

**Present:**

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

**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  
Manager, Planning & Development, North Division  
Manager, Planning & Development, South Division

**A. DELEGATIONS****1. Patrick Simpson, Executive Director  
The SAFERhome Standards Society  
File: 3760-20; 0550-20-10**

Patrick Simpson, Executive Director, The SAFERhome Standards Society was in attendance before Council to request the City to work with the SAFERhome Standards Society to provide municipal staff with the relevant information that is needed to implement the SAFERhome Standards Program option directly to the builders and the community at large.

The following comments were made:

- The goal of the SAFERhome Standards Society is to make safe building practices universal.
- Implementation of the SAFERhome Standards Program will raise health and safety protections in the homes and encourage builders to build "above" the minimum building code.
- The SAFERhome Standards involve 19 very simple and cost effective ideas. As an example, the cost of making edits to bring a bathroom to the SAFERhome Standard is very simple and only takes about 20 minutes to complete.
- Examples of some of the old building code minimum standards versus the proposed new standards include:
  - the old standard of plumbing fixture height in a kitchen is 18 inches; the new standard is 12 – 14 inches. Changing the height allows individuals to lower their cabinets (if they need to) so they can be seated at the sink.
  - AC outlet standards were developed in the 1800's. It became a training program, that electricians use their hammer to set the height of the box.
  - The types of ideas proposed are more about the "clarification" of existing building codes than creating new ones.

- The certification program developed by SAFERhome Standards is measurable. It is the only certification program that has no "grey areas". Consumers without extensive training can easily verify whether or not the building adjustments were made.
- SAFERhome standards will become increasingly important in BC as the population ages. As an example, last year over 800 seniors in BC died from falling accidents. These individuals lived in homes based on minimum building codes; many of the accidents could have been preventable. By 2031 – (if nothing is done) 6 to 8 seniors every day will die in the home due to minimum building practices.
- Associated costs with upgrading existing developments to meet the SAFERhome standards is as follows:
  - Less than \$1,100. Per new single family home
  - Less than \$700. Per new multi-family home
- The benefit of the program is that no changes to existing building codes, regulations or by-laws are required. The program should be implemented because it makes sense for everyone.
- The SAFERhome Standards have been applied in over 150 homes in the lower mainland including the 2010 Athlete's Village and the 1996, 2006, 2007 Pacific National Exhibition (P&E) prize homes.
- The program has been exported to Barbados and has been applied in a new housing development of 240 homes. In Barbados they do not have the type of support systems that we have in British Columbia and the program has served as an excellent model.
- The delegation proposed that the SAFERhome standards be delivered to the people in Surrey through the City of Surrey. He suggested if the City were in agreement, developers could be given a new tool kit for developers to provide better housing.
- A registry of homes built to SAFERhome Standards has been created which serves as a great tracking method for home buyers who want to purchase a home built to the SAFERhome Standards.
- Council requested staff to prepare a response for Council consideration.

2. **Pierre Gagnon**

File: 1220-20; 0550-20-10

Pierre Gagnon was in attendance before Council to make a presentation regarding the North Creek Pedestrian Bridge under Contract No. M.S. 1707-013-11.

The following comments were made:

- Mr. Gagnon was joined by 5 neighbours from his cul-de-sac.
- He presented his concerns through a series of letters and requested Council guidance on what to do regarding "next steps" in the process in having work on the North Creek Pedestrian Bridge halted.
- Mr. Gagnon provided a PowerPoint Presentation which summarized his concerns in greater detail. Some of the concerns that were raised included:
  - Process adherence
  - Location
  - Cost

- Justification of the Project
  - Safety
  - Construction
  - Vandalism
  - Removal of Trees
  - Project Timing
- Staff addressed the concerns raised as follows:
    - There was mention of the bridge relocation in the rezoning for the Province Town Project. The alignment was selected because the Department of Fisheries and Oceans was concerned about the previous alignment.
    - The General Manager, Engineering explained Fraser HWY will have a greenway. There is also the Cloverdale Greenway to the South. 180<sup>th</sup> which is a direct route that links the two roads. 182<sup>nd</sup> does not go through the neighbourhood.
    - The location was developed when the area decided to densify and was made an integral part of the Province Town Project.
    - A tender is now in for the bridge that is less than 1 million (through grants and partnerships).
    - In the future, as the rest of the Clayton area is developed, there will be a crossing point around the 72<sup>nd</sup> area that will have a linear linkage.
    - Relative to the timing of this project, is it the expectation of the Province Town community that the pedestrian bridge will be used to relocate children to a new school. It is the expectation of the parents is that the bridge will be built by September when the new school opens; City Staff expect that the bridge will be in place by October.
  - Council stated that there is no anticipated change in project direction, however Mr. Gagnon's concerns will be considered and addressed by way of a staff report to Council at the next meeting.

**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 Gill


Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

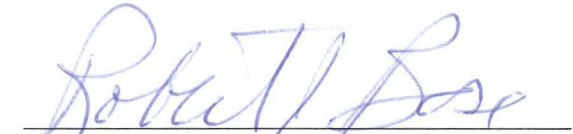
Carried

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



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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



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Councillor Bose, Chairperson