



# City of Surrey

## Social Planning Committee

### Minutes

Executive Boardroom  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003**  
Time: 7:11 p.m.

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**Present:**

Chairperson - Councillor J. Villeneuve  
S. Blown  
J. Brown  
R. Day  
S. DeRapp  
J. Grafton  
A. Khanzadeh

**Absent:**

P. Joshi  
S. Moore

**Staff Present:**

B. Beblo, Planning & Development  
L. White, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
K. Miller, Administrative Assistant

**Also Present:**

Councillor Penny Priddy  
L. Vincent, Community Liaison

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Social Planning Committee Minutes – February 27, 2003.**

It was Moved by J. Grafton  
Seconded by R. Day  
That the minutes of the Social Planning  
Committee meeting held on February 27, 2003, be adopted.  
Carried

Councillor Villeneuve introduced Councillor Penny Priddy who was in attendance to observe the meeting. The committee introduced themselves.

**B. DELEGATION**

There were no delegations scheduled for this meeting.

**C. DISCUSSION OF DELEGATION**

**D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**1. Discussion of the documentary: "*The Fix: The Story of an Addicted City*"  
Please refer to supplementary information D.1 (a) and D.1 (b).**

There followed a discussion relative to the film, and the committee discussed the following issues and features of the documentary:

- Images of safe injection sites, creating proactive energy for addicts;
- Providing support to bringing the film to Surrey;
- depicts the addicts as people;
- differing social and moral morés throughout cultures;

- cultural diversity relative to drug and alcohol abuse;
- possibilities opportunities to educate the public;
- graphic depictions of injecting heroin;
- "ride-alongs" in the drug van on Vancouver's eastside;
- frequency of film viewings for the public;
- personal interpretations of the film;
- severity of impact on society;
- "four pillar" approach vis a vis a commitment from three levels of government;
- suggestion that Surrey co-sponsor a local viewing with the Health Region and local MLAs;
- suggestion that the committee be proactive in bringing the film to Surrey.
- recommendation by the Social Planner that the Health Region play the lead in bringing the film to the public of Surrey, with the City playing a supporting role because the issues identified by the film are primarily related to the need for appropriate health services in a community, with supporting provincial social services. In addition the film's focus on Vancouver's approach seems to suggest that solutions rest with local governments when in fact the responsibilities and solutions are the mandate of provincial and federal agencies;
- expertise which would be invited to share information following the viewing of the film (panel speakers). The Chair stated that an expert panel may be found through the Health Region, i.e., street nurses, etc; in conjunction with the film's creators, and the press would be invited; and
- public presentation of the "four pillar" approach.

The committee then discussed what organizations may comprise a joint partnership to sponsor the film in Surrey, such as representation from the Asian community, the Health Region, local service agencies, family support groups, etc. A sign-up sheet would be made available to create a roster of interested groups.

It was Moved by J. Brown  
Seconded by J. Grafton  
 That the Social Planning Committee create a  
 community-based organizing committee to help bring "*FIX: The Story of an Addicted City*" to Surrey for public viewing and community discussion.  
Carried

The following committee members offered to assist in planning for the bringing the film to Surrey: , S. Blown, A. Khanzadeh, and L. White, Parks, Recreation and Culture,

## 2. Discussion on the Housing and Homelessness Forum planned for June 2003

The Social Planner informed the committee that the Task Force on housing conference is scheduled for the evening of June 12 and the morning of June 13, 2003. She further stated that there is still much to be learned about

existing, proposed and needed resources to address homelessness in the community. A Homelessness Contact Registry is being developed and will be made available to the community. The draft plan on homelessness (Surrey Social Futures) will also be discussed at the forum, as will case studies of other municipalities and how this issue is being addressed.

Councillor Villeneuve informed the committee that the Director of the Calgary Homelessness Foundation, Terry Roberts, will be in attendance to provide the keynote address at the conference, and added that presentations planned for the event will prove beneficial.

More detailed information will be provided prior to the event.

### **3. Update on the Social Planning Committee Work Program for 2003**

The Social Planner distributed the final draft of the above, and invited feedback from the committee. The committee reviewed work items identified under the following three themes:

- Crime prevention;
- Championing social needs and facilitating initiatives;
- Understanding social planning and networking with the community.

The Social Planner informed the committee that the Regional Child and Youth Committee is undertaking community mapping of early childhood development, and advised that information will be available by the fall of 2003.

Dr. Clyde Hertzman will be invited to attend a future meeting, as time and his schedule permits. It was suggested that Dr. Hertzman be invited to attend a meeting when the data on Surrey have been collected and mapped.

There followed a discussion relative to previous works published by Dr. Hertzman. Councillor Priddy will forward the information to the committee for the May 15, 2003 meeting.

Ms. Karen Norman, Surrey Child Care Council will be invited to attend the May 15, 2003 meeting of the committee. The Social Planner will contact Ms. Norman accordingly.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS**

1. S. Blown provided a brief overview of research being conducted of single parent families who have been negatively impacted on government cutbacks. Ms. Blown is proposing to undertake a similar study on single parents in Surrey, as part of her studies at UBC. She will present the final draft of her research proposal at the April 2003 meeting. Members are encouraged to provide suggestions to supplement the information.

2. J. Brown queried if the Health Region has been vigilant with respect to Severe and Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and suggested that the committee may be able to provide some support for the community by obtaining information. The Social Planner will contact the Health Region and request that further information be forwarded accordingly.

## **F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

## **G. UPDATES**

1. Surrey Social Futures
  2. Surrey/White Rock: Child, Youth & Family Network: Mr. Khanzadeh attended a recent meeting and reported that \$350 million has been cut from the Ministry's budget. Correspondence to G. Hogg, MLA, is being considered by the Network. Councillor Priddy explained the various mechanisms for enabling organizations to continue operating following significant financial cutbacks.
  3. Joint Youth/ Family Court Committee
  4. Highland House - Shelter Advisory Committee
- L. Parson reported that it is hoped that Highland House will open in April 2003, and discussed signage for the property.

## **H. CORRESPONDENCE**

## **I. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. *The Fix: The story of an Addicted City*
  - Excerpt from Filmmakers' presentation to the British Columbia Nurses Union;
  - News story, Drug-use Documentary has a Message For City, Victoria Times Colonist, February 28, 2003.
2. SPARC BC News: Focus on Homelessness
3. Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

## **J. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**K. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Social Planning Committee is Thursday, April 24, 2003, in the Mayor's Executive Boardroom.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by J. Grafton

Seconded by J. Brown

That the Social Planning Committee

meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Social Planning Committee adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Chairperson