

TO: CITY MANAGER 2001 December 27

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE: 01.226.1

SUBJECT: CITY OF COQUITLAM - CITY WIDE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

PURPOSE: To provide comment on the City of Coquitlam's Citywide Official Community Plan

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council request the City of Coquitlam to amend Schedule B-1 of the Southwest Coquitlam - Town Centre Area Plan to reflect the conceptual alignment of the Skytrain guideway along the centre line of North Road between Austin Avenue and Cottonwood Avenue, as approved by the TransLink Board at its meeting on 2000 December 13.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the Deputy City Clerk, City of Coquitlam, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, B.C. V3B 7N2.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

Appearing as correspondence on the Council agenda for 2002 January 7 is a letter from the Deputy City Clerk for the City of Coquitlam seeking comment on Coquitlam's Bylaw 3479, 2001 - the City of Coquitlam Citywide Official Community Plan. The request for comment is being made in accordance with section 879 of the Local Government Act which requires that an Official Community Plan (OCP) be referred to adjacent municipalities for comment. This report responds to Coquitlam's referral.

2.0 THE PLAN

On 2001 December 3, Coquitlam City Council gave first reading to Bylaw 3479 - City of Coquitlam Citywide Official Community Plan. A Public Hearing on the Bylaw has been scheduled for 2002 January 24.

The Coquitlam Citywide OCP is a comprehensive plan intended to guide future land use and servicing provisions. It replaces and consolidates existing area plans and one neighbourhood plan (Southwest/Town Centre OCP; the Northwest OCP; the Northeast OCP and the

Maillardville Neighbourhood Plan) that were approved by bylaw as OCPs. The Citywide OCP addresses wide-ranging community issues and helps set priorities for the City as a whole. As an integral part of the Citywide OCP, previously adopted area plans will address issues specific to their locations, including future land uses.

The Citywide OCP is organized into chapters that reflect the six overarching community goals that form Coquitlam's framework for managing change. These are followed by a chapter on plan implementation and monitoring and then chapters on Coquitlam's area and neighbourhood plans. The six community goals include:

1. Responding to both internal and broader regional growth pressures by consolidating Coquitlam's status as a compact, complete community, and by improving links between individual communities within the city;
2. Respecting Coquitlam's natural resources and further enabling an integrated approach to environmental management;
3. Providing a range of housing choices in a manner that ensures neighbourhood quality and stability;
4. Encouraging the development of a vibrant and healthy local economy with jobs and businesses of good quality, choosing to locate in Coquitlam;
5. Supporting the development of economically, socially and environmentally sustainable transportation choices; and
6. Enabling community access to a range of facilities and services that meet changing needs, to ensure Coquitlam remains a place where people choose to live, work and play.

As required by the Local Government Act, the Citywide OCP also contains a Regional Context Statement which demonstrates the Plan's consistency with the GVRD's Livable Region Strategic Plan (LRSP). As stated in the Regional Context Statement, the Citywide OCP does not provide for development potential over the full time period of the regional growth strategy, to the year 2021. However, the Regional Context Statement states that the City will develop further general growth management policies in population and job growth which will relate to targets associated with the LRSP. The GVRD will be reviewing Coquitlam's Citywide OCP for its conformity with the Regional Plan.

3.0 RELATIONSHIP TO BURNABY

As stated above, the Coquitlam Citywide OCP incorporates previously adopted area plans that were approved by bylaw as OCPs. One of the area plans, the Southwest Coquitlam-

Town Centre Area Plan, shares a border with the City of Burnaby. In the Schedule B-1 of the Plan, which has now been incorporated into the Citywide OCP, the alignment of the proposed Light Rapid Transit line (now SkyTrain) to Coquitlam Town Centre between Austin Avenue and Foster Avenue is shown on the west side of North Road. A station is proposed for the Burquitlam Plaza site on the south side of Clarke Road. This alignment is not consistent with the conceptual alignment approved by the TransLink Board of Directors at its meeting on 2000 December 13. At the meeting, the Board of Directors approved a conceptual alignment that places the elevated guideway along the centre line of North Road between Lougheed Highway and Cottonwood Drive. A request from the City of Coquitlam to rescind the centre alignment decision was defeated by the TransLink Board on January 19, 2001. It is therefore recommended that the City of Burnaby request the City of Coquitlam to update Schedule B-1 to reflect the approved conceptual alignment.


Apart from the Light Rapid Transit alignment shown in Schedule B-1 of the Southwest Coquitlam - Town Centre Area Plan, the goals and policies contained in the City of Coquitlam's Citywide OCP are generally supportable and would not conflict with policies and goals contained in Burnaby's OCP.

4.0 CONCLUSION

As required by the Local Government Act, the City of Coquitlam has forwarded the City of Burnaby a copy of its Citywide OCP. The Citywide OCP contains wide ranging policies pertaining to the city as a whole. It also replaces and consolidates existing area plans and one neighbourhood plan that were approved by bylaw as OCPs.

In reviewing the Citywide OCP, it recommended that the City of Burnaby request the City of Coquitlam amend Schedule B-1 of the Southwest Coquitlam - Town Centre Area Plan to reflect the conceptual alignment of the SkyTrain guideway along the centre line of North Road between Austin Avenue and Cottonwood Avenue, as approved by the TransLink Board at its meeting on 2000 December 13.

It is recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to the City of Coquitlam.


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