
Present:

Chair, Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor LeFranc
M. Bains
M. Dhillon
S. Dooley
Y. Guo
D. Jimeno
A. Keitlah
C. Mohr
M. Shaw
K. Thiara
M. Tutt (Youth Representative)

Absent:

W. Al-Jabiri
A. Begalka

Staff Present:

A. Murphy, Senior Social Planner
K. Patten, Associate Planner
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Social Policy Advisory Committee Minutes of March 1, 2017 to be adopted.

It was

Moved by K. Thiara

Seconded by Councillor LeFranc

That the Social Policy Advisory Committee Minutes

of March 1, 2017, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

The agenda was varied.

2. **Adaptable Housing Standards**

File: 4310-01

Tom Ainscough, City Architect, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Adaptable Housing Standards in Surrey.

The following comments were made:

- Staff clarified that an adaptable housing unit is an apartment unit that is designed with features that would enable a person to continue living in their unit despite some mobility issues and/or could more easily be retrofitted to be made into an accessible unit. Some of those features include wider door entries or building in a way that allows for easy future installation of grab bars in the shower. Adaptable Housing Standards are contained in the BC Building Code, but their application is voluntary. It was noted that if all of the new apartments developed in the City of Surrey were adaptable, it would be easier for people to age in place.

- Staff further noted that accessible units follow a higher level of standards that include features such as a fully accessible shower with sufficient turnaround space for a wheelchair. The City is seeking to develop accessible housing standards or to use the BC Housing Accessible Design Guidelines that developers may choose to build.

It was

Moved by S. Dooley

Seconded by M. Shaw

That the Social Policy Advisory Committee

endorses the proposal to amend the Zoning Bylaw to require all new apartment units comply with the British Columbia Building Code Adaptable Housing Standards.

Carried

It was

Moved by S. Dooley

Seconded by C. Mohr

That the Social Policy Advisory Committee

endorses the development of accessible housing standards as a voluntary guideline for a higher level of accessibility for development proposals in the City of Surrey.

Carried

1. **Food Security**

File: 0250-20

Maggie Baynham, Sustainability Planner, and Deirdre Goudriaan, Surrey/White Rock Food Action Coalition, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Food Security.

The following comments were made:

- The Committee expressed surprise and concern over the number of adults that are facing hunger and noted that if adults are hungry then children are likely experiencing hunger as well.
- Staff noted that there are different interests for various projects including the Edible City project which focusses on edible landscaping or, the development of an Indigenous food garden which would consist of food that cannot be found in the grocery stores.
- The delegation noted that the Coalition welcomes partners that wish to align with the Food Action Coalition to get on board with some of the initiatives that are taking place or that will happen in the future.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**1. “Everyone in Surrey Belongs! Supporting Refugees in Surrey”, Columbia Institute Conference Presentation**

File: 5080-01

Councillor Villeneuve and Councillor LeFranc provided a PowerPoint presentation that they had presented at the annual Columbia Institute Conference in March. It highlights the various programs and services provided by the City and Surrey Local Immigration Partnership that welcome refugees to Surrey. The presentation also highlighted the successes of the Community Leaders Igniting Change (CLIC) program.

2. Metro Vancouver Homeless Count (MVHC)

- Staff noted that the MVHC occurs every three years with the most recent count held in March, 2017. Approximately 200 volunteers in Surrey assisted with the count.
- The preliminary report revealed a total of 602 homeless individuals in Surrey, an increase of the homeless population by 50% in Surrey since 2014.
- The count numbers do not include the number of homeless people along the water ways (Fraser Highway) in Surrey and also the 3-day Surrey Extended Urban count in Newton. These will be reported on separately in the fall.

3. C2U Expo Update

Steve Dooley requested to appear as a delegation to provide a presentation at the July SPAC meeting on the C2U (Community College University Partnerships) Expo event held on May 1-5, 2017.

4. Digital Equality Donations Update

This item was deferred to the July 5, 2017 meeting.

D. NEW BUSINESS**1. Heart in the City Awards**

Staff advised that nominations for the “Heart in the City” award are open. The award recognizes individuals that contribute to the community by promoting social well-being in Surrey.

The SPAC Heart in the City Subcommittee will review nominations and bring these to the SPAC for review at the July 5 meeting. The SPAC will finalize selections and forward recommendations to Council for consideration. The award reception will be held on October 25, 2017 to honour the nominees and winners of the City Awards.

2. SPAC Planning – Members’ Interests & Ideas

This item was deferred to the July 5, 2017 meeting.

3. Transit & Low Income Residents Workshop

The date for this workshop is Friday, May 25 from 1 to 4 pm in the City Centre Library. The workshop is sponsored by the Surrey Poverty Coalition and the City of Surrey. TransLink will attend the workshop, to present on their Fare Review process and listen to workshop discussion and recommendations.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**F. CORRESPONDENCE****G. INFORMATION ITEMS****1. Surrey Urban Indigenous Social Innovation Strategy**

The Committee expressed interest in a delegation presenting on the report. Staff will follow-up.

2. Engaged & Inclusive – Newcomer Youth Voice on Surrey LIP**3. Syrian Refugee Settlement Patterns in Metro Vancouver, ISSofBC, April 2017**

It was Moved by M. Shaw
Seconded by M. Bains
That the Social Policy Advisory Committee receives the
Information Items as listed.

Carried

H. OTHER BUSINESS**1. Committee Member Updates**

- Christine Mohr: “Dare to Dream” event on May 27 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Options recently purchased property at 81 Avenue and King George Highway. The event is by invite and the purpose is to hear feedback on the new proposed facility. The concept for the facility is a youth hub on the first floor, Immigration services on the second floor and possibly two floors of housing. An invite will be sent to staff to the Committee.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Social Advisory Committee meeting will be confirmed with staff for July 5, 2017.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by M. Shaw

Seconded by M. Dhillon

That the Social Policy Advisory Committee meeting

do now adjourn.

Carried

The Social Policy Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor J. Villeneuve
Social Policy Advisory Committee