



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2001
Time: 4:45 p.m.

Present:

Mayor McCallum
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Tymoschuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor Bose
Councillor Watts
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Councillor Eddington
Councillor Hunt

Staff Present:

City Manager
Acting City Clerk
General Manager, Planning &
Development
City Solicitor
Land Development Engineer
K. Swaele, Administrative Assistant

A. DELEGATIONS

1. **W.M. Wallace, President** **Sunnyside Villas Society** File: 0065-012; 2104-010; 5503-001

W.M. Wallace, President, Sunnyside Villas Society, was in attendance to request an adjustment to the development cost charges pertaining to their recently completed seniors subsidized housing project located at 15002 - 26 Avenue. Mr. Wallace introduced the other members of the delegation, and advised:

- That there is not much to be added to his September 21 letter to Council.
- That they are aware of the amendments to the "Local Government Act" which allows Municipal Councils to relax development cost charges to non-profit societies.
- That they were advised by the City of Surrey that development cost charges cannot be reduced because they are retroactive.
- That the Society has spent funds that they have not been able to recover.
- That they did not apply for a reduction in development cost charges previously, as B.C. Housing would have deemed it a reduction in their budget and reduced their mortgage.
- That they are trying to recover funds to update the older facilities.
- That the project was completed by way of approval from the South Fraser Regional Health District.
- That Sunnyside Villas provided one-half acre of land to White Rock Come Share Society for an adult day care.
- That in the past they have tried to obtain funds from CMHC, but were not successful.

Council expressed concern that in view of the fact that B.C. Housing factored development cost charges into the mortgage, any rebate would have to be returned to B.C. Housing. Council suggested that the Sunnyside Villas Society consider

applying for funds through the grant process, or look to obtaining any Federal funds that may be available for the upgrading.

**2. Jeff Welch, Gail Hill & Mike McNamara - Campaign Co-Chairs
United Way Campaign Committee
File: 0065-012**

Jeff Welch, Gail Hall and Mike McNamara, Campaign Co-Chairs, United Way Campaign Committee, were in attendance to make a presentation with respect to the United Way campaign.

On behalf of the United Way Campaign Committee, Gail Hall advised:

- That last year the City of Surrey's United Way goal was \$150,000, and they raised almost \$158,000.
- That the ability to reach this target was through the dedication of the United Way Committee and City of Surrey staff.
- That the City of Surrey has received recognition and awards in leadership and work-place campaigns.
- That they have been asked to share information with other work places.
- That this year the campaign kicks off October 22.

Jeff Welch on behalf of the United Way Committee advised:

- That this year they are working to increase the goal to \$160,000.
- That they believe they will be able to make this goal, because of the committed employees at the City of Surrey.
- That due to the World Trade Center event, people are more aware of the need to help.
- That they want to ensure they have Council's support.
- That they will be going out to several employee meetings to obtain their support as well.

**3. Owners of Motels on King George Highway
North of 76 Avenue to 96 Avenue
File: 0065-012; 2152-13601**

Owners of motels on King George Highway, north of 76 Avenue to 96 Avenue were in attendance to discuss community concerns relating to their property.

Note: At the September 10, 2001 Regular Council - Public Hearing meeting, Council passed a resolution to approve the recommendation of Council-in-Committee that a strongly worded letter be sent to those motel operators

who did not attend the September 10 Council-in-Committee meeting, and requesting that they appear at a future Council-in-Committee meeting.

Monica Yen, Happy Holiday Inn, 13939 – 104th Avenue, stated they do have some problems with prostitutes, but because the Happy Holiday Inn is off the King George Highway it is not as severe. Ms. Yen stated that they do try to avoid prostitutes and if they recognize them will send them away, but sometimes a gentleman will check in and they are not aware until the next morning that there were other people who did not sign the register. She advised that some times the girls refuse to leave in the morning, but the police advise there is not much they can do. Ms. Yen asked if there was any way that the police could send a patrol to the area which would eliminate the situation.

Ms. Yen advised that they do not rent by the hour, and have a total of 28 rooms, with perhaps 2 to 3 rented by the month. She noted that they have a small ad in the B.C. Tourist Guide, but do not get too many referrals, and that often they are from Alberta, and that rates are an average of \$59.00 per night plus tax.

Hiyungdo Kin of the Beladean Motel and Trailer Park, 8205 King George Highway stated that they would like to stop prostitution and drug abuse. Mr. Kin stated that many of the customers of the motel were prostitutes and drug addicts on government assistance. He explained that he was unable to attend the last meeting as he was at a Landlord/Tenant dispute where he was trying to evict a drug user from his premises. Mr. Kin commented on the difficulty of evicting people and that sometimes they have to go through the Supreme Court Registry and use a bailiff, which is expensive.

Mr. Kin noted that he also has trailers, which are not covered by the Landlord/Tenant Act. He stated that his lawyer advised that trailers be towed to Bear Creek Park.

Mr. Kin stated that most of the rooms are rented by the month, and when a guest registers, they often bring in another person the next day, and that the only recourse for eviction is through the Landlord/Tenant process.

Mr. Kin advised that they would not be able to operate a motel that charged by the day.

Doreen Ramsy, Howard Johnson Motel, 13245 King George Highway, advised that she has been in the tourist business for 35 years, and has learned skills in judgment. Ms. Ramsy stated that they are proud of their rooms and have a lot of tourists in the summer. She stated that they do not rent by the hour, but do have the occasional problem with prostitution, drugs, theft of items from the rooms, and robberies at the front desk.

Ms. Ramsy stated that she does not feel Council can solve the problems for the motel owners, but it will take effort on the part of the hotel/motel owners, and working together.

Ms. Ramsy noted that they try to be tactful and appear sincere when refusing to rent a room, and that they try to keep prostitutes, drugs and theft away from the Motel.

Ms. Ramsy continued that they have 57 rooms, and do not rent by the month. She complimented the RCMP and noted that once notified of a problem, they will arrive very quickly. She noted that hotel/motel operators must be responsible for their own safety by having it known that they only keep small amounts of cash in the till, by the use of video cameras, automatic door locks at the registration desk, and by being as careful as possible when renting rooms.

Ms. Ramsy stated that meetings with motel operators to discuss issues and problem solving would be helpful. She noted that some motels needed to rent by the month in order to survive, and that perhaps Council should look at different licensing requirements for these motels. She concluded that for any regulations to succeed, they would need to have the agreement of the motel operators.

Bud Gill, Grouse Creek Hotel, 9414 King George Highway, stated that he has the same problems with prostitutes and drugs, and that they look at identification when someone is checking in, but in the morning they will find prostitutes in the rooms. Mr. Gill advised that they have difficulty in getting the prostitutes to leave, and that the police will not come as they do not consider this a serious problem.

Mr. Gill pointed out that they have a good lighting system at night, which causes the prostitutes to walk in front of his property, but the RCMP will not do anything about it.

Mr. Gill stated that they do advertise with the B.C. Tourist Association, and have 51 rooms. He stated that most of their clients are referrals from the B.C. Tourist Association. Mr. Gill advised that currently there are two monthly tenants who are both working people, and that they try not to rent to those on social assistance.

Mr. Gill stated that the police do not appear to do anything about prostitutes in the area, possibly because of the leniency in the laws, and that they receive no help from governments.

There were no representatives who spoke on behalf of the Hare Creek Motel, 6670 King George Highway, the Canadian Inn, 6528 King George Highway, and the Town & Country Motel and Trailer Park, 8293 King George Highway.

Council requested that the Newton Inn be asked to appear as a delegation at a Council-in-Committee meeting.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

now adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Watts

Seconded by Councillor Tymoschuk

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Chairperson