

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY

Murrayville, B. C.
January 29th, 1969

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Municipal Hall, Murrayville, B. C. on Wednesday, January 29th, 1969 at 1:15 p.m.

Present Were:

Mayor Poppy, Aldermen Blair, Breier, Jensen, Shuster and Woolley. Alderman Barichello was absent from the meeting because he was attending a meeting of the Vancouver-Fraser Park District Board.

Robert's Bank Railway Link

Mayor Poppy presented a plan of the proposed location of the railway link between the Canadian National Railway, near Fort Langley, and the B. C. Hydro Railway, near to Springbrook Road. The plan showed that the railway link would leave the C.N.R. close to the Brown Road intersection with River Road and would cross the Rawlison Crescent near to the Ross Davidson property. The Mayor suggested that this railway link posed a number of points for consideration of Council, but felt the most important were:

1. River Road - There should be adequate provision for proper access over the railway line at or near the River Road, and this should, preferably, be an overpass.
2. Rawlison Crescent - An adequate crossing should be provided on this road, and, if at all possible, the road should be improved to provide a better access to Freeway 401.
3. Langley Park Estate - The railway bisects the proposed development area in accordance with the plan presented by Grosvenor-Laing Limited and this should be discussed with B. C. Hydro officials, in consultation with the Grosvenor-Laing representatives.

After giving full consideration to the impact of this railway link on the municipality and its future development, including the existing roads, it was decided, on motion of Aldermen Blair and Breier, that Mayor Poppy be authorized to negotiate with officials of Grosvenor-Laing Limited and officials of the B. C. Hydro Authority regarding the location of the proposed railway and the various crossings over municipal roads and other factors concerning future development of the municipality.

Langley Park Estate

Mayor Poppy stated that Grosvenor-Laing Limited have prepared a tentative development plan for the property in this municipality and an outline of this proposed plan was shown to the Municipal Council.

Mr. N. Severide, the Municipal Solicitor, attended the meeting for the next item of business.

Murchie Gravel Pit Application

Mr. Severide had submitted a letter regarding this application and the Soil Removal Bylaw, a copy of which had been made available to each member of Council. Mr. Severide then reviewed the situation stating that Mr. Murchie made application in 1965 for permission to extract gravel from his land and the development of this gravel pit was to be spread over a ten year period. Council had granted permission for the extraction of gravel from this land, subject to all requirements of the Soil Removal Bylaw. A letter was forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to Mr. Murchie outlining the decision of Council and pointing out that application had to be made under the terms of the Bylaw for a permit. No official application on the form required, under the terms of the Bylaw, had been made by Mr. Murchie. In 1967 Council passed a resolution stating that no more gravel pit permits would be issued, and in 1968 Mr. Murchie approached the Council for his permit and requested that this permit be issued under the terms of the Bylaw, which existed in 1965. A letter had been received from the Solicitors for

Langley Agricultural Association

Thanking the Council for the 1968 grant in lieu of taxes. Ordered filed.

Langley Agricultural Association - Re: Grant

Asking the Municipality to provide the same grant in 1969 as granted in 1968 namely \$1,550. This request was referred to the Finance Committee on motion of Breier and Shuster.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Toebosch - Re: Beardsley Gravel Pit

Objecting to the application submitted by Mr. Whisker, and asking Council not to permit this gravel pit.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Horan - Re: Beardsley Gravel Pit

Objecting to the application submitted by Mr. Whisker, and asking Council not to authorize this gravel pit. Both of these letters were filed for future reference.

Mr. Mark Rose, M.P. - Re: Robert's Bank Railway Link

Forwarding a letter from Mr. R. A. Pippus regarding possible hazards at the crossings on Otter Road and Springbrook Road.

On motion of Aldermen Smuster and Barichello a letter of explanation is to be forwarded to Mr. Mark Rose and Mr. Pippus pointing out that the proposed railway link will meet the B.C. Hydro Railroad at a point beyond these two crossings, and they will not be affected.

Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board - Re: 1969 Budget

Stating that the executive committee of the board has to continue the operation of the staff and the planning function for the three month period of January 1st to March 31st 1969, and stating that a budget had been adopted based on a 5.5 cents per capita levy, and Langley's share would be \$867.00. On motion of Aldermen Blair and Breier the payment of this \$867.00 levy was authorized and the executive of the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board be notified that the municipality will not assume any further obligations in connection with expenses of the board.

Mayor Poppy indicated that there will be some assets and liabilities of the board that will have to be liquidated at the time of dissolution of the board.

Boy Scout Week Proclamation

An application for a proclamation to be placed in the press for Boy Scout Week February 17th - 22nd. It is understood the City of Langley would be prepared to share the cost of proclamation which would be \$40.00, and that would result in \$20.00 for each Municipality.

On motion of Aldermen Barichello and Blair it was agreed that \$20.00 would be paid towards cost of this proclamation in the Langley Advance, and a proclamation costing \$20.00 would be placed in The Fraser Valley Star.

Amor Sales Ltd. - Re: Amusement Park

Asking if there was land available in Langley that could be developed for Amusement Park purposes.

On motion of Aldermen Blair and Woolley a reply to be forwarded stating there is no municipal land available.

United Good Neighbour - Re: Annual Meeting

Stating that the annual meeting is to be held in New Westminster on March 6th, 1969, at 8:00 p.m. Ordered filed.

Fraser Printers Ltd. - Re: Lower Fraser Valley Exhibition

Stating that the exhibition will be held from September 13th - 16th, and asking the Municipality to again place a half page ad in the prize list at a cost of \$35.00. On motion of Aldermen Blair and Shuster the placing of this ad in the prize list was approved.

Workmen's Compensation Board - Re: Volunteers at Fires

Stating that under the terms of the Workmen's Compensation Act only members of the Fire Brigade are covered for Workmen's Compensation, however the Council could give the Fire Chief authority to recruit people at the fire and keep a list of the names of the people so recruited in which case they would be covered.

On motion of Aldermen Shuster and Breier this letter was referred to the Fire Council for consideration at its next meeting.

Deputy Provincial Secretary - Re: Hudson's Bay Avenue

Making reference to the fact that the Municipality has refused to agree to the closing of Hudson's Bay Avenue to facilitate the further expansion and building of the restored Fort. The letter pointed out that this historic site is of great benefit to the nation and to the community of Langley, and Mr. Wallace offered to meet with the Council to discuss this matter further.

On motion of Aldermen Breier and Barichello Mr. Wallace is to be invited to meet with Council to discuss this matter.

MAYOR'S REPORTRoberts Bank Railway Link

The Mayor reported that representatives of Grosvenor-Laing Ltd. had contacted himself and members of the Council regarding the proposed railroad route from the C.N.R. to the B.C. Hydro tracks, and had stated that the proposed route would interfere with the proposed development of their property. They had requested that the route be moved to a point west of the Livingstone Road, and had agreed to pay the difference in cost for placing the railway at this location. The Company was asking for Council support to this application and the B. C. Hydro officials have indicated that Council would have to indicate in writing by February 10th that they supported this alternative route.

On motion of Aldermen Breier and Blair a telegram is to be forwarded to the Minister of Transport with a copy to Dr. Gordon Shrum and Mr. Hunter Vogel, M.L.A. followed by a letter outlining the Councils support of the representations made by Grosvenor-Laing for the removal of this railway to the proposed location west of Livingstone Road.

Mayor Poppy, stated that Dr. Gordon Shrum had been contacted by telephone and arrangements had been made for Council to meet with him at 11:00 a.m. to-morrow.

On motion of Aldermen Breier and Shuster, the Mayor, Aldermen Woolley and Jensen and the Municipal Clerk were authorized to attend this meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTBuilding Permits

The Clerk reported that in the month of January there were 18 permits issued to the value of \$153,230.00. This compares with January 1968 when there were 53 permits issued to the value of \$246,986.00.