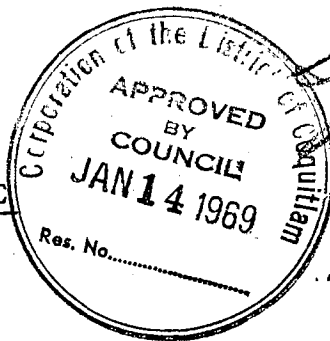


C.P. 69 Committee

Tuesday, January 7th, 1969,
630 Poirier Street,
Coquitlam, B. C.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

C. P. '69 PROJECT



A Committee Meeting of Council regarding the C. P. '69 Project was held in the Social Recreation Centre, 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, on Tuesday, January 7th at 7 p. m. with all Members of Council present save His Worship Mayor L. J. Christmas.

The Chairman, Ald. C. McKenzie, called the meeting to order with members of staff present as well as the Council.

The approach to the proposal was agreed to to commence at the first steps and proceed through to the presentation by our architect giving each member present an opportunity to express their feelings.

The Manager spoke briefly on

1. the reservoir as being a water utility,
2. construction of road, the Laurentian boulevard in particular.
3. the acquisition of lands, that is the land north of Foster and west of Linton.
4. finances.

The Planning Director considered the location and the presentation very interesting too, realizing the problems that would be facing the Council, that is, land acquisition, finance, but that he knew of no physical problem at the moment that would change his feelings in regard to the proposal.

Ald. Boileau stated that it would in his opinion require presentations to the organizations within the Municipality and the Chairman stated that this was intended.

The Alderman then stated that he questioned whether the area could support such a heavy concentration of services and wondered whether the two stage water reservoir could not be included in one. The Engineer stated that he was not fully aware of the proposal but that there would be a staging of it in any case due to the volume of water required at present and future reserves.

The Alderman then stated that he considered other things more important than a movie theatre in the first stage as well as the acquisition of the nine lots south of Foster and would oppose the commercial outlets as not being needed at the present.

Ald. J. Gilmore stated that he was enthused about this presentation and hopes that we can carry out the complex as envisioned for he was sure that this would be a first and be the envy of all in Canada.

I think it is a wonderful idea and I would like to see approval in general principle endorsed tonight.

Ald. L. Bewley stated that this embodies the principle of a shopping centre where people are gathered together and that should work for a municipal civic development and like Ald. Gilmore he stated that he was pleased with the whole thing as presented.

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I am concerned with the problem of parking, some answer to this is worth considering whether it is underground or above so as to reduce the space but give adequate parking.

Mr. Hockey, Engineering Supervisor, stated that he had not studied the proposal but felt that it is basically a recreation area and might crowd out the Municipal Hall and Hall of Justice eventually.

I am fearful we are trying to cram too much into this one centre.

Ald. Butler - I have a fear of the development as it stands now as to traffic and parking. I cannot see an administration building in the midst of a recreational area.

I would like to see the traffic study for this Municipality before I would be satisfied as to the hall location.

Ald. Gamache - I like the project as it is, as I have stated before, and would not want to delay by adding anything or discussing anything considered not needful.

I believe that we should have the Municipal Hall with an indoor swimming pool next to it, then in priority try for a library and an extension to the arena.

My remarks would be that I feel it is good, exciting as presented.

Chairman Ald. McKenzie stated that he felt he had information since the last meeting that should be revealed -

1. An interest of private development to lease and develop as required.
2. School District 43 have let a contract to develop the undeveloped area around Centennial School contrary to the requirement of this plan.

Because we are not in central agreement to the proposal should we not review procedure for the past year, -

1. We have received from the architect a plan presented to the ratepayers and not approved.
2. The architect was informed that it's possible the people wanted more than just a hall.
3. We asked the architect without any strings for more imaginative plan might make an acceptable scheme in the minds of the ratepayers.

It would be my opinion that to throw out the Municipal Hall in this area, that as far as the program is concerned, it would be returning to the beginning.

MOVED BY ALD. GILMORE

SECONDED BY ALD. GAMACHE:

That we approve the concept of the municipal complex as envisioned in the proposal of Toby, Russell and Buckwell without any specific commitment to a particular project other than the building of the Municipal Hall.

CARRIED

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MOVED BY ALD. GAMACHE
SECONDED BY ALD. BEWLEY:

That the Chairman of this Committee and the Municipal Manager
look into the methods of finance and report.

CARRIED

MOVED BY ALD. GAMACHE
SECONDED BY ALD. BUTLER:

That the meeting adjourn. 9.20 p. m.

CARRIED

CHAIRMAN