



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008
Time: 4:26 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Watts - Chair
Councillor Bose
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Higginbotham
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Martin
Councillor Steele
Councillor Villeneuve

Absent:

Councillor Gill

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
Deputy City Clerk
City Solicitor
General Manager, Planning & Development
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance & Technology
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Human Resources

A. DELEGATIONS

- 1. Lisa White, Manager of Community & Leisure Services
Parks, Recreation & Culture, and
Bob Coventry, Assistant Superintendent, Surrey School District No. 36
Community School Partnership**
File: 0510-20; 1530-20; 0550-20-10

Lisa White, Manager of Community & Leisure Services, Parks, Recreation & Culture, and Bob Coventry, Assistant Superintendent, Surrey School District No. 36, Community School Partnership, were in attendance to provide a background on the Community School Partnership Initiative (C-SPI) and to report an update on what this program has created for the children, youth and families of the inner-city neighbourhoods and schools of Surrey. A PowerPoint presentation was given and the following points were noted:

- This presentation was recently given to the Board of Education, at which time the Board expressed specifically its appreciation to the Mayor and Council for the close working relationship that has been established with the Surrey School District for his program.
- The vision for this program was to develop a caring, vibrant, sustainable city, known for its thriving children and youth, healthy families, community-centered schools, safe neighbourhoods and inter-cultural cohesion. With that, a mission statement was created detailing the commitment of working together to build community through:
 - an alignment of resources;
 - improved access to neighbourhood and city-wide services;
 - innovative partnerships; and
 - a new spirit of collaboration and sense of vision amongst residents, agencies and businesses in Surrey.
- Some of the guiding principles that were developed focus on:
 - honouring the voice and involvement of children;
 - the inclusive nature of our community, ensuring that the ideas and initiatives came from the community themselves;

- respectful relationships and engagement of all of the groups;
- ensuring collaboration and responsiveness;
- strengths, not weaknesses; and
- sharing expertise and resources.
- The core components address:
 - quality education and community based learning;
 - youth leadership (both secondary and elementary school strategies);
 - early childhood development;
 - family and parenting supports;
 - family and community engagement/mobilization; and
 - inter-cultural competence, community livability and crime prevention.

A review of the C-SPI organizational chart, the Community School Partnership Committee (and their various roles) and a list of the community partners was provided.

It was noted that there are 12 Community Schools throughout the 3 hubs/town centres of Newton, North Surrey (Whalley) and Guildford, broken down as follows:

- 9 elementary schools with approximately 3,750 students; and
- 3 secondary schools with approximately 4,280 students.

Achievements to date were provided as follows:

- Information was gathered through community consultation by way of focus groups with youth, children and families to determine community needs and assessments.
- Working with the partners, the information was reviewed to determine what types of programs and services could be provided to meet the needs and that could be accessible for everyone.
- A parent resource guide was developed through a liaison with the early years partnership group that provides information to assist parents in choosing quality recreation programs for their children.
- Some of the programs and services that are being done through the partnerships include:
 - Strong Start Preschool Program
 - Bridgeview Elementary
 - Coyote Creek Elementary
 - Ready Set learn
 - ESL Preschool Program
 - Kindergarten Readiness Program
 - Parenting Programs
 - Make children First
- Quality assurance is in all of the programs; done under the High Five Training, a new program adopted by the City of Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture department for those working with children aged 6 to 12, to support healthy child development in recreation settings.
- The Community School Partnership introduced a new way of providing to leisure programs for children and youth that are in the schools through the Leisure Access Program through an application form from any of the

teachers, principals, community school managers or parks and recreation staff that see a child needs this service but can't afford it.

- The Healthy Kids Who Cook Program started March 2007. Recent C-SPI funding provided 6 inner-city designated schools with the opportunity to deliver the program, targeting children in need of behavioural intervention and life skills. The program is free for participants and will now be offered in 30 schools city wide in 2008 through a grant of monies from United Way, Surrey Firefighters, City of Surrey Social Well Being Funds and C-SPI.
- The Sport Fit Program, directed at children and youth, delivers sport fit testing to schools, City of Surrey recreation centres, seasonal camps and community special events. Phase 2 to the Sport Fit Program just received \$25,000 in funding through Bell Sport Grants to support low cost and free "I'm Game" programs, which is promoted by schools.
- The Peer Mentorship Program started last year with 300 grade 8 students new to Kwantlen Secondary School. The program is a partnership with the Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture Outdoor staff (Newton) and School District No.36, to provide the students that will be going in to grade 8 with an opportunity to know each other through team building and dragon boating. The program was very successful and created a very safe school year for the grade 8's. The school would like to continue to offer this program to all new grade 8 students. It is anticipated that this program will be offered to all Surrey schools.
- The Youth Leadership Program, pilot in Bridgeview Elementary, was developed for participants to learn and develop knowledge and skills to be active in their community.
- The IR3 Program (Intervention, Rethink, Refocus, Reintegrate), in partnership with Theresa Campbell at Safe Schools and the North Surrey Staff, is a program that was launched at the Tom Binnie Community Centre as a pilot project for students in grades 7, 8 and 9, as an alternative to suspension. Over the suspension period students are assisted with homework, counseling and physical activities as well as visits from RCMP and firefighters about leadership programs. Tracking of these students after their return to school has shown their integration in more positive ways. This program is helping.
- Surrey School District and the C-SPI recently received an Exceptional Service Award from the United Way of the Lower Mainland, in recognition of an initiative that makes inner-city schools available after hours for health, social and recreational services.
- The C-SPI program received \$90,000 donation from the United Way in 2007 to help with all these programs and to make them assessable to all the children. This year the United Way has increased the funding which will enable an expansion in to the Cloverdale hub as well as in to high school.
- Next steps include working with the partners to continue to build on safe schools and safe neighbourhoods and to include safe homes, which will give a better understanding of how the children are doing at home, school and community.

Council congratulated and acknowledged the dedicated work and involvement provided in creating all of these successful programs and the work that is being done, including the proud relationship that is being built with the School Board. Lisa White and her staff was further acknowledged for implementing some of the social recommendations in the Social Plan for Well-Being, taking up the challenge and really looking at creative ways and the basis in which to achieve what is required through these partnerships in the community.

**2. Bonnie Burnside, President
Whalley Community Association**
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

Bonnie Burnside, President, and Peter Leblanc, Whalley Community Association were in attendance to provide a review of the Surrey Farmers' Market Business Plan with respect to the reinstatement of the Farmers' Market in City Centre. Comments were as follows:

- To live in a city that has special meaning to us starts with creating small public places that people want to use.
- Location is key to the success of any market. The location of 102 Avenue, between City Parkway and West Whalley Ring Road has been identified, by the Market Working Committee, as the perfect location because of its pedestrian friendly street. This small portion of one street could be turned into a public space, once a week, during the summer.
- A farmers market in Surrey City Centre will bring much needed social and economic vibrancy to the area.
- A customer survey identified significant numbers of people who live, work and transit through this area and yet there is little available to keep them in the area after school or work or inviting them to stop on their way home.
- Potential commercial neighbours largely support the location for the market and the numbers of people expected to be drawn to the market.
- Financially, a solid business model has been developed that demonstrates a sustainable community based farmers market is viable.
- It is hoped that this market will have a significant multicultural flavour that reflects the richness and diversity of the surrounding community. Specific efforts have been made to contact a variety of cultural organizations to ask that they promote the market among their members in the hope that they will recruit a range of vendors for the market as well as potential customers.
- A variety of social and community organizations are also being invited to participate in the market as a way to bring people and service providers together in an informal, community context, an at exciting venue in the heart of the City of Surrey.
- In addition to receiving Council's support to hold the market in this perfect location, it is the hope of the Market Working Committee that Council consider providing a portion of the funding required to get the market up and running for the first year.

Peter Leblanc provided general view of what the market would look like, the economic impact, the support that is being requested from the City of Surrey and the many collaborations. Additional comments were as follows:

- After conducting interviews with market managers and vendors to find that the lower mainland is saturated with markets over the weekends, positive support of vendors was given for selecting Wednesday afternoons, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., starting June 4th and running through October 8th.
- Support is being sought from the City for a one-time \$5,000.00 initiative, as well as support for the location.
- The funds requested would be used for one time purchases of capital expenditures, specifically tents, tables, chairs, and some electrical upgrades necessary to upgrade the market.
- In addition to these funds, funds are also being sought from the VanCity community grants program, the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia and the Downtown Surrey BIA.
- The \$5,000.00 request for Council initiative from the City is for one year only. Other years of the market would be funded mostly from vendor fees and additional modest fundraising.
- The desire is to create a market that is a place where the community can come together have access to fresh, high quality, locally grown produce and other items and meet others in the community.

Council congratulated the delegation and the members of the Market Working Committee for the research and efforts made in putting together the presentation going forward with a market in Surrey again. It was noted that the location is an excellent location, however there was some concern with regard to parking, electrical and water requirements, and future development in the area that would affect the location of the market.

The delegation was advised that a report, with Council's decision, will be provided in due course.

3. **Liz Walker**

File: 7907-0129-00; 0550-20-10

Note: At the February 11, 2008 Regular Council - Public Hearing, Council passed a resolution that Liz Walker be heard as a delegation at Council-in-Committee with a proviso that the delegation speak on a broader issue and not application specific.

Liz Walker was in attendance regarding the effects of treatment homes in local neighbourhoods. A detailed handout of Ms. Walker's presentation providing a historical and present view of the Newton area was provided.

It was Moved by Councillor Higginbotham
 Seconded by Councillor
 That the document pertaining to the Newton
 area, provided by the delegation, be received.
Carried

The delegation reviewed all of the information set out in her document and encouraged Council to go to the community of Newton, meet with Block Watch representatives, local businesses and residents to acknowledge the challenges in Newton and to realize some solutions.

Council thanked Ms. Walker for her presentation and further noted the following:

- Council is aware of the issues in Newton and visit the area on a regular basis, as well as the other areas throughout Surrey.
- Homeless shelters are presently being built in Langley and Cloverdale, with another anticipated in South Surrey. Detox and treatment facilities are just opening up around the Hospital.
- Council has been proactive in terms of trying to spread the issues and resources throughout Surrey to address the various needs; not focused in one area alone.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. The following Corporate Reports, under date of March 10, 2008, were considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. C003 Development of an Economic Development Strategy
 File: 6750-01

The Manager, Economic Development submitted a report to provide Council with an overview of the process that is proposed to be followed in the development of an Economic Development Strategy for the City of Surrey and to seek input from Council with respect to the process.

Manager, Economic Development was recommending that the report be received for information.

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt
 Seconded by Councillor Steele
 That Corporate Report No. C003 be
 received for information.
Carried

Item No. C004 Livability Accord Between High Growth Municipalities -
Status Report
File: 6520-01

The City Manager submitted a report to provide information to City Council regarding the work that has taken place since the "Livability Accord" was signed by the Mayors of Abbotsford, Coquitlam, Langley Township and Surrey in October 2007.

The City Manager was recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in his report.

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Higginbotham
That Council:

1. receive this report as information, and
2. authorize the City Clerk to forward, as information, a copy of this report and the related Council resolution to each of the other local governments that is a party to the Livability Accord, to the Metro Vancouver Board, to the Fraser Valley Regional District Board and to the TransLink Board.

Carried

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

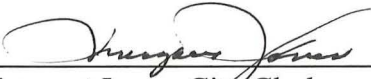
F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

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 5:24 p.m.


Margaret Jones, City Clerk


Chairperson