

Present:

Mayor McCallum

Councillor Steele

Councillor Priddy

Councillor Bose

Councillor Watts

Councillor Villeneuve

Councillor Higginbotham

City of Surrey Council-in-Committee Minutes

Absent:

Councillor Hunt

Council Chamber City Hall 14245 - 56 Avenue Surrey, B.C. **MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2004** Time: 3:32 p.m.

Staff Present:

City Manager City Clerk General Manager, Planning & Development City Solicitor General Manager, Engineering General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR

A. **DELEGATIONS**

Chair: Councillor Tymoschuk

1. Kathy Wardle, Director of Research Busby & Associates Architects Ltd. File: 0550-20-10

Kathy Wardle, Director of Research, Busby & Associates Architects Ltd. was in attendance to make a 30 minute presentation regarding LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

Deb Jack, Surrey Environmental Partners introduced Kathy Wardle and noted that the mission statement for her organization is "to preserve, protect, enhance, and restore the ecological integrity, biodiversity and natural heritage of Surrey through cooperation, education, community participation, and action for the environmental health and sustainability of Surrey".

Kathy Wardle provided the following comments;

- That the U.S. Green Building Council formed a rating system called LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) representing the "green" building initiative.
- That there are over 5,000 members comprising builders, building owners, architects and various organizations with satellite chapters in Portland, Seattle and Vancouver.
- That there are 200 professional members in Canada, and 15 in B.C.
- That the U.S. Green Building Council developed an accreditation program for professionals relative to the LEED system.
- That 1,000 projects have been registered with the U.S. Green Building Council; 20 in Canada; and over 15 projects in B.C.
- That industry professionals formed the Canada Green Building Council in January 2003, and received licensing agreement from the U.S. Green Building Council.
- That Canadian professionals can apply for certification under the Canada Green Building Council.

- That an overview of types of projects registered include: Surrey Waste Transfer Station; Vancouver Island Technical Park in Victoria; White Rock Operations Building in White Rock, Semiahmoo Library and RCMP Unit (receiving the LEED silver certification).
- That the process includes registering projects with the Canada Green Building Council, paying an application fee, construction, providing appropriate documentation demonstrating compliance, and submission of a final binder with all documentation to the U.S. or Canada Green Building Council for verification.
- That there are six categories: sustainable site design (14 points), water efficiency (5 points), energy and atmosphere (17 points), material and resources (13 points), indoor air quality (15 points), innovation and design process (5 points).
- That in order to be certified a project must meet a prerequisite 7 points.
- That the LEED B.C. program will be officially launched in Vancouver on April 14, 2004.
- That the goal is to have communities adopt a "thinking green" mindset encompassing total building systems, reducing third party effects, improving asset value, environmental sustainability, and global consciousness.
- That an overview of the rating structure was provided.

2. Deb Jack, Co-Chair Surrey Environmental Partners File: 5280-01; 0550-20-10

Deb Jack, Co-Chair, Surrey Environmental Partners was in attendance to make a presentation regarding LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System, and the impact this international program can have on the preservation and incorporation of greenspace in the development of Surrey.

Deb Jack provided the following comments:

- That Surrey Environmental Partners was formed in 2003 and is a non-profit society, bringing together individuals and other environmental organizations in Surrey concerned with the preservation and stewardship of natural areas within the city.
- That the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program would have a positive impact on the preservation and incorporation of greenspace in the development of Surrey.
- That the organizations' goals include:
 - promoting and conducting stewardship activities that protect and restore the natural environment;
 - conducting research and providing technical information to support the protection and restoration of the natural environment;
 - undertaking educational initiatives to foster understanding of the importance and values of the natural environment;

- working collaboratively and cooperatively with government, community, business and individuals to protect and restore the natural environment.
- That Surrey Environmental Partners satisfies many guidelines under the Official Community Plan such as energy consciousness in building design, landscaping guidelines, and land use considerations.
- That natural areas are now surrounded by settlement as opposed to settlement surrounded by natural areas in earlier years and there should be an overall management and acquisition policy relative to development.
- That Surrey Environmental Partners (SEP) believes in working cooperatively and collaboratively with government, community, business and individuals to make the City of Surrey a better place to live through sound, environmentally sustainable practices.
- That SEP will undertake in-field restoration projects, conduct research and educational initiatives aimed at achieving a community where nature will flourish.
- That priorities include: protecting and restoring native wildlife habits; research and education; community outreach and involvement, and developing the organization.
- That SEP believes in SEE (Social, Economic and Environmental) in that all three areas must have equal consideration and impact to create the optimal solution.

3. Jonquil Hallgate, Education Coordinator Critter Care Wildlife Society File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

Jonquil Hallgate, Education Coordinator, Critter Care Wildlife Society and Maureen Binnie, Director, were in attendance to do a short presentation about the services that Critter Care Wildlife Society provides to the members of the Surrey community.

Jonquil Hallgate provided the following comments:

- That the Critter Care Wildlife Society was formed to rescue, rehabilitate and release native mammals of B.C. that have been injured and orphaned.
- That the Society has formed a partnership with the GVRD to utilize 6 acres of parkland in Campbell Valley area.
- That 704 animals from all over southern B.C. came into care, to be released to safe and remote locations when recovered from injury and/or full grown.
- That local veterinarians, SPCA's, Wildlife Rescue in Burnaby and B.C. Conservation Officers also refer animals in need of care to the Centre.
- That the Society provides hands-on caring of animals, education programs for pre-schools to seniors' groups, hosts internship program, and fields calls from citizens with wildlife related questions.
- That the Society is requesting some support, and although situated in Langley, it should be noted that animals come from everywhere.

- **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 Higginbotham Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Chairperson