
Project: Hamilton Blvd Extension

Date: March 8, 2005

Location: Sport Yukon Meeting Room 1

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Present:	YTG	Brian Ritchie	Quest	Rick Savage
	Inukshuk	Ian Robertson	Laberge	Bill Slater
	Luigi Zanasi	Luigi Zanasi	Luigi Zanasi	Malcolm Taggart
	City Eng.	Wayne Tuck	City Eng.	Janet Ryan
	City Plng.	Mike Ellis	KDFN	Ray Santa
	KDFN	Gillian McKee	YG – Transp Eng.	Brian Laird
	YG Transp Mtnc	Bob Allison	YTG Env.	Randy Lamb
	Hillcrest CA	Jim Gilpin	McLean Lke RA	Skeeter Miller-Wright
	McLean Lke RA	Bob Kuiper	Copper Rdge CA	Natasha Phillips
	Granger NA	Paulette Ruest	Granger NA	Mike Stanock
	Yukon Gardens	Lorne Metropolit	Lobird TC	Dave Robertson
	Lobird TC	Blake Battersby	WHTV	Cory Bruneau
	NWtel	Malcolm Henderson	YECL	Luke Horrelet

Recorder: **Touch the North** Pam Boyde

Purpose of Meeting: Project Advisory Committee Meeting #1

1. Welcome and introductions of committee members
 2. Role of the Project Advisory Committee - Brian Ritchie
 - a. To act as a conduit between the Project Management Team and the public
 - b. To let respective parties know what is going on with respect to the project
 - c. To help identify issues
 - d. To keep constituent groups apprised of the status of the project
 - e. To help set up one-on-one meetings between the technical committee and constituent groups
 - f. Formation of this committee was deferred to March because of the delay in awarding the consultant contract
 3. Where we are at to date – Rick Savage
 - a. The main activity on this project to date is gathering background information
 - Have looked at past studies recommending various road alignments
 - Mapped out the various alignments and the preferred alignment
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- Preferred alignment (orange lines on coloured map of hand out) is based on the information and recommendations from past studies that would provide the best services for development beyond Copper Ridge. This is the alignment that was identified in the KDFN Land Claim Final Agreement.
 - Identified a proposed alignment (blue line on coloured map) which coincides with the preferred alignment with some modest changes to avoid known conflicts such as excessively steep contours, small radius corner, encroachment on rock bluffs by rock climbing garden and encroachment on known property extension.
 - Prepared the background document, “Hamilton Boulevard Extension (Falcon Drive south to Alaska Hwy)” that was distributed to committee members
4. Project- Pre-design and Environmental Assessment Overview – Rick Savage
- a. The extension is to be a two lane arterial road similar to Mountainview Drive.
 - b. The economic impact assessment and socio-economic assessment teams are at the information gathering stage
5. Floor opened to questions form Committee members
- a. Will the extension include services i.e. sewer and water?
 - No, services are not a priority at this point. The scope of the project is for a road only
 - Provision of services is seen to be the responsibility of future developers
 - The primary consideration for this project is a transportation corridor. Development is a distant secondary consideration
 - b. What is the time frame for road construction?
 - 2007-2008 based on MRIF funding
 - Possibly 2006; possibly sooner
 - City’s perspective is they have a lot to deal with at this time with the waterfront in the next 2 – 3 years, so probably not until 2007 - 2008 at the earliest.
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- c. Will the right of way allow for 4 lanes?
 - ▶ The right of way is 60 metres wide similar to the rest of Hamilton Blvd. It is limited to 60 metres as that is what is identified in the Kwanlin Dün Land Claim Final Agreement
 - ▶ The City anticipates that the extension will have the same look as the rest of Hamilton Blvd – City prefers a divided two lane road
 - ▶ The 2002/03 City of Whitehorse City-Wide Transportation Study identified that a two lane road is all that is needed for this area, based on capacity requirements
- d. Will the bike paths on Hamilton Blvd be extended as well?
 - ▶ This will be considered in the planning.
 - ▶ The right of way can accommodate it
 - ▶ It is a good idea, fits with the transportation study and would be nice to do budget permitting.
 - ▶ MRIF allows for green initiatives and could be considered to help fund the bike path extension.
- e. General comments
 - ▶ City of Whitehorse is looking at opportunities to continue using roundabouts in the extension at intersections if appropriate.
 - ▶ Part of the design specifications is to have MacLean Lake Road connect to the Hamilton Blvd Extension and not intersect the Alaska Highway
 - ▶ Lobird will probably have to have access road adjustments as well
 - ▶ It is anticipated that there will be concerns around the intersection to Yukon Gardens and High Country RV Park
- f. Are there any service roads planned north or west of the Robert Service Way intersection?
 - ▶ Nothing at this time.
- g. Will the road be paved?
 - ▶ Yes. The type of material is yet to be determined and will be influenced by the budget.

- h. What is the estimated budget for this project?
 - \$10 million
- i. Is it possible to determine any savings there would be if water and sewer infrastructure was installed while the extension was being built rather than in 5 years time?
 - There are very preliminary budget numbers available. They are significant. YTG can provide them to the Committee if desired.
 - The budget for this project is a non-recoverable Capital project.
 - Infrastructure, such as water and sewer, sidewalks, curbs and paved roads have been typically recoverable costs through land development and therefore not factored into this project as the project is a non-recoverable Capital project.
- j. What is the timeframe for development of the yellow (urban development area beyond Copper Ridge) area (reference is to the map at the back of the Hamilton Boulevard Extension handout)?
 - This is not known. The City's Official Community Plan speaks to the next area for major urban development being the lower bench in Porter Creek.
- k. What is the designation of the KDFN lands that are adjacent to the Hamilton Blvd Extension?
 - Mixed residential-commercial
 - The City might look at putting conduits at key points along the road to facilitate services installation at some later date. The extension will have minimal access points to the adjacent lands. Access in the development areas will be limited to specific points along the extension. Property access will be internal through the development areas.
 - No additional traffic flow will be created through the existing neighborhoods. All new development access would be from the Hamilton Extension.
- l. Are there any mineral claims in this area?
 - None are known.

- m. YECL's involvement/concerns with this project:
 - Focus 1, the roadway is straightforward. We will provide lighting for the road.
 - Biggest concern will be focus 2 – development. Substation-wise we are at capacity taking Copper Ridge Stage 11 into consideration. Further development will require changes.
 - We'll have to look at an alternate way of feeding Lobird and how to service the KDFN lands
 - We have to be sure the corridor is adequate
- n. Northwestel's involvement/concerns with this project:
 - Concerned about future development, too.
 - Would like a secondary fiber optic service installed in the Granger/Copper Ridge area.
 - Best time to install it would be when YECL puts in its buried cables – we use the same trench
 - At a minimum we will install a conduit and pull in fiber optic cable

6. Public Meeting

- a. Will take place after Spring break – early April.
- b. Format will probably be an open house followed by a public meeting.
- c. Will have two dates; suggested having them as back-to-back meetings.
- d. Venue to be determined; possibly the Transportation Museum, Elijah Smith School or Na Kwa Ta Ku.
- e. Committee members asked to inform their constituent groups of the meeting.
- f. The handout will be sent to committee members as a pdf file so they may share it with their respective membership.

7. One-on-one meetings with individual groups.

- a. These will be scheduled after the public meetings.
- b. Pam will coordinate them with you.

8. Next Advisory Committee meeting

- a. In a month to 6 weeks time; members will be notified in good time

- b. Please provide feedback through Pam

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.