

COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE II – PLANNING & FACILITIES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th, 2018

Committee Report to the Board, June 25th, 2018

Committee Chairperson A. Wong called the meeting to order acknowledging the meeting is being held on the traditional unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish peoples.

1. Delegation – H. Charlton

H. Charlton indicated that she is not against the BC Hydro substation proposal. She asked if BC Hydro did their own research on the substation and whether or not BC Hydro's scientists have expertise in child care development. She suggested Vancouver School Board (VSB) perform their own research.

The delegate was thanked for her presentation.

2. Delegation – G. Chopiuk & L. Dospital, Lord Roberts PAC

G. Chopiuk and L. Dospital, representing Roberts PAC, shared that they felt there is a need to build Coal Harbour Elementary and to resolve the seismic issues in King George Secondary. They explained that there is inconclusive research about the safety and health impacts from the substation and hence alternative solutions are needed. They understood that VSB will make the decision; however, they requested all money that will be received from the BC Hydro Proposal should stay in the West End area and part of that should be used to rebuild King George Secondary.

Committee members provided clarifications about construction above the land once the substation is in place.

The delegates were thanked for their presentation.

3. Delegation – P. Ryan

P. Ryan delivered a PowerPoint presentation and provided background about electric and magnetic fields (EMF) that will be generated from the proposed substation. He described health risks and safety concerns of a substation to people in the neighbourhood.

The delegate was thanked for his presentation.

4. Delegation - S. C. Herbert, MLA of Vancouver West End

S. C. Herbert, MLA of Vancouver West End, explained the need for schools in the West End area due to expanding population. Although the proposal will bring benefits to the community such as child care service, community members have concerns that there will be less park space in the area. He promised to continue to communicate with the provincial government in regards to funding for new schools and upgrades in King George Secondary if the proposal does not proceed. If VSB accepts the proposal, he would like the money received to stay in the neighbourhood.

S. C. Herbert provided feedbacks about questions raised by Committee members and stake holders.

Committee Chairperson A. Wong thanked his continual partnership with VSB regarding school issues.

5. Delegation – H. McDonell, Chair of the Board of Mole Hill Housing Society

H. McDonell, Chair of the Board of Mole Hill Housing Society, explained that the value of Nelson Park in the neighbourhood and that the substation will affect the daily life of the community members. She emphasized that the park needs to stay.

She provided more information about the Mole Hill Housing Society in response to inquiries raised by committee members and stakeholders.

The delegate was thanked for her presentation.

6. BC Hydro Substation Proposal

J. D. Green presented the background and overview of the BC Hydro Proposal. He provided details about the non-binding letter of understanding for the proposed purchase by BC Hydro. He said that the Board of Education had private meetings on various dates to receive updates on the progress of negotiations and the consultation process. Public consultation was conducted in various ways and VSB and BC Hydro are committed to ongoing public consultation.

Various questions about EMF were raised. A. Leonard, BC Hydro's Project Manager, explained that baseline measurements were taken at Nelson Park and BC Hydro also took measurements outside of Roberts Annex. He stated that shielding the lines will lower the EMF by 75%. This will bring the EMF back to the current background level in the environment, as if the substation was not present. Continual monitoring will be in place if the substation is constructed.

In response to concerns about fire and explosion hazard, A. Leonard explained that the transformer that will be used at this site is different from other conventional transformers. The nitrogen insulated transformer will cut off the source of any explosion. He highlighted that BC Hydro has experience in safely operating underground stations.

In response to inquiries about consultants used, A. Leonard explained that three independent consultants - Stantec, Golder and Aura Health and Safety were hired for the proposal. He also mentioned that the VSB could hire an independent party to conduct monitoring if the proposal is accepted.

BC Hydro and Aura Health and Safety were thanked for their explanation and clarifications.

7. School Attendance Area Boundary Review

J. De Hoop, Manager of Planning, presented a PowerPoint presentation about the school attendance area boundary review. He explained that the challenge that the District is facing is the waitlists for catchment kindergarten students at some schools. He described the analysis and methodology that was used to identify optimal catchment boundary adjustments. Feedback was received in a variety of ways and key themes from public feedback were identified.

He highlighted that an extension of the current timeline was warranted in order to enable staff to fully consider public feedback, understand the potential impact of the BC Hydro proposal and French

Immersion review, and develop a plan for the establishment of a temporary school for Olympic Village. He presented a potential timeline for reviewing the the policies.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the current catchment review process timeline be extended to allow staff time to adjust and amend catchment.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that staff conduct a detailed review of current policies governing catchment adjustments and registration/enrolment to identify possible revisions to current policies taking into consideration feedback received through the catchment review consultation.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that staff revisit and revise catchment adjustment proposals for Board consideration.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 5:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Allan Wong, Chairperson

Committee Members Present:	Allan Wong, Judy Zaichkowsky, Ken Clement, Lisa Dominato, Janet Fraser
Other Trustees Present:	Joy Alexander, Carrie Bercic, Estrellita Gonzalez
District Management Staff Present:	Suzanne Hoffman, J. David Green, Lisa Landry, David Nelson, Patricia MacNeil, Shehzad Somji
Association Representatives Present:	Rory Brown, VSTA Jill Barclay, VESTA David Murray (acting for Cathy Thomas), VEPVPA Alyse Alaouze (acting for Melissa Werfl, PASA) Anne Montgomery, DPAC Brent Boyd, CUPE 407
Others Present:	Jim De Hoop Janson Ho Andrew Leonard, Project Manager of BC Hydro Mona Shum, Aura Health and Safety