



# Corporate *NO: R006*

# Report *COUNCIL DATE: January 13, 2003*

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<b>TO:</b>	<b>Mayor &amp; Council</b>	<b>DATE:</b>	<b>January 2, 2003</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>General Manager, Finance, Technology &amp; HR</b>	<b>FILE:</b>	<b>0290-20</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>North American Occupational Safety and Health Award</b>		

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information.

## BACKGROUND

The North American Occupational Safety and Health Award is presented to organizations for their participation in NAOSH Week, an event designed to promote occupational health and safety throughout BC. The Canadian Society of Safety Engineers in partnership with Worker's Compensation Board of BC, BC Ministry of Labour, Canadian Centre of Occupational Health & Safety and Human Resources Development Canada lead this event.

The City of Surrey has received the North American Occupational Safety and Health Award in the municipalities' category for the second year in a row. This year NAOSH Week was a combined effort of both the Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee and the Emergency Preparedness Program, promoting the theme "Prevention is the Cure".

The City-Wide Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee is comprised of both exempt and CUPE employees. They meet on a monthly basis to review accidents, discuss safety issues and recommend training that could be provided. The current Committee members include:

Jamie Rennie - Co-Chair    Greg Ward - Co-Chair    Sam Chauhan

John Evanochko    Wilf Grant    Brian Milling

John Sherstone    Rick Tanaka    Jeff Welsh

Tom Wiebe

Emergency Preparedness Program employees who participated in NAOSH Week included:

Wayne Bernard    Jocelyne Colbert

## **CONCLUSION**

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and excellence achieved by the City of Surrey's Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee members and the participants in the Emergency Preparedness Program through their achievement in earning the North American Occupational Safety & Health Award for NAOSH Week.

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