

# Corporate Report

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#### REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: April 20, 2009

FROM: General Manager, Planning and Development FILE: 5080-01

SUBJECT: City of Surrey Social Planning Webpages (<a href="www.surrey.ca/social-planning">www.surrey.ca/social-planning</a>)

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Development Department recommends that Council receive this report as information.

#### **INTENT**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the social planning webpages that have been launched on the City's website, and to specifically highlight the new Community Resource Maps.

## **BACKGROUND**

The social planning webpages respond to the following Council directions:

- The Plan for the Social Well-Being of Surrey Residents states that the City "develop a communication strategy to share information with stakeholders and the general public on issues and City responses affecting the well-being of Surrey residents, and on the City's efforts and involvement in these areas".
- The Sustainability Charter contains an "immediate action" to "raise awareness of accessible and appropriately located services within the City. A Community Resources map, describing and identifying the location of local social services is being launched on the City's web site".

#### DISCUSSION

The social planning webpages on the City's website have been organized under five different categories that will provide community stakeholders and the general public with access to the following types of information:

# 1. **Social Policy and Projects**

- <u>Social Plan</u> Plan for the Social Well-Being of Surrey Residents documents and Annual Reports;
- <u>Current Initiatives</u> Information on the development of a Child and Youth Friendly City Strategy and the Youth Engagement in Social and Community Planning project is currently profiled; and
- Reports Corporate Reports on social planning issues are listed by topic area, with links to the actual reports.

#### 2. **Housing**

- <u>BC Housing Partnerships</u> The Memorandum of Understanding with BC Housing is available;
- <u>Homelessness</u> A description of the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Society and a link to the Society's website; and
- <u>Housing Action Plan</u> Information on the development of the Housing Action Plan for Surrey.

# 3. **Social Planning Resources**

- Community Resource Maps As described below; and
- <u>Demographic Information</u> Links to population projections and demographic fact sheets based on the 2006 census.

#### 4. Related City Initiatives

• Links to the Social Planning Advisory Committee minutes, Learning for Life Strategy, other City plans and strategies related to social planning, and the City's Community Grants Program.

## 5. Community Partners and Web Links

- <u>Community Services</u> Links to Surrey Public Library's Community Services webpages; and
- Partners Links to regional and local committees.

Appendix I provides a snapshot of the introductory page of the Social Planning webpages.

## **Community Resource Maps**

Staff has developed a set of Community Resource Maps that will provide the public with the location of social housing, community and government agencies, and child care in Surrey. The locations are categorized under the following theme areas:

- *Social Housing* is categorized under the headings Seniors, Family, Co-operative, Aboriginal, Special Needs, Mental Health & Addictions, Emergency Shelter, and Transition/Supportive;
- Community and Governmental Agencies are categorized according to the type(s) of services they provide. For example, Children & Youth, Employment, Health, Justice, Settlement Services and Special Groups; and
- *Child Care* includes licensed child care facilities in the City of Surrey.

These maps provide information on the type of services provided at each location. By clicking on a specific location, the name of the facility, the organization that operates the facility, the address and the phone number are provided. Depending on the type of community resource, additional information, such as a description and web link, may also be provided.

Appendix II provides a snapshot of examples of the Community Resource Maps webpages.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The social planning webpages provide community stakeholders and the general public with access to information on actions that the City is taking to promote the social well-being of Surrey residents. They also provide information on Surrey's social infrastructure and links to a wide range of local community and social services by simply clicking on <a href="www.surrey.ca/social-planning">www.surrey.ca/social-planning</a>. The webpages respond to a recommendation of the Plan for the Social Well-Being of Surrey Residents that the City develop a strategy for communicating on social planning actions and issues.

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Appendix I - Snapshot of Social Planning Homepage

Appendix II - Snapshot of Community Resource Maps Webpages



