

Present:

Chairperson – Councillor Steele
Mayor Watts
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Gill
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Bose
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Hepner

Absent:**Staff Present:**

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

A. DELEGATIONS

1. **Terry Metcalfe, Chair, Project
and/or Jeremy Sutton
Langley Lodge**
File: 4780-01; 0550-20-10

Jeremy Sutton, Langley Lodge was in attendance before Council regarding a capital project with respect to housing, healthcare and the dignity of seniors "Building for the Future" campaign. A presentation was given and comments were as follows:

- The Langley Lodge, initially a retirement care home with residents in their later years (65 years +), has grown to become a complex care facility, attending to residents, with a variety of health problems, as young as 45 years of age.
- There has been a significant growth in wheelchair requirements; 6 wheelchairs previously to more than 60 at present, many of which do not fit through various doorways.
- 60% of residential care beds in BC are now unsuitable.
- The health care system has changed and the provincial government requirements for complex facilities require higher standards than what is currently available at the Langley Lodge.
- Complex care residents require more services, more body lift equipment, etc., which requires modifications to the whole building as well as more specialized equipment.
- The original building provided residency for 159 residents, 2 per room. The new requirement is to go to a 1 person per room format with upgraded plumbing, showers, etc.
- Langley Lodge decided to take on the challenge to upgrade and rebuild. Currently the Lodge is going through a building program to add a whole new wing to the building that will accommodate the necessary upgrades, an approximate cost of \$28 million.
- The new "neighbourhood" design of Langley Lodge will enable varying levels of care (some advanced, some limited) on each floor, so that there will be like residents on each floor.

- There are funding challenges. Although a mortgage of \$28 million is feasible, those funds would only provide for the required upgrades. A further \$11 million will be needed in order to provide those secondary facilities that the residents have become accustomed to that offer a real quality of life e.g. occupational therapist, dental hygienist, horticulturists, pastoral care, bus service, etc.
- To raise the capital funding that is needed, monetary support is being sought from local government, private entrepreneurs, philanthropists, businesses, corporate donations, etc.
- Community support from the Fraser Valley is essential. Every dollar spent on debt servicing is a dollar not available for quality care for the residents.
- Langley Lodge is a regional facility, funded through Fraser Health, with approximately 20 – 25% of the residents from Surrey.
- It is the request of Langley Lodge that Council consider a grant or some form of assistance in raising the capital funds required to continue with the project.

In response to Council's questions, the following was noted:

- All local municipalities are being approached for assistance. Currently, there is an application with the Township of Langley.
- Langley Lodge falls under Langley Care Society, a not-for-profit operation.
- The facility is long term care. There are some beds that are open to sell, however Fraser Health buys 95% of the beds and funds accordingly. The objective is that Langley Lodge is the place for those who cannot afford some of the newer, more expensive, facilities.
- There is no capital funding from the provincial government for the valued amenities. The mortgage is provided, but not the capital funding.
- The worst case scenario, if the additional funds are not raised, is that all the exceptional programs that are in place at present, will no longer be available.
- Perhaps it would be appropriate for Council to write a letter to the new Minister of Health, keeping in mind that these are some of the things that need to be reviewed in order to alleviate the pressures on other health care facilities due to the lack of beds. If there could be more assisted living units and longer term beds provided, it would reduce the dilemmas being faced by places such as the Langley Lodge and other non-profits.

The delegation was thanked for their presentation and it was noted that a staff report regarding the request of Langley Lodge, including the concerns raised, will be provided to Council in due course.

2. **Barry Shiles, Chairman**
Surrey Christmas Bureau
File: 4710-01; 0550-20-10

Barry Shiles, Chairman, Surrey Christmas Bureau was in attendance before Council to present the vision with respect to the Surrey Christmas Bureau and the Surrey Food Bank in collaboration with the City of Surrey and numerous stakeholders

from Whalley in the northwest to Cloverdale in the southeast and communities in between. Comments were as follows:

- For over the last 10 years the Cloverdale BIA, with the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce, has held an evening lighted Christmas parade. The parade, has grown, with the addition of members from all over Surrey, and is now called the Surrey Santa Parade of Lights.
- An even larger version of the Cloverdale parade was planned for 2007, but snow prevented the parade from happening.
- Last year, in support of the Surrey Christmas Bureau and the Surrey Food Bank, Pro Trucker Magazine, with the help of both the Vancouver Island and local truckers, again organized a 25 lighted truck parade to participate in the Cloverdale parade. The very successful 2008 parade drew a crowd of over 7000.
- For the past 3 years there has been a vision to unite all of Surrey with a unique, one-of-a-kind winter season of lights event to light up Surrey. The event would start in Holland Park in downtown Surrey where the community would gather to celebrate the season with choirs, crafts, hot chocolate followed by the lighting of the tree in Holland Park and the start of the truck parade (a review of the route was provided).
- The truck parade would arrive at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds to join the rear of the main Cloverdale parade, then travel through Cloverdale and culminate at the Cloverdale Christmas tree lighting celebration.
- The truck portion of the Parade of Lights is fashioned after the extremely successful parade held each year in Victoria. The Island Equipment Operators Owners Association Parade draws tens thousands of spectators along their route and brings in thousands of pounds of food and cash donations each year for local food banks and charities. An unforeseen spinoff is the benefits to the businesses with all restaurants along the 35km parade route are booked one year in advance by groups, friends or companies for their Christmas parties.
- The Surrey Santa Parade of Lights would be unique and draw spectators from all over the lower mainland and could quite possibly become the seasonal premier event with full coverage from local TV and newspapers.
- The date of the parade is December 6th, coordinated with the island's parade on December 5th.
- 25 trucks participated last year which is expected to double or more this year.
- The public will be encouraged to bring donations for one of many of the drop boxes that will be placed along the route.
- Support is being sought from Council for the City to take on the cost associated with policing and traffic control. If possible, having a City staff member to participate in the planning details, to ensure the City's needs are being met, would also be greatly appreciated.

In response to Council's questions, the following comments were noted:

- We could go to all the town centres, light a Christmas tree in each centre, then carry on to the heart of the city, Cloverdale. Involve the whole city and draw the communities closer together.
- The truck parade will move at a quicker speed than parade speed; 30km to 40km. It will not be a situation that requires roads to be closed for long periods of time.

- The parade is not unfunded. The Chamber of Commerce already contribute \$10,000 and it is anticipated that there will be corporate sponsorship and considerable support from the various communities in Surrey once the information about the parade is provided and further funding is explored.
- Every route possible was looked at for getting to all the town centres from Holland Park. There is a problem with 64 Avenue as parts are not designated as a truck route.

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor Hunt

That the delegation from Barry Shiles, Chairman, Surrey Christmas Bureau, regarding the lighted truck parade, be referred to the City's Fest Committee for a report back to Council.

Carried

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. The Corporate Report, under date of May 25, 2009, was considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. C005 Modifications to the RF Zone - Request from Surrey Ratepayers Association
File: 6745-01; 3900-30

The General Manager, Planning and Development submitted a report to:

- Update Council on the results of a review on the matter of house size restrictions as contained in the RF Zone of Zoning By-law No. 12000 and existing unauthorized house additions, as identified in a letter dated September 26, 2008, from the Association;
- Discuss options which could be pursued regarding this matter; and
- Recommend a course of action for Council's consideration.

The General Manager, Planning and Development was recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in his report.

Council's comments were as follows:

- It is important to make certain the support of public and to receive their opinion first. There needs to be another step of community consultation to ensure that everyone is involved in the process.
- This is a really good initiative to have a conversation around because there have been issues with the community as well as issues with some of the building that has occurred.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Receive Corporate Report Co05 as information;
2. Approve amendments to the Single Family Residential (RF) Zone as described in Option 2 of this report and as documented in Appendix I;
3. Direct staff to review, for consistency with the amendments to the RF Zone proposed in recommendation 2, the regulations in all single family residential zones in Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000 ("Zoning By-law No 12000) and Surrey Zoning By-law, 1979, No. 5942 ("Zoning By-law No. 5942) and provide a report to Council, complete with recommendations;
4. Authorize the Planning and Development Department to move forward with public information meetings with the citizens of Surrey and then report back to Council.

Carried

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS


F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT


It was Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Hunt
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do
now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:39 p.m.



Jane Sowik, City Clerk



Chairperson