

Present:

Chair – Councillor Rasode
Councillor Martin
I. Chatha, Surrey S.D.36
S. El-Nashar
C. Hong
J. Kovach
D. Lawrance
M. Malik
T. Oleman (represented by Barb Bear)
K. Polubinski
M. Pyne
D. Sandhu
W. Sandvoss
S. Scott

Absent:

Councillor Villeneuve
Mayor Watts
R. Asistio
T. Ghuman
Dr. B. Gurm
Corp. J. Hundial
B. King
T. Oleman
V. Pittakidis
K. Sanghera
M. Solorzano
E. Szucs

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture
N. Webb, GM, Human Resources
K. Swanson, Manager, Community Development Services
D. Nielsen, Acting Manager, Special Events
D. Sadler, Child & Youth Engagement Coordinator
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services
Karen Sekhon, Community Development Services
Arielle Patterson, Community Development Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting of September 15, 2009 to be adopted.

It was

Moved by M. Malik

Seconded by W. Sandvoss

That the minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting of September 15, 2009 be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

1. **Combating Trafficking in Persons**
File No.5080-01

Victor Portor, Office of Combating Trafficking in Persons, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General's Office was in attendance and provided a presentation to raise public awareness of this issue within the community.

The following comments were provided:

- Information booklet on human trafficking in Canada provided on table. Published July 2007.
- The Office of Combating Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP) is a part of the Ministry on Public Safety. They are a small office, opened in July 2007 to

assume responsibility for the overall coordination of BC's strategy to address human trafficking.

- 800,000 persons are trafficked annually. 80% - women and girls; 50% - children. The third highest global crime. International studies indicate that there are 12 million victims worldwide within the borders of their own countries as a result of war, conflicts and displacement; refugees within their own borders.
- In 2000, the United Nations adopted an international agreement, *The Trafficking Protocol*, to fight human trafficking. *The Trafficking Protocol's* definition of human trafficking includes three elements:
 - **Act:** recruiting, transporting, transferring, harbouring or receiving people
 - **Means:** threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, or abuse of power, or paying someone in control of the victim
 - **Purpose:** exploitation for purposes of sex, labour, domestic, organ removal (theft), child soldiers, forced marginalization.
- Law Enforcement in BC through the RCMP, municipal police forces, Canada Border Services Agency, non-government community organizations, and immigration lawyers in BC continue to work together to develop strategies to stop human trafficking through the four "P's": Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, and Partnerships with stakeholders.
- Contact numbers:
 - 250-953-4969; after hours: 250-812-7974
 - Caroline Raymond 604-598-4603
 - 1-888-712-7974
 - www.Octip@gov.bc.ca

In response to queries the following information was provided:

- Statistics show that international victims are coming mainly from Russia, Moldova, Mexico, Philippines. Canada is a point of origin, transfer and destination for the smuggling of persons.
- Any persons suspected of being victims of trafficking should be provided the above information and assisted to contact the OCTIP.

2. Sustainable Development Checklist

File No. 6430-19

Mark Allison provided a presentation regarding the Sustainable Development Checklist.

The following comments were provided:

- Copies of Sustainability Charter are on line:
<http://www.surrey.ca/Living+in+Surrey/City+Plans+And+Strategies/Sustainability/Sustainability+Charter/default.htm>
- Consultation timeline – volunteers from this Committee were requested to work on the City Sustainability Workshop.
 - **Volunteers:**
 - **Sandra Scott-Phillips**
 - **Muhammad Malik**
 - **Wally Sandvoss**

- A draft of the checklist was left with the volunteers. They were requested to meet to gather feedback.
- There is no specific question on multiculturalism so are seeking assistance on how to formulate that question.
- Workshop meeting to be held Wednesday, December 9, 2009 @ 6:00–8:00 pm.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Grass Roots – Multicultural sharing Caribbean Associations in BC

Maryann Pyne provided an overview of the Caribbean Associations in BC. The following comments were provided:

- Maryann Pyne is the Immediate Past President of the Caribbean Association.
- The first Caribbean people to move to Canada in Nova Scotia in 1796 were Jamaican slaves known as Maroons.
- There are 800,000 people of Caribbean heritage living in Canada nationwide.
- Cultural migration – there is a significant movement of Caribbean people to Canada and coming to Surrey to live. We anticipate an increase of about 25% over the next 5 years.

Committee comments:

- Want to get more involved with each other's associations for a sharing of similarities that make us one and to celebrate the differences that make each cultural community unique.
- A wish of the Caribbean community is to establish a base facility to host events and as a gathering place for the community groups, and for a library.

The Chair thanked the delegate for her presentation.

D. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. 2010 MAC Committee Membership Nominations

Members of the MAC, whose terms of appointment expire at the end of December 2009, were reminded to provide their intent, in writing, to have their names stand for reappointment to a further two year term by November 30, 2009.

2. 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Games – Be A Part of It! File No. 8200-20

Laurie Cavan provided the following comments:

- Surrey has an extensive community engagement program related to our 2010 Plan.
- The Olympics will have the Cultural Olympiad celebrations for 60 days running from mid-January to the end of March 2010.
- Olympics will run February 12 – 28, 2010

- Paralympics will run from March 12-21, 2010. Over 5,000 athletes and 1,300 Paralympics from 80+ countries.
- Legacies, Participation, Pride, Economic Development.
 - Challenge for Children – *Right to Play!* Presentations were made to over 130 schools (70,000 kids) on global citizenry.
 - The Right to Play key messages is *When the world plays, children win.*
 - www.RightToPlay.com
 - Events – www.2010.surrey.ca
 - January 30, 2010 – Surrey Quest Adventure Challenge
 - February 8 & 9, 2010 – Torch Relay
 - February 12-18, 2010 – Celebration Site @ Holland park
 - Volunteer – www.volunteer.surrey.ca
 - Surreys 2010 Challenge for Children
 - *Paint the Town Red* – www.paint-town-red.olympic.ca
 - Volunteer services staff are working on sourcing 1,000 volunteers to work at the Celebration Site – www.Volunteer.Surrey.ca
 - Community engagement sessions -
 - November 18, 2009 – Cloverdale Museum
 - November 19, 2009 – Surrey Sports and Leisure Centre
 - November 23, 2009 – Surrey Arts Centre
 - November 24, 2009 – Guildford Recreation Centre
 - Celebration site – concerts daily, games on large screen
 - How can you be a part of it? Come, volunteer, spread the word, Challenge for Children.

The Chair noted that family and friends will come out to Surrey as opposed to going to Vancouver. This is a good economic development opportunity for Surrey. Surrey gets to show off a *great city* and to display all the hard work.

3. Website Development – Welcome Diversity

File No. 1400-03

DEFERRED to next meeting.

4. Proposed 2010 Schedule of meetings for approval.

It was

Moved by M. Malik

Seconded by W. Sandvoss

That the Multicultural Advisory Committee

adopt the 2010 Schedule of meeting dates.

Carried

E. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Youth Engagement

File No. 5120-01

David Sadler provided a presentation on Youth Engagement within the City of Surrey.

The following comments were provided:

- Are looking at ways to get youngsters engaged and to get these ideas into the planning process.
- Engagement: meaningful parts for young people to share in the decision making in matters that affect their lives.
- The priority of the Social Plan is the Child and Youth Friendly City Strategy.
- 1,050 children, youth and parents provided feedback.
- Comments from youth included:
 - The Government needs to ask youth for their opinions and youth need to express them.
 - Provide more opportunities for involvement and more awareness of community.

Youth Councils -

- Surrey Leadership Youth Council (SLYC) was created in 2006.
- Comprised of young people with diverse cultural and life experience backgrounds.
- SLYC organized workshops and forums for their peers to discuss community issues. A 'made in Surrey' model for youth engagement:
 - Delivered using theatre groups and debriefs and acquiring feedback
 - Assisted Planning, Parks, Recreation and Culture on initiatives and workshops
 - Impact: Sustainability Charter, Planning the city centre; land use and zoning; Parks, Recreation & Culture Youth Lounge in North Surrey Recreation Centre. SLYC continues to be involved. The first Friday of every month to be used for youth talent.
 - Arts strategy – involved youth in the policy development part of the Cultural Capital of Canada funding. Brought youth to a forum with local artists who ran workshops on different mediums, visual arts and performance arts. Got feedback to create a vibrant youth art scene in Surrey.

Youth Outreach – Arielle Patterson –

- There are seven youth centres across the city
- City wide youth events –
 - Youth Fest – September 2009 - an estimated 1,000 youth attended
 - Youth Week – May 1-7, 2009 –
 - City Jam competition
 - Youth Recognition awards
 - Tour de Surrey skateboard contest
- Volunteers – future leaders program
- MoYo – Mobile Youth Outreach –
 - Mobile cooperative partnerships to take to parks after dark and at community events reconnecting and building relationships with youth.
 - Summer 2009 went out over 55 times. Built relationships with 6,000 youth.
 - Doubled over years past. TransLink donated the bus.

Community Schools Partnership – Karen Sekon –

- 3 years old

- Vision – A caring, vibrant sustainable city known for its driven kids, healthy families, community centred schools, safe neighbourhoods and intercultural cohesion.
- Schools now have before and after school centres for seniors, children, immigrants, ESL, etc.
- Mission - to align systems and resources in and around schools.
- Grassroots engagement with stakeholders, neighbourhoods, parent and students
- Involve immigrant refugee resources to work with the diverse communities within the schools
- Extended learning opportunities for youth engagement –
 - Social skills
 - Opportunities for position engagement
 - Family events
 - Focus on transition

In response to queries the following information was provided:

- On Website : www.communityschoolsPartnership.surrey.ca major plans and policies
- They are in 17 school communities in Whalley, Guildford, Newton and Cloverdale. The focus is on inner city schools at this point.
- There is intercultural diversity and are working with organizations such as Options and Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS).
- The main reason of going into the schools is that there are no barriers there. Engaging youth in schools is reflective of the demographics.

Councillor Rasode noted that for community engagement it would be useful to have youth representatives from the schools and organizations within the communities on the Multicultural Advisory Committee.

Multicultural Opportunities – David Sadler, Child & Youth Engagement Coordinator –

- SLYC holds a yearly forum, a workshop on the Sustainability Charter.
- A Social Forum was held last year. SLYC members at that forum were taken aback by unintentional racial comments encountered during the open discussions. Would there be any opportunity to connect with this committee and for SLYC to help out?
- Staff were requested to address this issue at a First Engagement session and to provide feedback.

Newton Recreation Centre - GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture invited the Committee members to go check out the evolving Newton Recreation Centre building after today's meeting.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEM

1. Kelsey Swanson provided the update that the **Welcoming and Inclusive Communities** initiative received a \$500,000 grant to do a partnership with the Surrey Foundation to develop workshops, education and research.

H. NEXT MEETING

The next Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2010 at 9:00 am at Pondside.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The Multicultural Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:00 am.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor B. Rasode
Multicultural Advisory Committee