

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
City Clerk
General Manager, Social Infrastructure &
Community Investment
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
Director Development Planning
Chief Development Approvals Officer

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Sheila Raikadroka, Executive Board Member & Surrey Resident
New Westminster & District Labour Council**

The delegation provided a presentation regarding the CLC's 2024 theme Safe Work Now! and an update on workers' health and safety issues, WorkSafe BC regulatory reviews and changes that have impacted BC's workplace accident and fatality rates. The following information was highlighted:

- Each year, the New Westminster & District Labour Council (NWDLC) presents to City Councils and school boards to seek their support and recognition of April 28 as the day of mourning for workers killed and injured on the job. Annually almost a thousand people in Canada die due to work-related incidents and diseases. This only counts fatalities accepted by the workers compensation system. Cases of workplace injuries, accidents, and illnesses remain under-reported.
- Construction is one of the industries with the highest reported crane deaths and the International Union of Operating Engineers is sounding the alarm following four recent incidents involving tower cranes. There is still work to be done regarding crane safety. There is an opportunity to become a leader in tower crane safety and prevent future accidents.
- The NWDLC highlights prevention measures, such as creating a national plan to remove toxic substances like asbestos, strengthen laws and protect workers from violence and harassment, and ensure workers know their rights and have the tools to be safe on the job. The NWDLC encourages government at all levels to remove barriers to joining a union, and ensuring workers have protection and rights that come with a union as strong unions make safe workplaces.

B. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Bains

Seconded by Councillor Kooner

That the Council-in-Committee meeting be

adjourned.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Stephanie Nichols, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Brenda Locke, Chairperson