

Present:

Chairperson - Mayor Locke
Councillor Annis
Councillor Bains
Councillor Bose
Councillor Elford
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Kooner
Councillor Nagra
Councillor Stutt

Absent:**Staff Present:**

City Manager
Deputy City Clerk
General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Director, Strategic Initiatives and Corporate Reporting
City Solicitor
Chief Development Approvals Officer
Director, Development Planning

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Daljit Gill-Badesha, Harman S. Pandher, and Harpreet Pandher
South Asian Community Hub BC (SACH BC)
15 minutes**

The delegation provided a presentation regarding the history of SACH BC, services provided, and future plans and highlighted the following information:

- South Asian Community Hub BC (SACH BC) is a non-profit organization delivering an integrated service hub in Newton and Surrey Central. Their mission is to provide safe, accepting, compassionate and holistic services to South Asians who are at risk of being homeless or without a home and who struggle with mental health and substance use issues. SACH BC provides outreach support in low barrier ways that include access to counselling and advocacy from a South Asian perspective. SACH BC aim to provide cultural, linguistic, and social support that addresses structural barriers to accessing these services. A major concern they raised is an increase in overdose deaths predominantly South Asian males who are middle aged.
- SACH BC's vision is to have a community hub in Surrey, where they will have the largest South Asian population in British Columbia. The co-located community hub will become a central single site with culturally and linguistically appropriate services. SACH BC believes they can address multiple needs and concerns by having wraparound services with improved access and service consistency. At a single site, the client can share their story and through a collaborative ecosystem, SACH BC can identify vulnerable clients and extend their services to them while creating space to share knowledge and expertise.

- SACH BC is offering support to the City of Surrey through providing their professional expertise in relevant initiatives and partnership committees with common shared values. They are open to assist the city in counting South Asians in the homeless data within Surrey. SACH BC invites the Mayor and Council to attend their fundraiser event on April 26, 2024 to raise awareness on mental health and substance use within the community. The organization will also look into applying for funding applications through the City of Surrey.

Councillor Kooner joined the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Locke advised that alternative arrangements are in place for public attendance tonight due to the disruptions that have taken place in Council Chambers.

B. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Bains

Seconded by Councillor Stutt

That the Council-in-Committee meeting be

adjourned.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Stephanie Nichols, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Brenda Locke, Chairperson