



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Multi-Purpose Rooms 1 & 2
Surrey Sport & Leisure Complex
16555 Fraser Highway
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2005
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Chair: Councillor Steele
Mayor McCallum
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Priddy
Councillor Bose
Councillor Watts
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Councillor Tymoschuk

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

- 1. James Bennett, Executive Director
Surrey North Community Health Centre
Glen Davies, President, Board of Governors, Surrey HIV/AIDS Centre
Society
File: 4320-20; 0550-20-10**

James Bennett, Executive Director, Surrey North Community Health Centre and Glen Davies, President, Board of Governors, Surrey HIV/AIDS Centre Society, were in attendance regarding an application for a business license for their new medical facility located at 10693 - 135A Street.

Glen Davies provided the following comments:

- He is a business man and a long term resident in Surrey.
- They are working to provide medical services to hundreds of people affected by HIV/AIDS.
- The steering committee has worked for a number of years on this initiative, is fully funded, and is now ready to move forward.
- They were provided a business license when they submitted their plans in September 2004
- The City has since advised that they require a medical business license.
- James Bennett attended City Hall, and was advised that everything was fine; they would receive their license pending electrical and plumbing inspections.
- A location has been found for the provision of medical services; building refurbished; plans, equipment, medical and computer equipment have all been purchased; and the facility is now ready for occupancy.
- Glen Davies stated that to be told by the City less than two weeks before the move in date, that they did not have the proper business license, would cost the organization tens of thousands of taxpayers' dollars if the facility does not open as planned.
- HIV/AIDS is a medical issue, not a social issue.

It was Moved by Councillor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve
That the information as submitted by Glen

Davies be received.

Carried

James Bennett then provided the following comments:

- A business license was applied for; a license receipt was provided, pending electrical and plumbing inspections.
- The existing medical clinic providing services to HIV/AIDS patients is moving to a new building two doors down from the current location.

Councillor Higginbotham entered the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

- The Surrey HIV/AIDS Centre Society was founded to establish a specific organization in order to access federal health dollars.
- The comment was made that the Centre would expand their services.
- With respect to the fundraising letter provided from Surrey North Community Health Care Services, James Bennett stated that this proposal went nowhere and the organization did not provide funding.
- Medical, drug counseling, pre and post test counseling, and ongoing health management services would be provided for approximately 700 individuals affected by HIV/AIDS.

Councillor Higginbotham rose on a Point of Privilege and stated she wished to discuss the fact that her husband's name is mentioned in a letter referenced by James Bennett. She advised she spoke with her husband who stated that there was no agreement to do fundraising as was announced by James Bennett, and further, any concerns as to whether there would be any fundraising happening in the future were unfounded. She continued that she had been told that there would be no fundraising or working on this project at this time as there are many issues and questions, to which answers were not forthcoming. She stated that her husband was not involved in this project in any monetary way; there had been discussions and conversations only; and no contract had been signed. She declared there was no conflict of interest and added that she felt she was free to speak on this issue. She noted that she raised the names to make sure Council was aware and that she was not in attendance at this Council meeting inadvertently.

Mayor McCallum requested staff take into consideration the lack of a building permit and current residential use when drafting their report to Council.

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 Higginbotham

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson