



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2001
Time: 5:35 p.m.

Present:

Acting Mayor Tymoschuk - Chair
Mayor McCallum
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Steele
Councillor Eddington
Councillor Bose
Councillor Watts
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Staff Present:

City Manager
Acting City Clerk
Land Development Engineer
K. Swaele, Administrative Assistant

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- A. CORPORATE REPORTS
 - B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL
 - C. DELEGATIONS

- 1. **Sheeli de Silva, President**
Spirit of the Music Connections
File: 0065-012; 8013-001

Sheeli de Silva, President, Spirit of the Music connections was in attendance to seek support for the "Spirit of the Music" Connections.

Todd Darbyshire, Administrative Manager of Spirit of the Music Connections explained that Spirit of the Music Connections will be presenting a Valentine show which will raise funds to be used for senior citizens, shut ins, people with life threatening illnesses and the disabled. Of the 5,000 anticipated seats, 2,000 will be for people with disadvantages.

Todd Darbyshire continued that a portion of the money will also be used to fund scholarships for the mentally challenged and that the criteria will be set by the School Board. Todd Darbyshire advised that there already is a lot of community involvement in the form of radio, television, sponsorships, advertisers, and those purchasing tickets for the disadvantaged.

Todd Darbyshire explained that they are asking for financial assistance from Council to help fund three full-time positions.

Sheeli de Silva advised that she is the mother of a handicapped child, who recently underwent a life threatening illness, but was brought back to life by music. It was this experience that was the inspiration for the Spirit of the Music Connections.

Sheeli de Silva advised that she personally funded the first Spirit of the Music Connections concert as a gift to the community; that funds raised through the Valentine concert will be used to provide scholarships for vocational training for mentally challenged children; that if funds permit she would be interested in establishing a comfort care facility for those who are dying, which would remove them from hospitals, and allow them to be in a facility surrounded by their families.

In response to questions, Sheeli de Silva stated that this is the first time they have asked for a grant from the City of Surrey, and that Spirit of the Music Connections is a private organization, which is not yet registered as a non-profit organization.

Councillor Villeneuve suggested that the organization approach the South Fraser Regional Health Board for assistance and information on the setting up of a hospice facility.

Councillor Watts provided the delegation with a copy of the Grants Policy.

The delegation concluded by playing a portion of the music from the first concert held August 2000 at Massey Theatre in New Westminster.

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

There were no delegation requests.

E. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

There were no Council Members' reports.

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Watts

Seconded by Councillor Hunt

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Acting Chairperson

