



# City of Surrey

## *Council-in-Committee*

### *Minutes*

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2002  
Time: 4:25 p.m.

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#### **Present:**

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

#### **Absent:**

Councillor Eddington  
Councillor Watts

#### **Staff Present:**

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

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## **A. DELEGATIONS**

Councilor Higginbotham left the meeting at 4:26 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest with respect to Item 1, as her husband has been involved in the proposal.

### **1. Ian Ross, Dementia Advisor South Fraser Alzheimer Centre File: 0550-10**

Mr. Ian Ross, Dementia Advisor, South Fraser Alzheimer Centre was in attendance to introduce a concept for an Alzheimer facility in the South Fraser Health Region. Mr. Ross introduced other members of the delegation, and stated:

- That the proposed project is a unique public/private non-profit partnership.
- That housing is proposed in small groups of from 6 to 9, which is ideal for persons with Alzheimers or related dementia.
- That Alzheimers patients do not respond well to situations with a lot of stimulus.
- That finding alternative housing for persons with Alzheimers and related dementia is critical.
- That currently, the only options are to keep individuals with Alzheimers at home until they die, or fit them into a large institution.
- That these options are less than a good fit for persons with Alzheimers and their caregivers.
- That today in British Columbia there are over 50,000 people with Alzheimers or related dementia.
- That this number will triple over the next 20 years.
- That they are proposing a one-story residence for 36 people, with space for a day facility and Alzheimer support.
- That there will be four houses connected through a 5<sup>th</sup> building, to provide for staff economies.

- That the environment will provide the certainty of the familiar, controlled stimulation, a relative amount of freedom, with provision of normal home activities.
- That a three-year cost benefit analysis will be done to provide information for other Canadians.
- That the 8 acre parcel of land is big enough to allow another 36-bed facility in the future.
- That the site is ideal for this housing alternative because it is in a low-stimulus area.
- That each one of the houses will have a circular garden in a secure back yard.
- That they are asking for Council's endorsement in principle.

Dwight Heinz of McElhanney advised:

- That they have had meetings with the Agricultural Land Commission and realize they will need an ALR exclusion.
- That they are looking for feedback and direction from Council through approval in principle.

It was

Moved by Councillor Bose

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That the Alzheimer facility in the

South Fraser Health Region be referred to staff for a report to deal with the context and conflict issues and to address the question of the Land Commission approval.

Carried

Councillor Higginbotham returned to the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

**2. Brian Johnson, President, (PERC) Professional Environmental & Recreation Consultants/Wilson and June Consultants**

File: 0550-10

Brian Johnson, President, (PERC) Professional Environmental & Recreation Consultants was in attendance to give a presentation on the Best Practices Review.

Mr. Johnson advised that last summer the City of Surrey retained their firm to review best practices in the field of Parks and Recreation, to see where the City is in terms of the leading edge, and where there are areas that can be improved. Mr. Johnson continued:

- That they looked at a range of communities across the country and conducted focus groups.
- That they used a survey of staff to obtain a self assessment.
- That they have found 11 areas of strength where the City is at the leading edge.

- That they have identified 6 areas which can be improved and a further 6 areas of opportunity.

Mr. Johnson commented on the report, which had been circulated to Council December 10 and reviewed the areas of strength which includes:

- Financial investment and efficiency per capita.
- Recovery rates.
- Use of process reengineering.
- Contracting out.
- Public/Private partnerships.
- Communications and advertising.
- Use of technology.
- Public Involvement.
- Environmental Leadership.

Mr. Johnson noted that some areas which need improvement are:

- Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission relationship with the Department and Council.
- Relationship with the School Board.
- Budget Overages.
- Human resources improvements.
- Evaluation of service.
- Customer service.

Mr. Johnson continued by noting the following areas of opportunity:

- Contracting out.
- Public/Private partnerships.
- Increased user fees.
- Review of print services.
- Use of technology.
- Community fund raising.

Mr. Johnson concluded by stating that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department is very well positioned and is certainly a community leader in Canada.

It was

Moved by Mayor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Council receive the report and that it be referred to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission for review.

Carried

**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 Mayor McCallum

Seconded by Councillor Tymoschuk

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

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Chairperson