



City of Surrey

Social Planning Advisory Committee

Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Chairperson – J. Villeneuve
L. Alexander
Kuldip Ardawa
G. Gill
Karen Kreis
Dr. Z. Malik
Raj Mehta (alternate)

Absent:

Robin Campbell
Stephen Dooley
H. Parhar
Councillor Martin

Staff Present:

A. Murphy, Senior Social Planner
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services
D. Luymes, Policy Planning Manager

Guest:

C. McBeth, Executive Director, Kla-how-eya

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved by Gurtej Gill
Seconded by Raj Mehta
That the minutes of the Social Planning
Advisory Committee meeting held on May 27, 2008, be adopted.
Carried

ROUND the table introductions were made for the benefit of the delegation.

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Aboriginal Community in Surrey

Cameron McBeth provided a presentation on the Aboriginal Community in Surrey, and Kla-how-eya's role in supporting and strengthening the Aboriginal community and the South Fraser Aboriginal Child & Youth Coalition Committee. The following comments were provided.

- Cameron McBeth thanked the members for the opportunity of presenting this evening and provided a brief synopsis of himself:
 - He is Metis; from Southern Manitoba; is related to the Dubouis family from Red River; lives in Pitt Meadows.
 - He has been with Kla-how-eya for 2 years, but has a longer history of working with Kla-how-eya. Previous engagements included working with National Homelessness Initiative and Luma Native Housing.
- 2006 statistics showed there are 7,630 Aboriginal people living in Surrey's catchment area and that in the combined areas of Delta, Surrey, Langley, White Rock there are 12,070 people.

- In comparison, Vancouver has 11,000 Aboriginal people. There are over 45 Aboriginal agencies serving Vancouver.
- South of the Fraser area has less than 10 agencies - Katzie, Cwenengitel, Metis Family Services, Nova Metis Heritage Association, and Kekinow Native Housing Society.
- Lack of services for the Aboriginal community has allowed Kla-how-eya to grow. There are now five buildings in North Surrey with programs.
- Kla-how-eya now employs over 90 people and operates on a \$5 Million annual budget.
- Aboriginal day was on Sunday, June 22, 2008.
- The Kla-how-eya Canoe was at the City Hall today. There was food (bannock), and dancers as part of the Cultural Capitals of Canada Initiative. The Canoe – a partnership with Surrey Arts Centre. The master carver shaped a northern style canoe 32' long. There will be annual canoe journey.
- Cameron McBeth and June Laitar, Chair of Kla-how-eya's Board of Directors, met with Mayor Watts some time ago.
- At that time, the Mayor expressed interest in the concept of a Surrey Aboriginal Network, a coalition of people who are interested in working on urban Aboriginal issues.
- Kla-how-eya applied for a Leveling the Playing Field grant from First Call BC to begin work on identifying solutions for improving the life chances of Aboriginal children and youth. Out of this project came agreement that there is a need to establish a coalition. Kla-how-eya was seen as being in the best position to lead the process.
- Aileen Murphy represented the City on the Leveling the Playing Field Steering Committee. .
- The resulting report: "Leveling the Playing Field" and the Terms of Reference for the South Fraser Aboriginal Children & Youth Coalition Committee were provided on table.
- Next steps: to recruit more people into the coalition.
- Kla-how-eya offers 90 programs including the culinary arts program -
 - They cater and do private functions
 - Commercial kitchen was purpose built
 - Has seen 2-3 chefs, but have now found the right ingredients: a Red Seal chef named Andrew George. He was part of the 1992 culinary team from Canada that won 2 gold medals. He has worked with the "Wolf Man" ..
 - Catering has been working \$15,000 per month in 2007, and \$20,000 per month in 2008, gross revenue. Has created jobs in the community and has recently developed a partnership with Vancouver Community College. Kla-how-eya to be a feeder site for the program.
 - Participants in Kla-how-eya's training program receive life skills training, industry training (food safety), and practicums.

- East Clayton Housing Project –
 - In Spring 2007 BC Housing did a Call for Proposals for a Surrey based non-profit affordable housing project.
 - Kla-how-eya competed and was awarded 30 units under the Provincial Homelessness Initiative.
 - Working with Norm Porter, Beech Development (who has donated 1.5 acres of land to the society) and Jerry Luking from Lakewood to establish a commercial feature to the housing project.
 - Vision is for mixed use, 45-60 units of affordable housing; 18,000 sq.ft. of commercial space.
 - Looking at a 60 seat restaurant, and 60 space child care to be included in the commercial component.
 - Have partnered with SOS Children’s Society. There is an SOS Children’s Village in Surrey consisting of 5 homes for children in government care.
 - There are 23 Aboriginal kids currently living at the village.
 - SOS Children’s Village – working to provide supports for youth as they that “age out” of care and become independent.
 - We hope to provide 5 supportive housing units for these youth at Clayton Neighbourhood Housing.
 - Hoping that this East Clayton housing project will be completed by 2010.

Chairperson Councillor Villeneuve thanked Cameron McBeth for providing his update and would welcome further future updates.

Cameron McBeth will attend the Forum on Thursday, June 26, 2008: “*Creating Welcoming and Inclusive Communities: What Will it Take?*” This is at Simon Fraser University’s Centre for Dialogue and is being sponsored by the Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, Settlement and Multiculturalism Division, that will give delegates the opportunity to consider the key principles, policies and programs that contribute to shaping welcoming and inclusive communities. Invited delegates will bring a variety of backgrounds and expertise and represent eight Metro Vancouver municipalities: Burnaby, Coquitlam, Delta, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Richmond, Surrey, and Vancouver.

Discussion ensued and in response to queries the following information was provided:

- The meaning of “Kla-how-eya” is “welcome”. This relates back to the fur-trading era when the Hudson’s Bay Company and the North-West Company were trading and the different settlers were moving through the country.
- “Awakening the Spirit” Canoe Journey – July 21-26, 2008.
This is an extension to the canoe carving project. A 3-day trip for the canoe this July. Looking for sponsors for the 150 participants that include youth and their families, volunteers and Elders, as well as an estimated 60 people involved in cultural presentations and the coordination of the Canoe Journey activities. The canoe will travel from Kilby Historic Site (just below Harrison River) to Pitt Meadow to the Katzie First Nations.

Cameron McBeth thanked the committee for the opportunity of joining and presenting to the committee and departed the meeting.

Aileen Murphy provided the following information on the South Fraser Aboriginal Children & Youth Coalition Committee. Kla-how-eya is wanting the formal support of the City of Surrey and a staff representative to participate on the Committee. The Terms of Reference is a work in progress and is a beginning for what the committee will be.

It was
Moved by Gurtej Gill
Seconded by Raj Mehta
That the Social Planning Advisory
Committee recommend to Council that the City of Surrey support the South Fraser Aboriginal Children & Youth Coalition Committee and that a City staff representative be on the committee.

Carried

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

D. STAFF PRESENTATION

1. **Don Luymes, Policy Planning Manager** provided an update regarding the OCP Review.
 - The Official Community Plan is a high level document that every municipality is required to have. The OCP sets out the land use and policy statements that govern the City direction for future development. The OCP primarily encompasses the Land Use but also includes the Environmental, Social and Economic Planning and Civic Infrastructure (water, sewer, amenities and services).
 - A copy of the current OCP's section on "Improve the Quality of Community" was provided on-table.
 - The first OCP was ratified in 1986 and is updated every five years. The last major review to the OCP was made in 2002.
 - The OCP is updated to articulate a vision for the City that is consistent with recent initiatives and strategies including the Sustainability Charter, Crime Reduction Strategy, and major City plans (eg. transportation, parks, employment lands, social well-being etc.) and to respond to significant changes in provincial and regional plans (transit, etc) and policy initiatives.
 - The ultimate goal of this process is to address significant planning issues and build a sustainable livable community.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- Don Luymes requested that any input regarding the OCP be submitted as soon as possible.

- OCP review to be finished by late 2009. The information gathering and consulting phase will continue throughout this year with the Plan to go to Public Hearing in the Fall 2009.
- In 1986, the OCP was a pretty good plan but Surrey is growing quickly, with different priorities and with a different philosophy to urban design. In 1986, Whalley and Guildford were given equal weight and 104 Avenue was considered the main street.
- In 1996, after the arrival of the Skytrain in the 1980's, the City began to see Whalley as the downtown (as opposed to Guildford). This was reflected in the 2002 OCP update.
- This OCP update will reflect the new Sustainability Charter. Also hope to improve the readability of the OCP.
- The Province's Ministry of Community Services is the authority to approve the OCP. Metro Vancouver is mainly interested that the OCP's Regional Context Statement links with their Regional Growth Strategy.

Chairperson, Councillor Villeneuve thanked Don Luymes and commended him on his enthusiastic presentation. This is an important initiative as development in the City hinges on this plan. The Committee looks forward to future updates.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. INFORMATION

1. **4th Annual PICS Mega Job Fair – July 24, 2008**
 - 120 employers will be in attendance.
 - 6,000-7,000 people are expected to attend.
 - Venue - Surrey Convention Centre (behind Costco – formerly Bombay Banquet) 10:00 – 5:00 pm.
2. Aileen Murphy to report back on the Welcoming & Inclusive Communities Forum to be held tomorrow, June 26, 2008.

G. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Raj Mehta questioned Don Luymes regarding the probability of creating more jobs within Surrey. Don Luymes responded that the City's Economic Development office is focused on attracting investment to the City. The City needs to ensure that there is land available and that job density (number of jobs per acre of industrial or commercial land) is maximized. The City can't do much about the national economy but the City can ensure that there is available land and public transit.

Chairperson Councillor Villeneuve commented that the City is preparing an Economic Development Plan and continuing to work with business leaders to determine Surrey's strengths so as to attract quality jobs.

H. NEXT MEETING

1. The next meeting of the Social Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Lara Alexander
Seconded by Karen Kreis
That the Social Planning Advisory

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Social Planning Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor J. Villeneuve
Social Planning Advisory Committee