

**Present:**

Chair, Councillor Villeneuve  
Vice Chair, Councillor LeFranc  
W. Aljibira  
A. Begalka  
S. Dooley  
C. Mohr  
M. Shaw  
J. Sturge  
K. Thiara  
D. Toor  
J. Liu (YR)

**Absent:**

L. Rhead

**Staff Present:**

A. Murphy, Senior Social Planner  
M. McCargar, Planning Technician  
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Social Policy Advisory Committee Minutes of September 2, 2015 to be approved.  
  
It was Moved by Councillor LeFranc  
Seconded by D. Toor  
That the Social Policy Advisory Committee  
Minutes of September 2, 2015 be adopted.  
Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS**

1. **Bridges to Surrey Project**  
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Paola Ardiles, Manager, Bridges to Surrey, Faculty of Health Sciences, SFU appeared before the Social Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) and presented on the Bridges to Surrey initiative.

The following comments were made:

- The Bridges to Surrey project is an initiative of SFU's Innovative Strategy. The project is aligned with the core pillars that drive the foundation of the strategy which is based around Community/Industry Engagement, Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation.
- The pilot project also aligns with the work of the City of Surrey and what Surrey Council is doing. The project was designed to strengthen the partnerships between Surrey SFU and the City of Surrey and also to strengthen the partnership with Fraser Health.

- The purpose of the presentation to the SPAC is to create a dialogue of how to tie the work of SFU's academic program with the City of Surrey and to identify how the program can be of service to the work Surrey is engaged in.
- Many health problems stem from social issues. Bridges to Health is another initiative intended to support communities to stay well. SFU's Innovation Strategy has a lot of work underway related to technology and health care. The Bridges to Health initiative will support community resilience and environments that enable people to stay healthy.
- Deliverables of the Bridges to Surrey project include: creating an Integrated Health Innovation Hub as part of the Innovation Boulevard, and developing a new interdisciplinary academic program in health innovation to bring students together with the community and business partners in Surrey.
- The project is being operated out of a building near the Surrey Memorial Hospital. The space being leased is a very creative area furnished with movable chairs and tables which enables easy adaptability for workshop or classroom-style settings. Academic programs are not running until September and the space is available to host community workshops and meetings.
- Planned Activities for the project include:

**Semester in Innovation** (January, 2017)

**Community Engagement** (Continue engagement initiatives and connect with community organizations that are also doing work that the project could potentially partner with)

**Inter-Faculty Collaboration**

**Change Lab** (September, 2016)

The Committee made the following comments:

- Staff inquired if an evaluation of the community impact will be done. The delegation responded that there is potential to do some research and measure the results.
- The Innovation Boulevard is complimentary to social and health innovation. Social innovation can be a difficult concept for some people to understand. It was also noted that hopefully a common language can be reached to communicate the concept. Providing examples of projects is beneficial. The delegation noted an example of a violence prevention strategy that was created in Ghana using an application. The application enabled women to alert their friends if they were being abused. It resulted in a decrease in the incidences of domestic violence. This social innovation is successful with the aid of technology.

- The Committee noted that one of the projects Options and Lookout have been working on is an app for discharge forms from hospitals for people that are difficult to keep in hospital etc. It enables people to be discharged to shelters with a care plan in place. It is an innovation that impacts vulnerable people.

Councillor Villeneuve thanked the delegation for their presentation.

## **C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

### **1. Refugee Transportation Loan Petition/Syrian Refugees Update**

Councillor Villeneuve provided the following update:

- City of Surrey staff, Mayor and Councillor Villeneuve attended a meeting with Minister John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship and several Metro Vancouver Mayors and representatives from immigrant and refugee serving organizations that are helping with Syrian refugees. Councillor Villeneuve raised the issue of the refugee loans with the Minister and presented him with an information package along with copies of the signed petitions.

Councillor Villeneuve thanked staff for their hard work on the loan petition.

### **2. Surrey Urban Aboriginal Social Innovation Strategy**

Councillor LeFranc provided the following update:

- The City of Surrey was successful in receiving a \$90,000 grant from the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres to develop a Surrey Aboriginal Social Innovation Strategy.
- A committee of Aboriginal leaders has been formed and consultants, Sheldon Tetreault and Michelle Guerin have been hired to facilitate the Leadership Committee, conduct the research and consultations, and prepare the plan. The first task has been to compile research on the urban Aboriginal population in Surrey. A technical report based on 2011 census data has been completed. As well, over 25 key informant interviews have been conducted.
- To support and celebrate the Aboriginal community in Surrey, Surrey Libraries is looking into hosting a story-telling workshop with author Richard Wagamese in May or June, 2016.
- The Strategy will be completed in March/April, 2016.
- The Committee suggested inviting the consultants to a future SPAC meeting.

### 3. **Social Innovation Summit – November 24, 2015**

Steven Dooley and Councillor LeFranc provided the following update to the Committee on the Social Innovation Summit:

- Councillor LeFranc commended the speakers and presenters at the Summit and thanked the staff for doing a great job organizing the event. The event was essentially the launching of Social Innovation for the City of Surrey.
- There were 200 people in attendance.
- One of the goals of the Summit was to bring together the business and non-profit sectors. The audience was diverse and the understanding of social innovation varied amongst the attendees.
- The community based committee will convene in the New Year and will begin preparing for next year's summit.

## C. **OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

### 1. **Surrey Local Immigration Partnership/Immigrant Advisory Roundtable**

W. Al-Jibira provided the following update:

- The LIP Immigrant Advisory Committee hosted a Block Party on September 25, 2015, on the City Hall Plaza. The main idea of the Block Party was to bring the community together and welcome newcomers to Surrey. It was a good event and the volunteers enjoyed organizing the party. The event was made possible by grants and donations totaling \$3000.00 from the Vancouver Foundation's Neighbourhood Small Grants, Vancity and the City of Surrey.
- Wafa acknowledged the organizations and volunteers that supported the event including: SFU Surrey, KPU, Douglas College, Surrey School District, City of Surrey Social Planning Department, North Surrey Recreation Centre, Surrey LIP and all the volunteers.
- The Committee viewed a video about the Block Party. The video was produced as a class project by students at SFU Surrey.
- The LIP Immigrant Advisory Roundtable hopes to organize another event welcoming refugees next summer.

**2. Winter Shelter**

J. Sturge provided the following update:

- The 40 bed winter shelter opened officially on December 1, 2015. An open house was held on November 27, 2015. The space is bright, big and open.
- Winter Shelter Community Advisory Committee meetings are held monthly with representatives of the business community, the City, Fraser Health, BC Housing and the RCMP.
- Overall, everything is going well. The Winter Shelter is enabling Lookout to work with people that have typically been resistant to accepting services in the past.
- The shelter consists of 10 beds for women and 30 beds for men. Once a person secures a bed they are able to keep the bed for as long as they want, as well as stay in the shelter throughout the day. Activities and case planning are available.
- Linda Fox, Manager has been working hard to ensure the shelter is up and running and appreciates all the community support.

**3. Surrey Poverty Reduction**

A. Murphy, Senior Social Planner provided the following update:

- The role of the Surrey's Poverty Reduction Coalition (SPRC) is to inspire and engage the community to implement the Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan.
- Recently, the SPRC was the successful recipient for funding from the Vancouver Foundation for a project focusing on Youth Aging out of the Care System. Funding will cover: research work, two workshops and the development of an action plan. The goals are to increase awareness of issues that youth exiting the foster care system face and to engage the broader community in supporting these young people.

**D. NEW BUSINESS****E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL****F. CORRESPONDENCE**

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS****9. Mobile Home Park Residents: Know Your Rights, Brochure**

In response to the manufactured homeowners at 96 Avenue and King George regarding the redevelopment of the mobile home park, Marlis McCargar, Associate Planner and the Marketing Department created a brochure outlining the rights of residents of mobile home parks when their parks are getting redeveloped.

Surrey Council passed a new Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment and Manufactured Home Park Strata Conversion Policy in July 2015. The Policy provides guidelines for property owners/developers who are redeveloping a manufactured home park site.

The Chair suggested that a copy of the brochure be sent to ACORN for their information.

**H. OTHER BUSINESS****I. NEXT MEETING**

The next Social Policy Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 20, 2016.**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

It was  
  
meeting do now adjourn.

Moved by D. Toor  
Seconded by Councillor LeFranc  
That the Social Policy Advisory Committee

Carried

The Social Policy Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Chairperson, Councillor J. Villeneuve  
Social Policy Advisory Committee