

Minutes of the **COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE MEETING** of Pitt Meadows City Council held on **Tuesday, March 23, 2010** at 3:00 p.m. in the Meadows Room of the Pitt Meadows City Hall, 12007 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, British Columbia.

PRESENT:

Elected Officials: Mayor D.F. MacLean
Councillor J. Becker
Councillor B. Bell
Councillor D. Bing, Chair
Councillor T. Miyashita
Councillor G. O'Connell
Councillor D. Walters

Staff J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Rear, Director of Finance
K. Grout, Director of Operations & Development Services
L. Darcus, Director of Corporate Services
M. Murray, General Manager, Community Development,
Parks and Recreation Services
I. De Boer, Engineering Services Coordinator
K. Zanon, Economic Development CEO
I. Kelly, Deputy Clerk

GUESTS: Gateway Program:
Geoff Freer, Executive Director
Gord Ruffo, Project Manager
Lori Alexander, Manager, Community Relations
Rob Ahola, Project Director

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Miyashita, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bell, THAT the agenda for the March 23, 2010 Council in Committee Meeting, be adopted.

CARRIED.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the March 9, 2010 Council in Committee Meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Becker, **SECONDED** by Councillor O'Connell, THAT the Minutes of the Council in Committee Meeting held on March 9, 2010, be adopted.

CARRIED.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**1. Gateway Project – Highway 7 Expansion.**

Geoff Freer, Executive Director, and Gord Ruffo, Project Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation which is included as Attachment 1 and forms part of these minutes. The presentation consisted of an overview of the South Perimeter Road (Delta Port to Highway 1 and Highway 15 - completion by 2013), the North Perimeter Road (Golden Ears Bridge through New Westminster to Highway 91), and the Port Mann/Cape Horn improvements – completion May 2012.

The Pitt River Bridge deck is complete; however weather is delaying completion of the roadworks on the east side, the project as a whole will be substantially complete by the end of April 2010; the demolition of the swing bridges will be completed after June 15, 2010, following the fisheries window.

The Highway 7 rapid bus lane project will include the addition of a westbound lane from Harris Road to Meadow Gardens Way, the extension of the existing HOV lane; there will be improvements at the Kennedy Road/Old Dewdney Trunk intersection for bus priority movements; it will be completed March 2011. Questions from Council and responses from Gateway included:

- There will be a median barrier from Maple Meadows Way to Harris Road.
- Gateway is aware that the Harris/Lougheed intersection is an issue; they are updating traffic numbers and feel there is some initiatives such as signalization and other improvements, that could help the situation; however, there is no funding allocated at this time for major improvements; TransLink, the Province, and Pitt Meadows should discuss a concept that could be implemented in the future; they could then work toward it with respect to funding sources; Gateway and the Ministry of Transportation will coordinate going forward.
- Gateway has not identified noise mitigation for this project which is on the north side of Lougheed Highway (they will be meeting with those residents); the baseline noise measurements done a few years ago on the south side will be updated, and the information analyzed and provided to Pitt Meadows staff by the end of April; if the need for improvements is identified by TransLink, solutions could include a fence, berm, vegetation or “quiet” pavement. If there is no change in the noise observations, no action will be taken; if there is significant change, Gateway will put together a plan and look toward finding funding in the future.

1. Gateway Project – Highway 7 Expansion Cont’d.

- The pedestrian path under the Pitt River Bridge will be substantially completed by the end of April.
- As part of the project, Gateway will provide an environmental compensation area on City property due to the closing of a ditch on the north side of Lougheed from the Park property east to Meadow Gardens Way.

(G. Freer, G. Ruffo, L. Alexander, R. Ahola and I. de Boer left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.)

D. REPORTS**1. 2009 Investment Portfolio Update. (1860-01)**

Randy Clowes, CIBC Wood Gundy, provided Council with an overview of the performance of the City's investment portfolio during the last year. It was noted that any interest received is allocated to the Reserves.

MOVED by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Miyashita, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council receive for information the report dated February 22, 2010, from the Director of Finance.

CARRIED.

(R. Clowes left the meeting at 3:43 p.m.)

2. Civic Centre Parking Strategy. (0890-04/10)

The Director of Operations and Development Services provided an overview of the short to medium term Civic Centre parking strategy; the Civic Parking Map is included as Attachment 2 and forms part of these minutes. Ms. Grout noted that the Parkade is expected to open in April 2010.

Discussion included the possibility for providing a bike lock-up area, storage for Parks and Recreation equipment, and monthly permitted paid parking in the underground. It was noted that anyone interested in renting space should contact Ms. Grout.

MOVED by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Walters, THAT the Committee recommends THAT Council receive for information the report dated March 5, 2010, from the Director of Operations and Development Services.

CARRIED.

E. COMMITTEE ROUND TABLE

Inauguration of Katzie First Nation Band Council (Councillor Miyashita) – will be April 1, 2010 at the Swan-e-Set Longhouse.

Honouring Firefighters by Katzie First Nation (Councillor Miyashita) – invited everyone to attend the event on April 15, 2010.

Chamber Gala (Councillor Becker) – it would be appreciated if anyone who has historical information regarding the Pitt Meadows Chamber could provide it to the Chamber.

Second Edition of Don Waite's Book (Councillor Becker) – Mayor could provide a Forward.

Pitt Meadows 100th Anniversary (Councillor Becker) – suggested the City might want to consider preparing a book as a memento.

South Bonson Pathway (K. Grout) - the work done by the contractor, Joint Ventures, has been redone as part of the Golden Ears Bridge construction; missing culverts have been replaced, along with a French drainage system which connects to the underground drainage. TransLink will continue to monitor the situation.

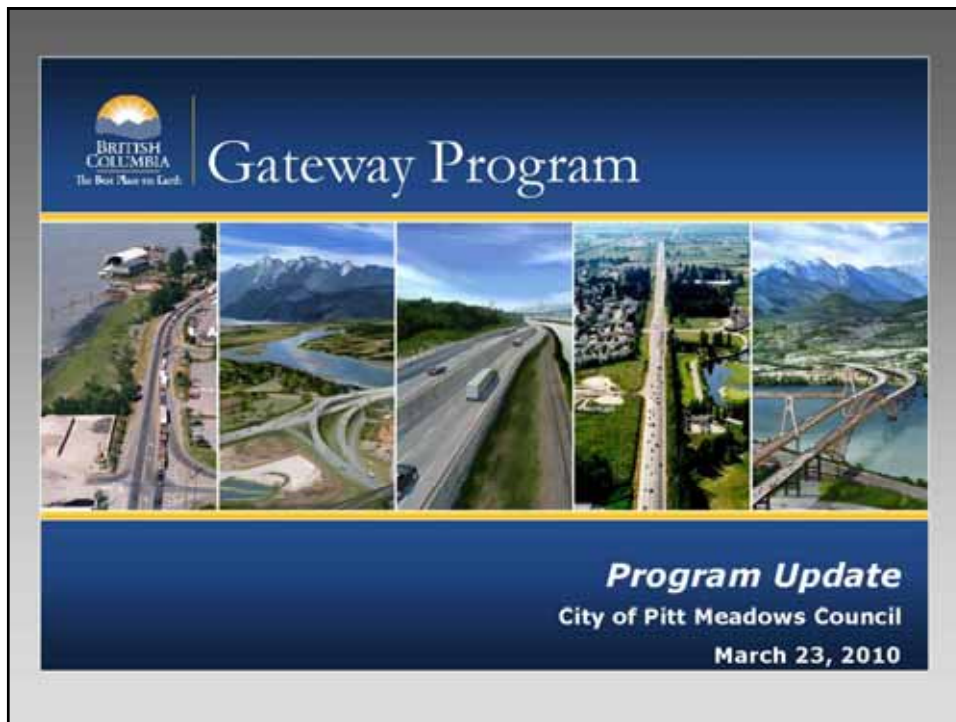
F. ADJOURNMENT


MOVED by Mayor MacLean, **SECONDED** by Councillor Miyashita, THAT this meeting now be adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

CARRIED.

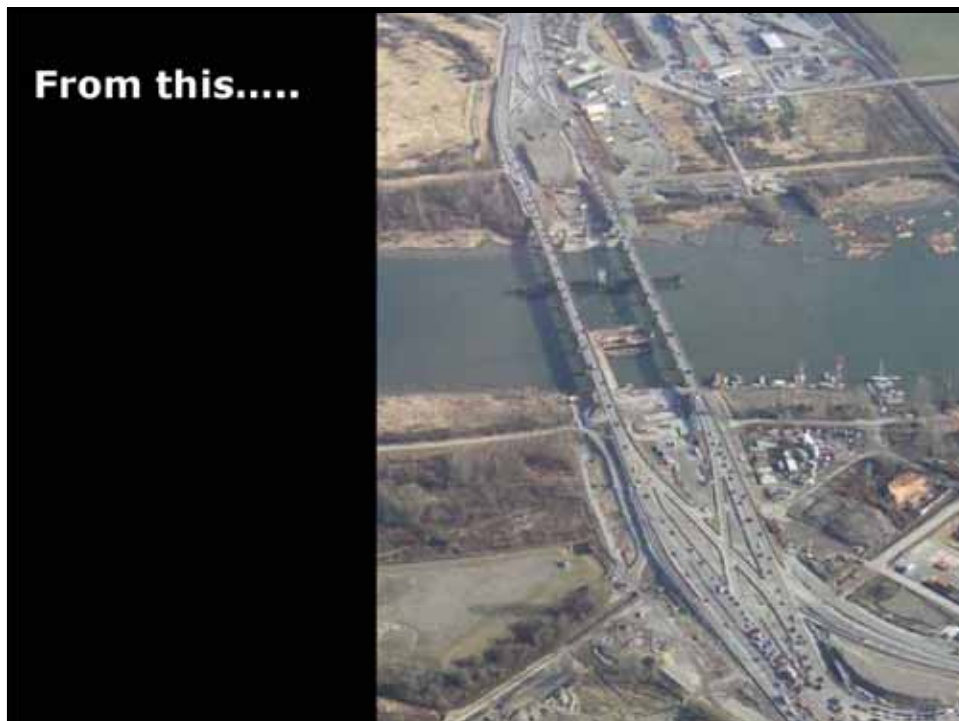
Chair

ATTACHMENT 1:




 Gateway Program

**Pitt River Bridge
and
Mary Hill Interchange Project**

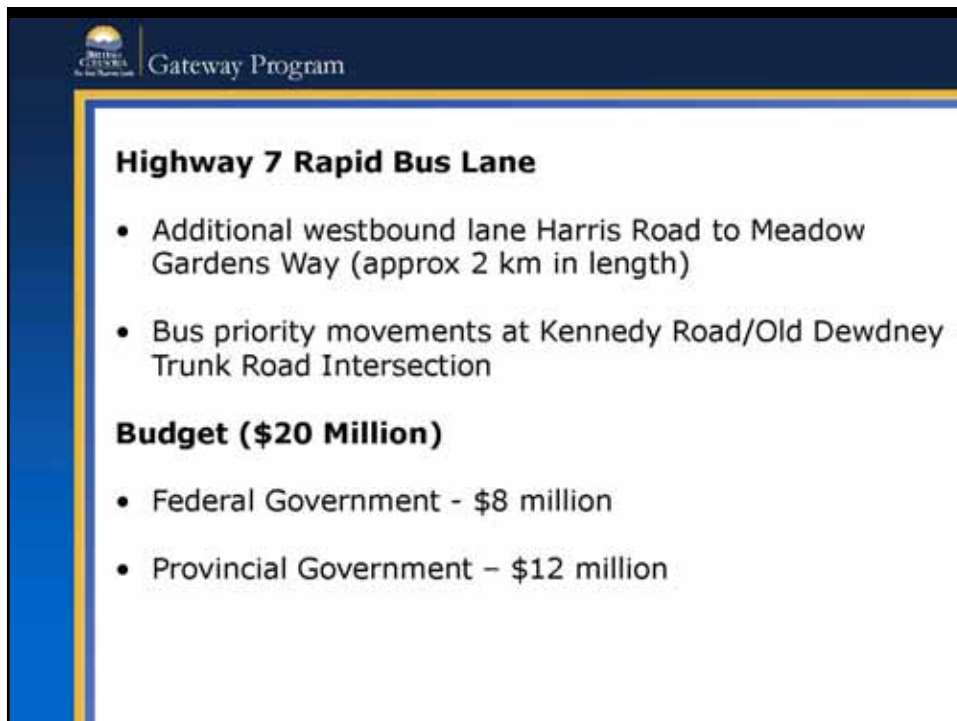
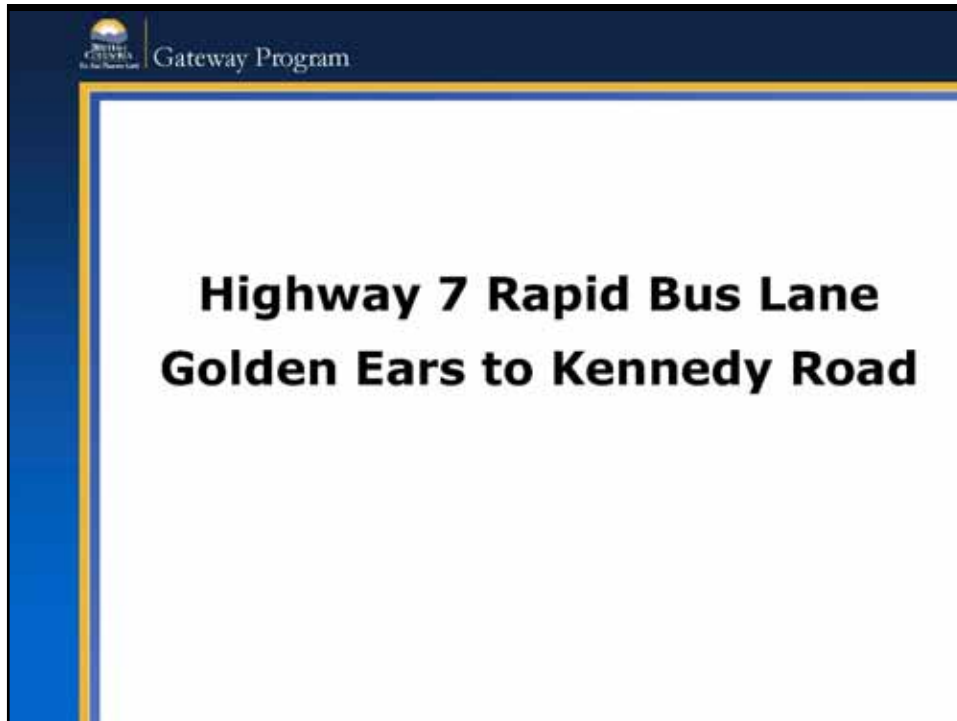





 Gateway Program

Current Status of Project

- Bridge complete
- East Side road works
- Mary Hill Bypass Interchange
- Sherling Avenue Intersection
- Fremont Street Connector
- Demolition of Swing Bridges

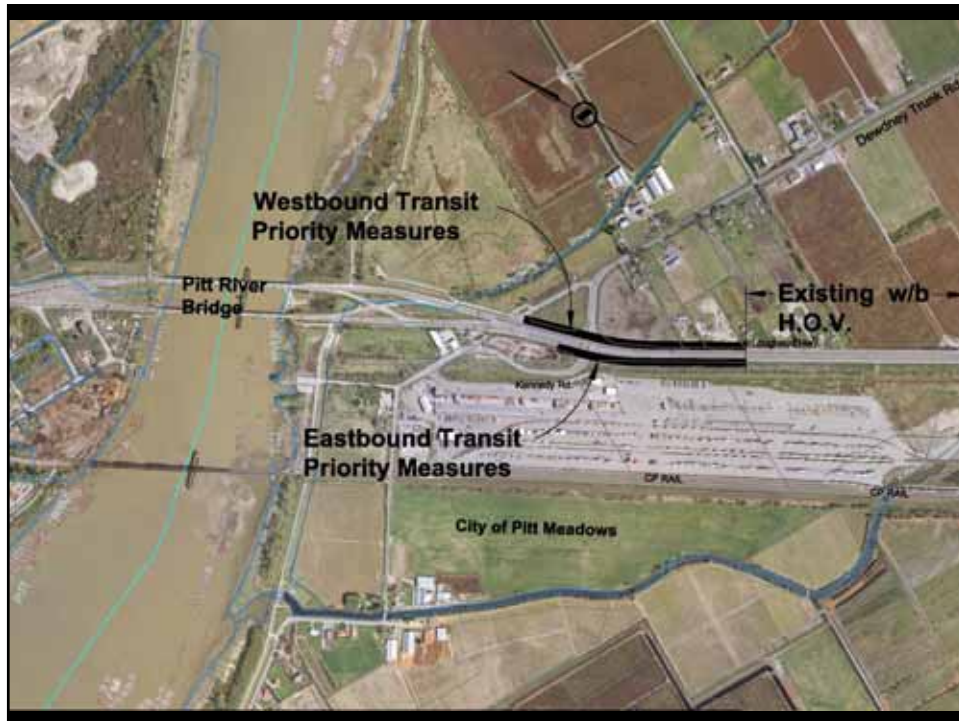


 Gateway Program

Project Goals

- To improve safety along the Highway 7 corridor
- To improve reliability and efficiency for traffic along Highway 7
- Improve capacity
- Preparation for future Rapid Bus





 Gateway Program

Project Schedule

- Design In progress
- Environmental Approvals In progress
- Construction Spring 2010
- Completion Spring 2011

