



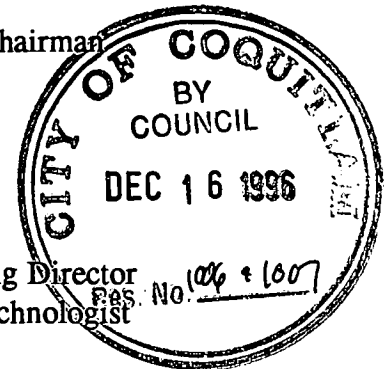
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Mayor L. Sekora

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

A meeting of the Growth Management Committee was held on Monday, December 09, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor J. Kingsbury, Chairman
Councillor J. Stangier
Councillor K. Becker



STAFF: D. Day, Planning Director
E. Tiessen, Deputy Planning Director
J. Cordoni, Subdivision Technologist

ITEM I - MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 1996

Received.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

Item #501-1 - Briefing Notes re: Riverview

Mr. Greg Nutchey, 1865 Charland Avenue, described the Riverview Horticultural Centre Society and its objectives. He briefly outlined the history of the Riverview lands and the Society's involvement since 1992. He described the book, a tree study and tour materials produced by the Society. His objectives can be summarized as preservation of the Riverview site, its protection as public land and enhancing its availability to the public.

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ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS cont'd/

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He cited the tourism potential of the arboretum; the safety of the facilities for the patients particularly the value of the environmental setting and therapeutic gardening work; as well as the economic development potential for movie filming, a broadcasting museum, medical laboratories, conference centre, arts facilities and an educational campus.

He explained the Society's desire for heritage designation as a memorial to prominent professionals such as Dr. Henry Esson Young and John Davidson, the Provincial botanist, as well as unsung patients who contributed through their labour. The impact of the arboretum on the ultimate evolution of the UBC arboretum and various native tree species was traced. He also highlighted the environmental value of the site for wildlife, particularly fish and birds, as well as the potential to reclaim or "daylight" various streams. He observed that community members do walk through the property to enjoy its amenity value throughout the seasons.

He wants support for the preservation of the Riverview lands as a heritage site although he does not necessarily advocate heritage designation of the buildings themselves. Questioning ensued regarding future ownership of the land and the continuing need for mental health care facilities to serve the patients as paramount. Methods for funding the buildings were discussed further, particularly since a number of the buildings have significant and costly problems. He indicated that the Society was not advocating that all of the site be designated as a park because that might lead to over-use.

Mr. Tiessen outlined the collaborative planning process that has been under way on the Riverview lands, similar to the model used very successfully at Colony Farm. This process has been put on hold until the Province presents its report on its interests and future plans. He noted that the process represents many community groups, and would lose credibility if major stakeholders take a final position prior to that process coming to a conclusion.

Mr. Nutchey advocated that Council endorse the heritage designation of the Riverview lands as an institutional use to the Province, and not pursue the land use planning process further. He noted his Society's position as outlined in the attached report.

The Committee received the report for information.

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS cont'd/

Item #501-2 - Extension to Rezoning Application Z-29-94 - Proposed Two-Storey Commercial Building - 1106 Westwood Street (96 101193 ZE)

The Committee recommends:

COUNCIL " That Council grant a six-month extension to rezoning application Z-29-94 to
ACTION May 07, 1997."

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM V - TABLED ITEMS

T-1 Subdivision Committee Meeting Minutes November 19, 1996.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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D. E. Day
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PLANNING DIRECTOR

CHAIRMAN