



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2001
Time: 4:35 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Eddington

Staff Present:

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

It was

forward Item A.2. Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society delegation,
prior to Item A1.

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the agenda be varied by bringing

Carried

A. DELEGATIONS

2. Charan Gill, Executive Director Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society File: 0065-012

Charan Gill, Executive Director, Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society was in attendance to seek support for affordable housing.

Charan Gill distributed a package of information to Council.

It was

received.

Moved by Councillor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the information from Charan Gill be

Carried

Mr. Gill introduced members of the Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society who were in the audience, and reviewed the information presented in the package to Council.

Clayton Campbell, member of the Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society stated that the Society is building an affordable housing complex at 75A and 120A Street. He noted that the 54 unit seniors complex would cost \$8 million, and include a \$350,000 seniors center.

Mr. Campbell advised that the Society has raised \$400,000 from the community but still need another \$400,000. Mr. Campbell commented on the existing \$7 million affordable housing fund and asked that Council review the fund with a view to giving those societies who are creating affordable housing some of the interest from the fund. He stated that the interest would go a long way towards helping families in the community.

Mr. Campbell stated that under the existing program formula, approximately 17 people would be helped, but the money would go farther, and assist more people, if it was given to societies who are creating affordable housing. He noted that this would be a long-term investment, as the land is designated for non-profit housing in perpetuity.

Mr. Campbell advised that things are difficult in the current economy and that the Society desperately needs money to complete the project, which provides a service to people who are a long way from being able to afford adequate housing.

Mr. Charan Gill stated that the community center would be available to everyone in the community, and that they are filling a great need in the community by bridging gaps for multi-cultural groups. He noted that many multi-cultural senior families are not accessing the Parks, Recreation & Culture programs, and that the seniors center will allow open access plus educational information for seniors.

In response to comments from Council, Mr. Campbell advised:

- That they are requesting that the source of funding be taken from the \$7 million Affordable Housing Fund, as previously described.
- That applications for funding from other sources have not been explored.
- That the City's program is well-timed with the policy and procedures review.
- That they are not asking the City to shoulder the entire responsibility for the \$400,000 shortfall, but simply to assist.

Mr. McCracken, President of the Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society stated that there will not be a problem filling the building, as there is a great need for a multi-cultural retirement home, and that there are presently 38 people who have applied and who qualify. He noted that the project includes both single and family units, and will include 5 beds for those who are handicapped.

**1. Aart Looye, General Manager
Surrey BC Seniors Games Society
File: 0065-012**

Aart Looye, General Manager, Surrey BC Seniors Games Society was in attendance to make a final report and presentation regarding the 2001 Surrey BC Seniors Games.

Bill McNamara of the Surrey BC Seniors Games Society, read a letter from the Society, which expressed appreciation for the support that had been received from the City of Surrey, and for the outstanding assistance of the Parks, Recreation & Culture and Engineering Departments, and the Fire and Police.

Mr. McNamara continued by giving special thanks to the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture and his staff for their support and assistance, and noted special thanks to the many City staff members who had provided support.

Art Looye brought greetings from Pam Glass, who was in the hospital, and who had asked that her thanks be conveyed to the City and to the many volunteers for their outstanding contribution to the Games.

Mr. Looye also mentioned the number of business sponsors who had assisted with fundraising and noted that they had 2400 participants and many spectators, which had a terrific economic benefit to the City. He continued that the games had also showcased the many fine City of Surrey facilities.

Mr. Looye stated that there would be a profit from the Games, which would be shared, based on discussions with the Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission.

Mr. Looye noted that many of the volunteers from the BC Seniors Games would also be volunteering for the upcoming Festival of the Arts.

Individual Councillors and the Mayor thanked the Board of Directors and volunteers of the BC Seniors Games Society, and complimented both the participants and volunteers for a job exceptionally well done.

The BC Seniors Games Society presented the Mayor and Council with a plaque in appreciation of the work and support which has been given to the Society over the past few years.

The Mayor presented certificates to volunteers who had assisted with the games.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Watts

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Chairperson