

**Present:**

Councillor Starchuk, Vice-Chair  
C. Iweh  
K. Polubinski  
M. Fallon  
M. Malik  
S. Marcinkowska  
T. Ghuman

**Absent:**

Councillor Martin, Chair  
B. Gurm  
M. Pyne  
P. Aylward  
S. El-Nashar  
T. Oleman

**Non-Voting****Representatives:**

L. Larsen

**Staff Present:**

B. Collis, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator  
C. Tallarico, Human Resources  
D. Gill-Badesha, Healthy Communities  
Manager  
L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
L. Saffery, Museum Manager  
R. Takhar, RCMP Crime Reduction &  
Community Services Manager  
T. Ayotte, Cultural Development Coordinator  
C. Eagles, Legislative Services

The Chair announced there was no quorum and requested staff to commence with the delegation presentation and noted that regular Committee business would proceed once quorum could be established.

The Agenda was varied.

**B. DELEGATION****1. The Tzu Chi Foundation**

Gary Ho, CEO, The Tzu Chi Foundation, Canada  
File: 0250-20

In attendance as a delegation before the Committee to provide a presentation on the contributions in the community of the Tzu Chi Foundation over the past 25 years.

The following comments were made:

- The Tzu Chi Foundation recruits volunteers and members of the community to expand their contributions across the nation through missions of charity and providing communities with medicine, education, culture, international relief and environmental care. Volunteers bring the teachings of Buddhism into practice by delivering charitable and humanitarian services to 81 district projects. The foundation collaborates with local communities, organizations and service groups such as the Food Bank, Salvation Army, shelters, and Social Service programs. The Tzu Chi Foundation ensures they give back to Canada in the best way they can, and pay it forward in order to show their gratitude.
- Most recently, the Foundation donated over \$300,000 to the Fort McMurray Catholic School District.

- The delegation noted that Tzu Chi in Chinese means compassion and relief. They encourage residents to buy local in order to improve and boost the economy.

The Committee commended the Foundation and their involvement in the community. The Surrey School's Trustee thanked the delegation for their contributions to one of Surrey's most vulnerable schools. The delegation noted they want to give back with their respect and make each participant smile.

The delegation noted that for more information on how to become a volunteer or to donate to the Tzu Chi Foundation people can visit their website at [www.tzuchi.ca](http://www.tzuchi.ca).

## 2. **Surrey Museum Expansion and Diversity**

Lynn Saffery, Museum Manager

File: 7850-101

In attendance as a delegation before the Committee to provide a presentation on the Museum expansion and how this expansion will foster community engagement and celebrate the City's diversity.

The following comments were made:

- The Museum fosters and welcome's Surrey's diverse communities by connecting residents to each other and their personal life stories. The Museum expansion project will create a new community hub where members of the community can connect with one another.
- The Museum's Mission is to ignite young imaginations and connect Surrey's diverse citizens and communities. The Museum celebrates Surrey's past, present and future through innovative, dynamic and delightful learning, storytelling, and creating shared experiences.
- Feature gallery exhibitions for the launch include a dinosaur exhibit, kids explore zone, and an indigenous hall. Staff noted a new museum logo was created informed by a variety of ethnic textiles.
- The Committee noted that parents are challenges to find affordable activities for their children and suggested that staff focus on promoting the Surrey Museum at local schools.

The delegation noted that the Museum had a number of needs identified through their three year strategic plan and funding was approved by Mayor and Council in support of the expansion. The expansion is a reflection of the City and residents are encouraged to contact the Museum Manager, Lynn Saffery, at [LASaffery@surrey.ca](mailto:LASaffery@surrey.ca) should they have any artifacts, stories or information they wish to share.

The official opening for the Museum expansion is expected for September 2018.

**3. Surrey Cultural Grants Program**

Todd Ayotte, Cultural Development Coordinator

File: 1850-20

In attendance as a delegation before the Committee to provide a presentation on the City of Surrey's Cultural Grant Program: Background, Overview & Program Growth.

The following comments were made:

- The Surrey Cultural Grants Program was launched in 2013 and includes enhancing Surrey's Cultural Plan. The Culture Development Advisory Committee recommended that staff conduct a comprehensive Grant Program Review in order to assess the Program and to develop recommendations for guidance and direction.
- The Program's vision is to support and enhance arts and heritage through building organizational capability and sustainability in existing and new local cultural organizations. The Program invests in community-based cultural activities that promote awareness, access, participation and appreciation of arts and heritage and encourages collaborative opportunities and partnerships.
- The delegation reviewed the Programs budget, growth analysis, and economic impacts and noted that funds are allocated for emerging projects.

In the fall, staff will reach out to the community and provide mentoring sessions to assist with upcoming grant applications. The delegation confirmed that a system is in place to monitor the funds as well as hold back fund until projects are complete.

Todd Ayotte can be contacted directly at [Todd.Ayotte@surrey.ca](mailto:Todd.Ayotte@surrey.ca).

**4. Surrey Doors Open**

Brianna Collis, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator

File: 8200-01

In attendance as a delegation before the Committee to provide a presentation on the Surrey Doors Open event, which takes place on Saturday, June 17, 2017, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Surrey Doors Open offers unique and exciting opportunities for residents to explore Surrey's rich history and culture through venues such as parks, heritage sites, civic and public buildings. This year the City will feature South Surrey, Newton, Cloverdale and City Centre.

21 participating Surrey Doors Open venues will include behind-the-scenes guided tours, demonstrations, children's activities, and entertainment. To get around to the venues there will be complementary hop-on-hop-off trolley/shuttle services in each featured community.

A brochure with event and transportation details will be available in June at Surrey Recreation Centres, Surrey Libraries and participating venues.

The delegation noted that volunteer Ambassadors are needed for each venue to provide general information about the event, contests, activities, feedback forms, and set up and take down. Volunteer postings were listed on the City of Surrey's website on Monday, May 15 with orientation training sessions on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Staff asked the Committee to share this information with interested City of Surrey volunteers.

Event information will be online at [www.surrey.ca/doorsopen](http://www.surrey.ca/doorsopen).

**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Fusion Festival**

Mary Rukavina, Film & Events Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture  
File: 8200-20

The delegation provided an update on the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Surrey Fusion Festival to be held at Holland Park on July 22 and 23, 2017. The event will include over 49 cultural pavilions and six stages. Performing on the Concord Pacific World Music Stage will be Nelly Furtado on Saturday, July 22 and Classified on Sunday, July 23. The Canada 150 stage will feature entertainment representing First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.

*T. Ghuman arrived at 10:34 a.m.*

A variety of media, community and corporate sponsors were listed.

Staff commended the special events team for the positive relationships built with community members throughout the signature event. The Chair noted a special thank you card from the citizens of Surrey, to be signed by the languages of the pavilions and given to the Prime Minister and an invitation has been sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to attend the event.

The Chair advised that quorum was established and requested that the agenda resume as amended.

**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- 1. The committee will be requested to pass a motion adopting the minutes of March 7, 2017.

It was  
Moved by C. Iweh  
Seconded by M. Malik  
That the minutes of the Diversity Advisory  
Committee meeting held March 7, 2017, be adopted as presented.  
Carried

**E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

**G. INFORMATION ITEM**

**H. OTHER BUSINESS**

**I. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Diversity Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in 2E Community Room B.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

It was  
meeting do now adjourn.  
Moved by C. Iweh  
Seconded by M. Malik  
That the Diversity Advisory Committee  
Carried

The Diversity Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Councillor M. Starchuk, Chairperson  
Diversity Advisory Committee