

South Fraser OnTrax Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2008

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Township of Langley Municipal Facility

4th Floor, Nicomekl River Meeting Room

20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

Regular Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Erik Wiens, Bill Taylor, Joe Zaccaria, Nathan Pachal, Herb Klein, Rudy Storteboom & Terry Gray.

Reports

-Joe Zaccaria presented Financial Report.

-Joe Zaccaria talked about advertising and then mentioned that we do not have the budget to do advertising as of this month. Members are encouraged to think about sponsoring advertising for 2009. The cost is about \$2400 per year based on weekly insertions.

-Nathan Pachal presented website and blog statistics.

Presentation

-Nathan Pachal did a presentation about past speaker and information presented:

May Meeting

-What Is The Interurban?

-The Issues, What We Believe & The Solutions

June Meeting

-Streetcars on 200th Street

-The vast majority of Langley's population and jobs lie along the 196th to 216th corridor.

-This is also where virtually all growth and densification will occur in the future.

July Meeting

-Translink's history and lack of funding

-More property tax is not an option.

August Meeting

-Transportation planning process

-Future road and cycling network requires integration with Community and

Neighbourhood Plans, South of Fraser Transit Plan, RBRC Study, Gateway Program, and

Provincial Transit Plan

September Meeting

-The Sustainability Charter

-A sustainable community is achieved by the **balanced integration** of social responsibility, economic opportunity and environmental stewardship.

October Meeting

-Langley Downtown Plan

-3C Strategy: Concentrate, Complement, Connect

-Nathan Pachal talked about the Sustainability Workshop this summer and the All-Candidates Form this month that South Fraser OnTrax co-sponsored with Smart Growth BC.

Fundraising

-We have applied for grants for community events and workshops. We need funding for promotions, studies, and general operating costs.

Projects for 2009

- Two Community Events about Sustainability - \$5000
- Ridership Study for Light Rail - \$6000

Fundraising Ideas

- Investigate hosting fundraising country music event:
 - Hold event in Langley Events Center.
 - Find a headliner for event.
 - Invite local talent.
 - Find a date for the event.
- Setup a "Donate via PayPal" button on the blog, get a sticker or pin.
- Membership list drive, get a sticker or pin.

Meeting Ideas for 2009

- People like format of the meetings. People we would like to speak at our meetings in the coming years:
 - CEO of Translink
 - Dianna Watts
 - Lynne Harris and Dave Loewen for City of Abbotsford
 - Gordon Price
 - Rich Coleman
 - Kevin Falcon
 - Mark Warawa

Old Business

- Nathan Pachal opened up the blog and website to guest posts and submissions
- Volunteers are always welcome, email info@sfot.info if you want to become more involved

New Business

No new business

December Eggnog Event at Joe Zaccaria's House on December 11th at 6:30pm please bring a guest.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm