

Present:

Councillor Martin, Chair (via telecom)
Councillor Starchuk, Vice-Chair
B. King
J. Kovach
K. Thiara
M. Pyne
P. Aylward
S. El-Nashar
S. Marcinkowska
T. Ghuman
T. Oleman

Absent:

A. David
C. Iweh
Dr. B. Gurm
J. Thind
K. Polubinski
M. Fallon
M. Malik
S. Altokhais
S. Sabharwal

**Non-Voting
Representatives:**

L. Larsen

Staff Present:

D. Gill-Badesha, Healthy Communities
Manager
E. Desautels, Diversity and Inclusion
Coordinator
K. Rose, Park Operations Coordinator
L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture
L. Saffery, Museum Manager
M. Rukavina, Films and Events Manager
N. Webb, GM, Human Resources
R. Gallagher, Manager, Heritage Admin &
Facilities
R. Takhar, RCMP Crime Reduction &
Community Services Manager
C. Eagles, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the Diversity Advisory Committee meeting held March 8, 2016, to be adopted.

It was

Moved by K. Thiara

Seconded by S. Marcinkowska

That the minutes of the Diversity Advisory

Committee meeting held March 8, 2016 be adopted as presented.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

1. **DIVERSEcity Community Gardens & Food Security Programs in Surrey**
Sasikala Sridar, Program Coordinator, DIVERSEcity
File: 0250-20

In attendance as a delegation before the Committee to provide a presentation on the DIVERSEcity Community Gardens and Food Security Programs.

The following comments were made:

- The DIVERSEcity Community Garden and Food Security Program is a non-profit agency delivering low income immigrants food security through multicultural cooking groups and community garden activities.

- The Community Kitchen Program provides participants with workshops on Canadian Foods, Canadian kitchens, nutrition, meal planning, safe food handling, canning and preservation, budgeting and creating recipes. The meals cooked are nutritious and healthy and are sourced from locally grown produce. The kitchen program helps participants learn new recipes, cook economically, learn table etiquette, and meet new people.
- The first Community Garden was built in 2009 and the second in 2014. There are five pillars to the program: food security, skills acquisition, integration, self-determination and community awareness and connectedness.

The program has become a common platform to bring people from entirely different cultures and backgrounds together and create a sense of community.

2. **Communities, Diversity and the Surrey Museum**

Lynn Saffery, Museum Manager

File: 7800-01

In attendance as a delegation before the Committee to present on the Surrey Museum's diversity initiatives and programs. These include Community Treasures Exhibitions, multi-generational programming, work with Surrey's various Aboriginal groups and engaging the many unique communities that call Surrey home.

The following comments were made:

- The Surrey Museum's mandate is to collect, preserve and make accessible artifacts, documents and experiences of past, present and future Surrey. The Museum serves Surrey citizens and visitors by being a safe community space of active learning and public dialogue to engage the community.
- The Surrey Museum has had many successful events for children, adults, seniors, and families. These achievements include the Kids Gallery, micro-labs and programming, new initiatives such as outdoor animation and smart technology, and hosting these events on Sunday. The program continues to collaborate with civic, social, and community partnerships such as the Honeybee Centre, Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society and YMCA.
- Some of the challenges faced are representing different cultures within special events such as Surrey Remembers and Easter Fair. The Museum is committed to working with Aboriginal groups and other cultures to ensure correct representation in the First Peoples Gallery and historical exhibitions. A brain storming session will be held on May 24, 2016, at the Surrey Museum with people from local Aboriginal communities.

C. **OTHER BUSINESS**

D. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Heritage Services, Canada 150: Surrey Legacy Book Project**
Ryan Gallagher, Manager, Heritage Administration and Facilities
File: 6800-01

The following comments were made:

- The Canada 150: Surrey Legacy Book Project (Book) was initiated by the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission and is coordinated by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. The project will seek to engage all relevant stakeholders and be accessible to the public. The goal will be to have the book completed by July 1, 2017.

The project goals include:

- To produce an inclusive, engaging and accessible Surrey history book that is richly illustrated with archival photographs, maps and documents;
 - To support education and awareness in the City and to help foster civic pride;
 - To commemorate Canada's 150th Anniversary by producing a local history book that celebrates the City's history from pre-contact with Indigenous peoples to the present; and
 - To produce a distinct "City of Surrey" gift for presentation by the City's Mayor and Council.
- Consultation was undertaken with local Indigenous communities to ensure adequate representation in the book. The Consultant and City Staff meet weekly to define research parameters.
 - The Book will be a popular history of Surrey prominently illustrated with archival photographs, maps, documents and other graphic elements. It will also include many sidebar features to make the book more engaging and accessible.

There will be six drop-in sessions running from May 24 to June 18, 2016 to receive public input and feedback.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**F. CORRESPONDENCE****G. INFORMATION ITEM**

H. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**1. Surrey Doors Open Update**

Erin Desautels, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator
File: 8200-01

The fifth annual Surrey Doors Open will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with free admission for the day. The event will be open to the public with 21 unique sites in City Centre, Grandview Heights, Newton and Cloverdale.

The event includes three hop-on hop-off trolleys and two shuttle buses. Participants are encouraged to enter the Photo Contest and the Connect, Collect, and Win contest on social media using the hashtag #surreydoorsopen and be entered into a draw.

2. Fusion Festival Update

Mary Rukavina, Films and Events Manager and Karyn Rose, Park Operations Coordinator, Parks Recreation and Culture

The ninth Annual Fusion Festival will be held at Holland Park on July 23 and July 24, 2016. Approximately 33 continents are confirmed to participate and the event will have a variety of stages such as cultural performances, community, cooking, sponsors and eating areas.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Diversity Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in 2E Community Room A.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by M. Pyne
Seconded by S. Marcinkowska
That the Diversity Advisory Committee

meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Diversity Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Starchuk, Vice Chairperson
Diversity Advisory Committee