

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Hepner

Staff Present:

City Manager
Deputy City Clerk
General Manager, Social Infrastructure & Community Investments
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
Chief Development Approvals Officer
Director, Development Planning
Land Development Engineer

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Stephanie Beck, Executive Director and Grant Turnbull, Board Chair
Peace Arch Hospital Foundation**

The delegation provided a presentation to update Mayor and Council on strategic projects at Peace Arch Hospital (PAH) which serves both South Surrey and White Rock and highlighted the following information:

- PAH stands as one of twelve acute-care hospitals within the Fraser Health Authority, originally inaugurated in 1954 as the first hospital in Surrey. With 481 beds, including 234 for complex care residential needs, and a workforce exceeding 1800 staff, PAH plays a vital role in healthcare provision. The PAH Foundation, established in 1988, has been instrumental in advancing the hospital's infrastructure and medical imaging technology through annual fundraising efforts that have amassed \$210 million since its inception. Committed to enhancing both the hospital campus and community well-being, the Foundation's mission revolves around fundraising, advocacy, and support initiatives. Their vision aspires to spearhead efforts towards achieving the healthiest community conceivable, with a structured focus on both the hospital campus and the broader community.
- PAH has recently inaugurated a new eye care center and is facilitating enhanced pediatric access through a rapid care clinic, offering urgent consultations for youth in need. In collaboration with Fraser Health, PAH is actively engaged in addressing the escalating medical imaging needs of the community, demonstrating a commitment to providing comprehensive healthcare solutions through strategic partnerships and service expansions.

- In 2012, PAH's board made a strategic decision to prioritize preventative healthcare measures and upstream programs aimed at bolstering the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of the community. Partnering with Sport for Life, a nationwide sport development organization, PAH initiated the Move for Life program, specifically designed to enhance physical literacy within the community. Remarkably, PAH stands as the sole hospital foundation in Canada that concentrates on preventative and upstream healthcare opportunities, exemplifying a pioneering approach to fostering holistic community health and well-being through proactive initiatives.

2. **Charlotte Mitha, Executive Vice-President, Operations**
Maureen Daschuk, Executive Vice-President, Integrated Planning
BC Hydro

The delegation provided a presentation to update Mayor and Council on BC Hydro's Electrification Plan and Capital Plan for the City of Surrey and highlighted the following information:

- 20% of British Columbia's energy is being sourced from clean electricity and a significant 80% still depends on fossil fuels. To combat climate change, the provincial government's Clean BC plan aims to slash emissions by 40% by 2030, with a key strategy being the transition to cleaner electricity generated by BC Hydro. This shift toward renewable energy presents consumers with an opportunity to contribute to emissions reduction efforts while aligning with the province's sustainability goals.
- In response to rising energy demands, BC Hydro currently operates 30 hydroelectric plants and is in the process of constructing Site C along the Peace River in northern British Columbia. Reservoir filling for Site C is scheduled to commence later this year, with all six generative units slated to be operational by the end of 2025. This new facility is expected to boost electricity production by 8%, with the capacity to power approximately 500 thousand homes or support the operation of 1.7 million electric vehicles, thus addressing the growing need for sustainable energy sources in the region.
- BC Hydro has recently unveiled plans for a competitive call for power aimed at increasing the availability of electricity in British Columbia. This initiative will add 3000 gigawatt hours of clean renewable energy, equivalent to 5% of the total supply and sufficient to power 270 thousand homes. Through this competitive call, BC Hydro seeks to secure the best possible prices while also prioritizing meaningful economic reconciliation with First Nations communities. Additionally, BC Hydro announced a \$36 billion capital plan, with approximately \$21 billion allocated for maintaining current assets, \$10 billion earmarked for electrification initiatives to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and \$5 billion designated for new housing and building power infrastructure. Notably, Surrey will see significant investment with \$600 million allocated towards growth in areas like Surrey Centre, Clayton, and Campbell Heights, which is part of a larger effort to enhance infrastructure, create jobs, and foster economic development opportunities in the region.

B. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by Councillor Bose

That the Council-in-Committee meeting be

adjourned.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Stephanie Nichols, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Brenda Locke, Chairperson