

Present:

Chairperson – Councillor Steele
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hayne
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Mayor Watts

Absent:

Councillor Villeneuve

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Michael Zrymiak, local author and poet**

File: 0220-05; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to present a poem written as a tribute to Surrey.

What is Surrey

They call it a city

A strapping, uncoordinated, ungraceful teenager
All arms and legs with unfocused mind
Soaring in every direction, bouncing upward and inward
Surging and panting, needing space and air and soil
Impatient with controls, pushing and shoving against all constraints

It is merchant, fisherman, blueberry grower, ESL student, dock worker, developer
Horse stables, ultra-light flights, sailing lessons, yoga classes, homeless shelters
Sikhs, Hindus, Chinese, Afros, Europeans old and new, west and east
Traditional and new-age families, a rainbow of colour, a cauldron of cultures
Samosas, perogies, burritos, a Starbucks on every corner next to a sushi bar
Souvlaki sampled on Crescent Beach as the setting sun paints the placid bay

Festive times abound, Chinese New Year, Dawali, Fusion, Bear Creek concerts
Galleries, libraries, theatres, Peace Arch park, eco walks in Boundary Bay
Softball City, a rodeo, polar bear swim, nude beaches partially secluded
Marijuana grow ops, street prostitutes on iPhones, corpses in back alleys
Fruit stands on country roads near industrial parks where countless trees once grew
And in the farming lowlands, evenings bring soft peaceful mists

It seeks a core heart to pump life's blood to all parts to ensure dependence
To project a posture a conventional mind can grasp, to be the city of tomorrow
It wants a towering edifice, a central plaza, a world class monument
Now Whalley, Newton, Guildford, Semiahmoo, Cloverdale, farmlands, tomorrow?
While individualism challenges bureaucracy and ideas battle inertia, the clock is ticking
This is Surrey

2. Anna Mathewson, Manager, Sustainability

File: 0290-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to announce the 2012 Climate Change Showdown Awards for 'Winning Class' and 'Top Performers.'

- The program is run through the BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSA) to teach students in grades 4 – 7 about climate change. The program has three main components: 1) 20 minute video, 2) board game to reinforce the lessons, and 3) take home worksheet with specific actions students can take in a variety of different areas such as: travel, water use and eating.
- The 2012 Showdown consisted of 41 workshops that reached over 1,000 students in a grade ranges of 4 – 7. Overall, the measured greenhouse gas (GHG) savings amounted to 753 tonnes. The return rate on the take home action sheets given to students was 58 percent which is a huge jump from the previous year.
- The winning class is Chantrelle Creek Elementary which had a total of 572,000 contest points. The top class winner received a pizza party and Climate Change Showdown certificates from Mayor and Council.

Top 12 students from across Surrey who achieved 3000 individual contest points, are as follows:

1. Owen, Bayridge
2. Jack, Bayridge
3. William, Bayridge
4. Jaxson, Bayridge
5. Nicola, Bayridge
6. Brendan, Bayridge
7. Jasmine, Boundary Park
8. Jack, Boundary Park
9. Madhurjot, Creekside
10. Julie, Surrey Centre
11. Casey, Surrey Centre
12. Harvir, Surrey Centre

Mayor and Council thanked all the students for participating in the Challenge and commended them on a great job.

3. **Ted Uhrich, Manager, Planning, Research & Design**

File: 6140-20/G; 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report R129 of Regular Council Public Hearing agenda.

In attendance before Council to present on the Greenway Plan.

The following comments were made:

- A greenway is a paved multi-use pathway separated from motor vehicles for pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorized users. Walking for pleasure is the number one exercise activity in the lower mainland and walking trails top the list of amenities requested by residents in survey results.
- The plan will provide a framework for greenway implementation in the city and combines greenway planning with land-use planning and compliments other city plans such as: 1) Sustainability, 2) OCP and 3) Walking Plan.
- The Greenway Plan development process involved a city advisory team, public engagement, surveys, and creation of a draft plan for committee level review and Council approval.
- Public consultation was conducted to find out specific parks attended, common neighbourhood destinations, and other pedestrian transit routes.
- During the consultation process, some barriers to greenway use were identified as follows: 1) unclear signage, 2) path barriers or path that dead-end 3) busy road crossings on collector and arterial roads and 4) overall esthetics / paths not well maintained.
- From all the research conducted a map was created to show the existing and contemplated greenways network.

The Greenways Plan is comprised of the following 4 principles:

1. **Community Connections** – creating loops and connectivity. Develop a single signage system with rest areas in each of the respective town centres.
2. **Shaping Surrey** –ensure new NCPs include greenways as a requirement. Make sure the system integrates with the local road network.
3. **Continuous Improvement** – Annual works plans among CoS departments, explore new service delivery methods, i.e., partnership funding. Engage Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) in greenway projects located adjacent to agricultural land.
4. **Quality Design Management** – Adopt universal design standards based on accessibility best practices and create opportunities for Public Art to further enhance the greenways.

Staff reported a greenway proximity study was conducted in 2001 to determine if those single-family sites that border upon a greenway are influenced economically by their proximity to the greenway. The findings of the report yielded that there is no negative connection in the development of greenways / belts. As an update to the 2001 greenway proximity study, staff has partnered with Reality Services and Community Policing to re-evaluate 6 different greenways. The single-family sites along the 6 greenways will be re-evaluated to weigh property values against the current market.

In response to a question from Council, Staff clarified they are actively working on completing the Quibble Creek connection.

Council asked if the greenways plan will be mapped in a similar style to the Walking Plan with a final map amalgamating all town centres and showing how all routes interconnect. Staff responded that each of town centre specific sites will be mapped very clearly and noted additional signage specific to each greenway location has yet to be developed.

Council commended staff for the work done on the greenway plan and noted that the CoS wellness plan is well managed and that the popularity in walking / biking is catching on.

4. Jen Marchbank, President, Surrey Pride Society

File: 0630-02; 0550-20-10

Note: See proclamation under Item E.1(c) in Regular Council – Public Hearing Agenda.

In attendance before Council to provide an overview of the 13th Surrey Pride Festival.

The following comments were made:

- Surrey Pride society, formerly known as the OIS Rainbow Cultural Society. 2012 theme is 'Bridging the Rainbow' to reflect the groups aim of being as inclusive and supportive of diversity as possible.
- Surrey Pride is a festival based, which is the best way to showcase the community; the majority of the events are all ages and family oriented. This year, the group has introduced new services such as a free public lecture series, dinner events, and added events for families and children.

The delegation noted the benefits of Surrey Pride for the CoS are as follows:

1. opportunity for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) communities to showcase their talents, businesses, and organizations,
2. provides a safe environment for LGBTQ and other minority communities, and promotes Surrey as a diverse and inclusive community,

3. strengthens LGBTQ business community through promotion, networking and recognition; and
4. attracts people from outside the City of Surrey and encourages visitors to spend money here.

The delegation requested the CoS to consider supporting the Surrey Pride Society by continuing its annual proclamation of Gay Pride Weekend and consider providing in-kind support for Surrey Pride events.

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 Hepner
Seconded by Councillor Hayne
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Steele, Chairperson