

Present:

Chairperson - Mayor Watts
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Steele
Councillor Gill
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Bose
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Hepner

Absent:**Staff Present:**

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

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Anna Mathewson, Sustainability Manager
City Manager's Office
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Dan Bottrill, Deputy City Manager was in attendance to introduce Anna Mathewson, Sustainability Manager, he stated the following:

- Anna Mathewson holds a B.A. with honors in political science and a minor in environmental studies from McGill University. She also holds a Masters Degree in resource and environmental management from Simon Fraser University.
- She was previously employed with Fraser River Estuary Management Program and the Burrard Inlet Environmental Action Program.
- Corporate Report R146 – Sustainability Charter Implementation Update is on the Regular Council – Public Hearing Agenda to be addressed later this evening.

Anna Mathewson, Sustainability Manager was in attendance to make a presentation regarding the City of Surrey Sustainability Charter ('SC').

Following are comments made during the presentation:

- Will be providing a quick overview of the SC, endorsed by Council last September, and will highlight three projects that currently are in progress.
- The SC's vision is a multifaceted and rich vision that was synthesis from the input of the community and reaches out to all the aspects of sustainability.
- There are 14 points that try to capture all the elements of sustainability:
 - Protect and enhance the natural environment;
 - A vibrant city centre and safe community;
 - Sustainable city operations; and triple bottom line accounting;
 - Alternative energy sources, carbon neutrality, no net impact from waste;
 - Local employment opportunities and “green” businesses;
 - Network of accessible health and social services;

- Lead the way in sustainable community design and development;
 - Embrace an accessible and diverse culture;
 - Incorporate a sustainable agricultural base and local food security;
 - Efficiently move people and goods, not just vehicles;
 - Promote active living and cultural opportunities;
 - Social connection and a sense of belonging;
 - A range of housing options.
- The pyramid (referring to presentation slide) displays how the SC is sectioned; at the top of the pyramid is the definition of sustainability; underneath is the vision; then the goals of the SC, long term goals as well specific medium and short term goals, and then the action framework. The sections at the top of the pyramid are the components of the SC, being the main policy document of the City, and supporting that is the scope of sustainability. At the bottom of the pyramid is the implementation strategy that will come in the form of work plans and reporting on the progress.
 - The action framework is the sustainability cube (referring to presentation slide), this cube is a way of organizing the actions in the SC. At the bottom of the cube are the three standard pillars of sustainability, which are the socio-cultural, economic, and environmental; and at the left of the cube (a novel approach from Surrey) are the spheres of influence, which are corporate/city operations, areas of municipal jurisdiction, and areas of municipal influence at different levels of government; and at the top of the cube are the short, medium and long time frames.
 - The scope of sustainability is where the actions are all contained and are divided into the three pillars of sustainability with 32 highlighted for immediate action. In Corporate Report R146 there are appendices, one is a complete list of all the SC actions and the second one is the actions that were highlighted for immediate action.
 - Sustainability work plan was reviewed:
 - Developing corporate energy and emission inventory;
 - Developing a Corporate Energy and Emissions Action Plan;
 - Integrating “Sustainability Considerations” into corporate reports;
 - Establishing the Indicators and Targets Task Force;
 - Establish an Internal Sustainability Team;
 - Increasing staff awareness/engagement on sustainability; and
 - Setting up a sustainability building resource centre at City Hall.
 - Regarding the Sustainability Team, the Sustainability Manager's role in this group will be that of a facilitator of the SC. Much of what is in the SC will be implemented by staff within the City, and so the team will be a cross departmental and will advise on and coordinate SC implementation, pool resources and share information. The second meeting of the team was held last week and there was discussion as to how they would link back to their departments and divisions. Terms of Reference for the Team are being developed.
 - Regarding Corporate Emissions, Surrey has signed on to the Climate Action Charter and committed to be carbon neutral in operations by 2012, defined as “Reducing a local government's greenhouse gas emissions as much as possible and balancing the remaining emissions through the purchase or production of qualified offsets.” Signing on the Climate Action Charter made the City eligible for the Carbon Tax Rebate. The steps to carbon

neutrality are to measure, reduce, offset and report. To begin we are doing an inventory of corporate GHG emissions.

- We are working with Pembina Institute - a well respected nonprofit organization focused on alternative energy solutions - to develop that baseline of our energy use and to find a way to build our capacity around these issues.
- The Province has provided some guidance on “traditional services” to be included in the corporate inventory. Once the baseline is completed in August, we can identify key strategies to reduce emissions and set targets over time that will reduce our emissions. The emissions that cannot be reduced by 2012 will need to be offset.
- Regarding the indicators and targets, the SC speaks to developing indicators and targets as a way to measure our progress; therefore we would know how we are making progress towards the 14 components of the SC vision of being a more sustainable City. The Indicators and Targets Task Force will identify indicators and targets, and develop a monitoring and progress reporting program for the SC. The membership will comprise people who were involved in assisting in developing the SC, members of the advisory committees and members of the community, as well as staff within the City.

Councillor Hunt noted his concern that he would not want a bureaucracy created but rather the dissemination of ideas and have them embedded within staff.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

now adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve

Seconded by Councillor Hunt

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Jane Sowik, City Clerk

Councillor Hepner, Chairperson