

Present:

Chairperson – Councillor Hepner
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hayne
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Steele
Councillor Villeneuve
Mayor Watts

Absent:**Staff Present:**

City Clerk
City Manager
Deputy City Clerk
Acting City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance & Technology
General Manager, Human Resources
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Planning & Development

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Anna Mathewson, Manager, Sustainability**

File: 0290-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to announce the 2013 Climate Change Showdown Awards for 'Winning Class' and 'Top Performers.'

The following comments were made:

- The delegation thanked the Surrey School District and teachers and the BC Sustainable Energy Association for support and their efforts in scheduling and delivering the programming for the 2013 Climate Change Showdown.
- The Climate change Showdown is delivered in elementary schools from grades four – nine. The program has three main components which include: 1) watching a 20-minute video, 2) playing an interactive board game designed to reinforce the lessons; and 3) completing a take-home worksheet with specific actions students and their families can take.
- Showdown participants are scored on the actions they complete. This year, 9 schools participated, there were 30 workshops delivered, and there was a total Green House Gas (GHG) reduction of 370 tonnes.
- The winning class for this year's Climate Change Showdown in Surrey is Manpreet Sanghara's Grade 5/6 class at Walnut Road Elementary. The winning class and teacher received an award certificate and a pizza party.

- The top three individual players across participating schools, with 4300 points each in their contest results, are:
 1. Maven from Mrs. Romano's class at Green Timbers Elementary
 2. Ravneet from Mr. Marounek's class at David Brankin Elementary
 3. Richard from Ms. Andres' class at Fraser Wood Elementary

Winners were presented with framed certificates and \$100 gift certificates to Rocky Cycles.

Council thanked the School District and partners for all their work on this important initiative.

2. **Anna Mathewson, Manager, Sustainability**

File: 0512-02; 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report R105 of Regular Council Public Hearing agenda.

In attendance before Council to provide an update on the 2012 Sustainability Annual Progress Report.

The following comments were made:

- The Sustainability Dashboard incorporates the suite of sustainability metrics developed to manage the City of Surrey's sustainability vision. The Dashboard is a visual, innovative web based tool that other local governments are adopting as a best practice model and can be found on the following link: <http://dashboard.surrey.ca/>
- This year, the Sustainability Dashboard and 2012 Sustainability Annual Progress report were further refined into distinct sustainability themes ensuring both the annual report goals and the dashboard goals are fully aligned.
- In terms of how progress on the Sustainability Dashboard is monitored, it is straightforward with the following categories:
 - on target
 - stable
 - off target
 - no target
 - insufficient data

The delegation noted that there are some metrics where there is not enough data to establish trends at this point, i.e., 2011 census that the movement or trends could not be reported on.

- The City of Surrey is doing very well and is on target or stable for 37 targets. There are 9 with insufficient data and there are some without a target. The delegation noted there are 4 measures where the City is off target; however, the items are out of the City's control. Corporate Highlights included energy audits and workplace conservation awareness.
- Each of the 12 dashboard themes are reported in the annual report along with movement and progress. There are representative graphs included to show the targets for different programs that have been implemented, i.e., Community Waste Diversion.

Councillor Hayne congratulated the delegation for the suburb job and noted that the Sustainability Charter touches all the pillars of the community and there is a lot of work done over the past year.

The launching of the Sustainability Dashboard will give the community as sense of ownership and information available at their fingertips. The "*Rethink Waste Program*" has represented an immediate reduction of 24 percent which is a huge accomplishment for the City.

Mayor and Council thanked staff for their terrific work and noted that the move to the LEED Gold Certified City Hall will be another huge achievement.

3. Don Luymes, Manager, Community Planner

Note: See Corporate Report R120 of Regular Council Public Hearing agenda.

In attendance before Council to provide a synopsis of the Major Review of the Surrey Official Community Plan (OCP).

The following comments were made:

- Staff noted the new OCP reflects the policies and direction of Council, and stresses a stronger City Centre and Town Centre while making Surrey a greener City.
- The OCP is a complex document with several major themes that are emphasized more in the new version than they have been in previous OCP iteration. An example of new themes include: 1) Transit-supported development, 2) Stronger City and Town Centres, and 3) A greener City.

Highlights of the new OCP include:

- **Vision Statement** – Prepared under the umbrella of the Sustainability Charter with 9 building blocks for a healthy city. Each building block is linked to goals and policy statements.

- **Higher Density City Centre** - The New OCP proposes higher density in the City Centre and most of the Town Centres. The plan also proposes that the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) be calculated on a gross site area. This revision will encourage the dedication of land for public purposes that make the City more livable and walkable.
- **Transit Development Areas** - Four frequent transit development areas are proposed for mid-rise mixed use development to facilitate rapid transit investment. It proposes a new designation entitled "mixed employment." Staff has delineated the higher density town centres and the frequent transit centres. The four proposed sites include: 1) 104 Avenue corridor 2) East Clayton where 192 Street bisects Fraser Highway, 3) 152 and Fraser in Fleetwood, 4) and the area of the Scott Road SkyTrain Station.
- **Sub-urban Reserve** – Is a new designation involving an integration of land uses in approved Neighbourhood Concept Plans (NCPs) into the OCP to show Council's approved vision to external stakeholders. It involves a new Regional Context Statement and allows Temporary Use Permits (TUP's) be authorized but not integration into the OCP or requiring by-law amendments.
- In the new OCP, various themes are broken into Urban Structure, Growth Management, and Pillars of Sustainability. Within each of these themes, there are hundreds of associated policy actions.
- The Regional Context Statement for Surrey has been revised to reflect the new OCP and identifies urban centres and frequent transit areas. Staff noted that a Regional Context Statement is a requirement in legislation mandating that municipalities show how their policies link with the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy. The Regional Context Statement is submitted to the Vancouver Board for approval. It also identifies urban centres and frequent transit areas.
- Staff noted that details of the development areas will come forward with the Biodiversity Strategy. The Biodiversity Strategy will outline specific rules that govern around the ALR and hazard lands/steep slopes that would be subject to additional scrutiny under the OCP.
- In terms of next steps, Planning Staff are seeking Council approval for a Public Open House to be held on June 27, 2013, followed by a Stakeholder Review. The Public Open House and Stakeholder Reviews will involve a full on review of the draft plan. The new plan OCP will come before Council for a By-law first and second readings on July 22, 2013. Following the by-law readings, Planning Staff will submit the Regional Context Statement to Metro Vancouver on July 29, 2013. Metro Vancouver will review the revised Regional Context Statement over the summer, which will open up the possibility of the Public Hearing being set in the fall, followed by third reading and final adoption.

Council thanked staff for the work on preparing the Official Community Plan (OCP) document that will take Surrey into the future.

4. **Linda Stromberg, Library Board Chair with Upkar Tatlay, Library Trustee**
File: 7960-01; 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report R111 of Regular Council Public Hearing agenda.

In attendance before Council to provide a summary of the Library Board's Strategic Plan for 2013 - 2015.

The following comments were made:

- The delegation noted that the library community is busier than ever. It stems from the needs in the community and noted that library is the true reflection of what the needs of its citizens are.
- Some of the highlights from 2012 include:
 - 2.5 million people visited
 - 4.1 million items borrowed
 - 3.1 million views of the website
 - 135,000 children and teens participated in literacy based programs
- Innovative programming offered by Surrey library includes:
 - 4 Teen Advisory Groups
 - Expanded storytimes for Adults with Developmental Disabilities
 - Human Library project
 - Surrey Writes Facebook page and Surrey Reads and Writes
- The delegation noted that the library hosts an array of services throughout all branches. Library staff is currently working toward a more technical future to address the digital divide by offering workshops. There are services for youth, such as the largest summer reading program. Programming provides resources to clients of all ages. For more information, residents can visit the following website: <http://www.surreylibraries.ca/>
- The delegation provided an outline of the number of community based programs and services supported by the library and noted that the Library Board will continue and build on their successes and continue to grow new programs to appeal to the changing needs, demographics.

Council thanked the delegation for their presentation and noted that the library is taking an increased leadership role in sponsoring advocacy programs and successfully bring people together to learn, grow, play, and deliver accessible and open services to residents.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor Hunt

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Hepner, Chairperson