

Present :

Chair – Councillor Martin
L. Larsen, School Trustee Liaison
S. Chaudhry
K. Fisher
T. Ghuman
Dr. B. Gurm
C. Hong
B. King
J. Kovach
J. Laitar
M. Malik
T. Oleman
M. Pyne
E. Szücs

Absent:

Councillor Rasode, Community Safety
Liaison
Councillor Steele, Seniors Liaison
S. El-Nashar
C. Iweh
K. Polubinski
S. Sabharwal

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture
R. Takhar, RCMP Crime Reduction &
Community Services Manager
R. Affleck, Community Services
Coordinator
C. Tallarico, Change Management Specialist
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved by L. Larsen
Seconded by M. Pyne
That the notes of the Diversity Advisory
Committee meeting of January 22, 2013, be received.
Carried

B. DELEGATION**1. Surrey International World Music Marathon - Sunday, September 29, 2013**

Ellyn Schriber and Bonnie Burnside of the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association provided a short presentation regarding the **Surrey International World Music Marathon**. 2012 was the first year for the marathon. The 2013 route will run through green space, greenways and Green Timbers Park, with every mile being marked by a different cultural group. This unique event is to be very inclusive and open, and the many cultural groups are encouraged to adopt a cultural mile so there are no empty miles; to decorate it and have activities such as singers and dancers or to participate in the event as volunteers or runners. It was noted that 600-700 volunteers are needed to run the event as course marshalls, for registrations, and other aspects of the event.

Runners can run the 5K, the half marathon, the full 26.2 mile marathon, or run a relay (2-4 person). The event starts early and is over by 2:00 pm. www.Surreymarathon.com/

2. **Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan**

Councillor Villeneuve provided an overview of the Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan and noted that this Plan is a community initiative with Vibrant Surrey and the City of Surrey. *"this" is how we end Poverty in Surrey.* Poverty Reduction Plan presentations and its implementation will be provided to advise of the city programs addressing the issues and to set benchmarks. Further details of the plan were provided as follows:

- The Policy will have data on the current state of poverty, transportation, housing, income and supports.
- 71,000 people are living in poverty in Surrey.
- Action on the Plan is that recommendations will be based on data presented in the fact sheets, based on the 2011 census.
- *Why eradicate poverty in Surrey?* Poverty expands costs for police, diminished education outcomes, life spans, costs to taxpayers, depressed productivity and social programs.
- *Who can take action?* All levels of government and community leaders, social supports. Leadership expected from stakeholders, such as encouraging employers to adopt a *living wage*.
- Awareness of Poverty Reduction Plan in the community to be implemented in the fall of 2013.

Councillor Villeneuve provided a questionnaire and requested committee members to submit back with information on existing programs they know of that are working to address poverty and are assisting people struggling. The goal is to determine what is happening in the City, what is in place and to fill the gaps.

3. **Welcoming and Inclusive Communities (WIC) project – Celebrate Together, Elevate Together** <http://celebratesurrey.org/>

The GM, Parks Recreation and Culture spoke about the Welcoming Communities website and noted that the website has been updated with reference to information and resources that are available in the City of Surrey to aid in getting settled in the community. The website also has valuable information in terms of population, demographics, and background information on how the program has progressed over the past 2 years.

4. **Anti-Bullying Film Contest**

Rosy Takhar, Crime Prevention provided an overview of the Anti-Bullying Film Contest and a preview of the winning videos.

The Anti-Bullying Film Contest was held in partnership with the City of Surrey, RCMP, Cupe 402, and the Surrey School District. The campaign was launched November 2012. The contest deadline was February 20, 2013 with 29 videos being submitted in the categories of Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

A Youth Empowerment event was held February 21, 2013 at SFU Surrey in celebration of the event. It was noted that 200 people including judges, a panel of speakers, teachers/administrators, parents and youth entertainers, attended. The message was one of empowerment and the talent brought out in the students was amazing, particularly at the elementary school level. All entries, who met the guidelines, were posted on YouTube.

A media event was held at the SFU RCMP detachment on February 27, 2013, with the 21 winning students being showcased on Global News on March 20, 2013.

Committee comments:

The first module of the *Respect* education program (Red Cross) begins at grade 4.

The School Trustee recommended that a new policy be developed with criteria about discrimination and anti-homophobia. School Board representatives should be a part of the group to create a new policy for ways to recognize and educate how to deal with discrimination and what to do with it. Education should be provided to teachers on professional development days so a child gets supported, not ostracized, and can feel safe.

5. Diversity Health Fair

Diversity Advisory Committee member, Connie Hong, noted that the Diversity Health Fair will be held Saturday, May 11, 2013, 11:00 am- 4:00 pm, at Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre. The theme is *chronic disease prevention*. Over 40 resource booths will provide free screening, hearing, massage, fitness testing, and HIV testing. There will be multicultural entertainment and a family play zone with face painting, henna, and crafts.

6. Surrey RCMP Open House – Saturday, May 11, 2013, a family fun day at the RCMP Main detachment.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

- 1. Surrey Doors Open – Saturday, June 22, 2013, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.**
Staff noted that 40 venues will offer a behind the scenes look at Surrey's rich culture, history, art and architecture. Free activities and guided tours, food and much more will be part of the event.
www.surrey.ca/doorsopen

D. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Fusion Fest 2013 – first committee meeting to be held this afternoon.**
<http://www.surrey.ca/fusionfestival/>
Further information will be provided at the next meeting.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEM

H. OTHER BUSINESS

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Diversity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2013.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by L. Larsen

Seconded by M. Pyne

That the Diversity Advisory Committee meeting

do now adjourn.

Carried

The Diversity Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:55 am.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor M. Martin
Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee