



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2002
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff Present:

City Manager
Acting City Clerk
City Solicitor
S. Palmer, Assistant City Clerk

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Roland Guasparini, MD Chief Medical Health Officer Fraser Health Authority

File: 0550-20-10; 0460-20 FHA; 3900-20-12993

Roland Guasparini, MD, Chief Medical Health Officer, Fraser Health Authority was in attendance to present a health recommendation and background information with respect to the Smoking By-law.

Dr. Guasparini reported the following:

- That Surrey Smoking Regulation By-law (1996) had required liquor outlets and restaurants to be smoke free as of January 1, 2000 and that in July 2001, Surrey Council amended the Surrey Smoking Regulation By-law to incorporate provisions for a smoking room in liquor outlets and restaurants consistent with the Workers Compensation Board Environmental Tobacco Smoke Regulation.
- That in January 2002, the B.C. Government ordered a change in the WCB Regulation allowing workers to enter the smoking room for 20% of their work shift and that the size of the smoking room has been set at 45% of the total public area for public entertainment facilities (bar, bingo hall, bowling alley, cocktail lounge, restaurant, gambling casino, nightclub or pub), except bingo halls, which can have 65%.
- That he would recommend that Council amend the Smoking Regulation By-law to prohibit smoking in restaurants and to restrict the size of smoking rooms to 10% of the floor area of liquor outlets.
- That by restricting the size of the smoking room to 10% of the floor area of liquor outlets helps to protect workers, as it increases the probability that workers will exercise their right to refuse to work in the smoking room and noted that this is the current standard in Vancouver.

- That he would request Council consider involving the Fraser Health Authority Public Health Inspectors in the enforcement of the Smoking Regulation By-law as they are already inspecting these facilities with respect to food handling.
- That Surrey has one of the lowest smoking rates in the Province and this rate should continue to decline as smoking prevention programs continue.
- That prohibiting smoking in restaurants would provide the best protection for children and workers.
- That most restaurants in Surrey are smoke free, restricting smoking to outdoor patio areas and that only a few restaurants indicate that they would consider building a smoking room.
- That most pubs in Surrey allow smoking indoors and in outdoor patio areas and about one third of those are considering building a smoking room.
- That there are 32 Public Health Inspectors in the South Fraser Area.

2. Jim Nichols
Bushido Martial Arts Supplies
File: 0550-20-10; 0250-20 BUSHIDO

Jim Nichols, Bushido Martial Arts Supplies was in attendance with respect to hosting a mixed martial arts event July 20, 2002 at the Cloverdale Agriplex.

Mr. Nichols reported the following:

- That he represents a group that is attempting to host a mixed martial arts event on July 20, 2002 at the Cloverdale Agriplex.
- That statistically speaking, mixed martial arts is safer than boxing.
- That a meeting was held with some Council members, staff from By-law & Licensing Services, Special Events, RCMP and Cloverdale fairgrounds management to discuss the event and the impacts on the community and the participants.
- That the essence of mixed martial arts is simply allowing various styles of martial arts to compete with one another whether it be karate, boxing, judo, taekwondo or wrestling, and that in order for competitors to compete, rules would be modified to allow both competitors to use their strengths.
- That mixed martial arts has extensive rules.
- That over 65% of matches end in submission because the competitor is in a position that he cannot escape which has greatly reduced the amount of knockouts and limits the amount of striking.
- That each competitor is matched with someone near identical in ability resulting in a competition that is even and safe.
- That tickets would be sold through Ticket Master, there would be no alcohol served during the event, and that it would be promoted as an adult-oriented event.

- That the event would have a security ratio of 1 staff per hundred spectators and that the number of volunteers assisting with the event has been increased.
- That there are 2 ALS', 4 Paramedics and 2 ambulances booked, as well as a general practitioner and neurologist on hand as precautionary measures.
- That mixed martial arts events have recently taken place at BCIT, SFU, in Victoria and in Kelowna.
- That the Agriplex in Surrey is the best venue for the event due to proximity and size.
- That discussion ensued regarding one of the rules surrounding "winning by choking into unconsciousness".
- That the ring is six-sided, surrounded by ropes, with nylon mesh along the bottom two ropes to prevent competitors from rolling out of the ring.
- That each match consists of 3 five-minute rounds.
- That some martial arts are now Olympic events.
- That the organization would be taking out a \$10M liability insurance policy to cover the event.

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 Watts

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Chairperson