



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2004
Time: 5:44 p.m.

Present:

Acting Chair: Councillor Priddy
Mayor McCallum
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Tymoschuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor Bose
Councillor Watts
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Councillor Hunt

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR
Interim General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture
Manager, North Surrey Section
Manager, South Surrey Section
Land Development Engineer

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Gord Savard, Co-Chair

CUPE BC

File: 2710-01; 0550-20-10

Gord Savard, Co-Chair, CUPE BC was in attendance to make a presentation regarding the Canadian/Cuban "Worker to Worker" Exchange.

Gord Savard commented that a recent delegation from CUPE Local 402 had visited and participated in a CUPE/SYNTAP "Worker to Worker" program. He noted that this program promotes understanding and communication on an international basis. He then introduced Juan Sagastizudo who participated in the program.

Juan Sagastizudo provided the following comments:

- The main objective of the program is to assist workers in other countries to improve and modernize working conditions.
- Six delegates were sent to Cuba on the worker exchange program.
- He noted that the architecture in Cuba is being restored.
- A union representative from Havana arranged for a tour of the Museum of the Revolution as well as the San Martin monument.
- He was able to visit various workplaces and worked in a cemetery.
- He noted that labourers on the site were paid \$8.00 per month, funeral expenses are free for state workers, and food is relatively cheap to purchase.
- The crime rate in Cuba is extremely low.

Gord Savard then noted that the "Worker to Worker" program is an educational work experience program and that it is time for CUPE to host a Cuban delegate in 2005. He continued that the delegate would be expected to work alongside Juan Sagastizudo to learn work methods over a ten-day period. He added that he

hoped the delegate would have an opportunity to meet Council and managers and that CUPE Local 402 would pay any WCB and other benefits for this individual.

Gord Savard requested Council support the proposal.

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 Tymoschuk

Seconded by Councillor Bose

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson