the considerations of the *Working Group*, and the initiation of second round of public consultation to be lead by the *Working Group*, shall require the prior approval of Council.

5.0 City Resources

- ▶ The *Working Group*, will have significant opportunity for input and influence of the options developed by the City, which in turn will be presented to the broader community for review and Council consideration.
- ▶ Any capital expenditures required to implement adopted mitigation measures shall be submitted for considered by Council for review in relation to other City priorities, as part of the annual preparation of the City's five year capital program.

6.0 Budget

- ▶ No budget has been established at this time, however, the *Working Group* shall limit the scope of their work to that which is deemed acceptable, affordable and practical by the *Working Group* Chair.

7.0 Meeting Schedule and Time Line

- ▶ The *Working Group* shall establish a schedule of meetings including preferred times and a preferred location.
- ▶ All *Working Group* meetings shall be open to the public. Requests for members of the public to appear as a delegation before the *Working Group* shall be submitted to the Chair at least one week prior to the next scheduled *Working Group* meeting.
- ▶ The *Working Group* shall submit the final proposal(s) to Council for consideration prior to 2001 December.

SUMMARY OF VERBAL COMMENTS

Neighbourhood Open House – Forum 2000 May 31 Meeting Seaforth Elementary School 7881 Government Street

- Request that the Working Group members be selected by the community and not through the self-nomination process proposed by the City.
- We believe station should not go ahead as it was tied to the development of the Phillips area which was stopped by the neighbourhood.
- SkyTrain is not needed for development of Lake City Business Centre as SkyTrain is not needed to attract people to high tech locations.
- Provide a shuttle bus for Lake City connected to Production Way Station.
- 25 million dollars and the risk to our children is too high a price to pay for a station that no one will use.
- Parents are worried about the effect of the station on Charles Rummel Park given its location between the high school and the two town centres.
- We want to work with the City and know how much money we can get to address safety / security concerns.
- Provide for local access only by installing a smart card system that only lets residents in and out to access the station
- We need an explanation of the process followed to get to this point – there was not a proper public process for deciding on the station.
- If the community is concerned, the City should be concerned. It is not acceptable to say that building the station is not negotiable.
- We don't need Lake City station as we will have Sperling and Production at each end of the neighbourhood.
- Why put a station near a school?

- If the station creates a problem who will be responsible for it. What will be done to make homes and neighbourhood safe.
- Neither approach A or B work for me. We need to keep the isolation of the neighbourhood; at the same time I don't want to live in a walled community.
- We worry that we are setting the wrong example for our kids - new people are bad; new traffic is bad; but growth is inevitable.
- This is not an active forum; don't mislead people; locate station at Underhill.
- What is the results of an analysis of the numbers if we take away Lake City Way station?
- Translink has zero ridership data on station. You moved one station, cancelled another, why is this one still here.
- Governments are corrupt – cheats.
- We want the community to select working group – we don't trust you.
- Need to prevent down town from getting to my children in 30 minutes or less
- Not anti SkyTrain – just anti Lake City Station.
- The process is not transparent enough – let community select working group
- How can you guarantee our safety?
- The petrochemical / oil distribution uses at Lake City are not going to move; so your numbers are not realistic.
- Not against development, but the Station needs to be substantiated.
- We can't choose Option "A" or Option "B" as kids can make a hole in the fence and still we would have a problem.
- We need parents on the working group.
- Why did the line not go down the centre of the Lake City business park?

**Summary of Written Comments Received
Public Open House No. 1 (2000 May 31)**

Support Barrier	
Comment	#
concerned about increase in noise	2
business people want the station & residents don't	1
community will access system via Sperling Stn or Production Stn	1
if station, then barrier	1
Neither	
Comment	#
process - distressing / lacked integrity	1
community should select Working Group members	1
need to be honest / transparent	1
scope must be innovative individual solutions	1
Working Group terms of reference required	1
want to explore more options	1
would like to work on this with Planning Dept	1
Support Access	
Comment	#
if station, then provide access	2
Station should be built right away (not in 2004)	1
Working Group membership should come from the community	1