

Present:

Chairperson - Councillor Martin
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hayne
Councillor LeFranc
Councillor Starchuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Woods
Mayor Hepner

Absent:**Staff Present:**

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

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Cliff Stewart, Vice President of Infrastructure
Vancouver Fraser Port Authority**

File: 5650-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide a presentation regarding the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's projects and activities.

The following comments were made:

- Under the *Canada Marine Act*, the Port Authority's mandate and role is to:
 - Facilitate Canada's trade;
 - Balance efficient port operations with environmental protection and regard for community; and,
 - Work for the benefit of all Canadians.
- The Vancouver Fraser River Port Authority does not receive any tax dollars;
- The Port of Vancouver is the largest and most diversified port in Canada, with \$184 Billion in goods annually and \$500 million of cargo per day;
- At the Port, 20% of Canada's goods are traded by value;
- Port activities create 100,000 jobs across Canada;
- In terms of navigational jurisdiction, Port of Vancouver is responsible for managing over 16,000 hectares of water and over 1,000 hectares of land;
- The vision of the Port of Vancouver is to be the world's most sustainable port;

- Surrey's port activities account for:
 - \$120 million in wages;
 - \$190 million in GDP;
 - \$3.1 million in municipal taxes;
 - 1,800 port jobs; and,
 - 1 in 4 jobs in Surrey is related to transportation, logistics and manufacturing.
- The Port Authority has invested in the community's Party for the Planet, Surrey Fusion Festival, and Surrey International Children's Festival;
- The Port of Vancouver has many initiatives underway aiming to ensure for a healthy environment such as the following:
 - Habitat enhancement projects (ie. Fraser River Improvement Initiative);
 - Truck licensing system emission reductions;
 - Air emissions inventories;
 - EcoAction; and,
 - Shore Power.
- As a healthy environment initiative, the ECHO Program represents a collaborative research and management initiative to better understand and manage the potential threats to at-risk whale species from shipping activities in the region through various projects such as ambient and underwater noise, physical disturbances, and environmental contaminants;
- The original project permit for Fraser Surrey Docks was issued in August 2014; project permit amendment was issued in November 2015, change from barge to ocean going vessels; it was noted that construction has not commenced;
- An overview of the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project was provided, noting that the Port of Vancouver is currently in the Independent Review Panel phase of the Federal Environment Assessment Process, with the next stage representing the environmental assessment decision; and,
- Five rounds of public consultation were required before the submission of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), with engagement having taken place with five local governments (Delta, Richmond, Surrey, City of Langley, and Township of Langley).

2. **Jonquil Hallgate, Co-Chair**
Surrey Homelessness and Housing Task Force
File: 4815-30; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide a presentation on the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Task Force initiatives.

The following comments were made:

- The Surrey Homelessness and Housing Task Force (SHHTF) is a coalition of community organizations working together to reduce and prevent homelessness in Surrey;
- The Vision of SHHTF is the creation of a collaborative community in Surrey where everyone is safely and appropriately housed;
- The SHHTF has two strategic pillars: (1) bring together agencies; and (2) share and act on knowledge and best practices;
- The objectives of SHHTF are the following:
 - Build capacity;
 - Create Surrey specific solutions; and,
 - Advocate for Resources and Policy.
- SHHTF values collaboration, innovation, credibility and responsiveness;
- In terms of gaps and needs, emergency shelters and transition housing are required specifically for youth, aboriginal families, gender specific shelters, seniors, and women fleeing violence and/or leaving the sex trade;
- Supportive housing for new immigrants and refugees is required;
- Approximately 5,500 affordable housing units are required;
- Resources are required for additional outreach workers, programming spaces, and facilitating social enterprise to employ disadvantaged persons;
- Recently SHHTF met with both Liberal and NDP MLA's and were pleased that there is awareness of the issues being faced in Surrey and support for government funding;
- SHHTF met with Surrey's Director, Public Safety Strategies to identify innovative ways to address the homeless situation which led to a number of actionable issues, such as alternatives to criminalizing behaviour by individuals because of homelessness and poverty, and holding orientation session with police and bylaw enforcement officers in this regard;
- In terms of the upcoming Homeless Action Week, there a number of activities planned within the community to raise awareness and funding; and,
- For the Metro Vancouver Homeless Count, the SHHTF is collaborating with its Fraser Valley neighbours to share information relative to homeless individuals to ensure the eventual counts are representative of current situation.

During discussion, Council noted the importance of the aging out of care initiative and the importance of supporting the youth who are transitioning out of care and the need to work towards obtaining much needed funding. Council expressed appreciation for the

dedication and work of the SHHTF and the invaluable advocacy work that continues to be undertaken on behalf of the homeless.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Martin, Chairperson