

Present:

Chairperson - Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Steele
Councillor Gill
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Bose
Councillor Hunt
Mayor Watts

Absent:

Councillor Hepner

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. **Dr. Nigel Murray, Chief Executive Officer
Fraser Health Authority**
File: 0550-20-10

Dr. Nigel Murray, Chief Executive Officer, Fraser Health Authority was in attendance before Council to make a presentation on the "Healthier Community Partnership Program".

The following comments were made:

- Dr. Murray requested that the City of Surrey adopt a new initiative called Healthier Community Partnerships.
- The Healthier Community Partnership Program was founded by the Fraser Health Municipal Government Advisory Council.
- The Healthier Community Partnerships initiative is about bringing community leaders together to work in collaboration to address determinants of health which include: social, economic, environmental, safety, child development, personal health practices, individual and community capacity and health care.
- The City of Surrey is asked to participate in the Healthier Community Partnerships endeavor because long-term health improvements can be achieved when people become involved in their communities. "Health" is created and lived by people within the settings of their everyday life; where they live, learn, work and play. Long term health improvements can be achieved when people become involved in their community and work together to effect change.
- Primary Objectives of the Healthier Community Partnerships Program are:
 - to gain a better understanding of the health needs of each community
 - to identify areas of priority for each community
 - to collectively develop goals, objectives and strategies to address determinants of health, including social, economic, environmental, and safety factors as well as improve access to appropriate health care services.

- The proposed formalized partnership with Fraser Health is not intended to duplicate work already being done by the City of Surrey but to build on the various social programs already initiated.
- Leading the program are Fraser Health Executive Directors who have key roles and are assigned to specific communities. The Executive Directors are supported by nine full-time health promotion specialists. Specialists focus on healthy living initiatives and support development of Healthier Community Partnerships.
- The initiative is in the initial stages of progress with several communities including:
 - Chilliwack
 - City of Langley and Township of Langley
 - City of Surrey –Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Health Care Services
 - Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows
 - Tri Cities
 - Mission
 - At an early partnership stage with:
 - Delta
 - White Rock
 - Abbotsford
- A workshop was held in the City of Surrey last September and a number of issues were identified such as: transportation for seniors, diabetes, heart related issues, teen pregnancies and mental health and addition issues. The Healthier Community Partnership program will look at some of these issues and identify how Surrey can partner with other agencies to alleviate some of these issues.
- The Focus on Senior's Task Force has also dealt with and identified a lot of these issues pertaining to seniors; it would be helpful to know where the information can be directed and how the Focus on Senior's Task Force can become a part of the larger initiative.
- It was suggested that there are things that Fraser Health can do immediately to help the City of Surrey; as an example, Fraser Health could partner in Community Gardens to provide recreation and food for people within parts of the city. Results of a Community Garden program could then be realized within a year. Staff shared that there are currently 4 community gardens and there is one under consideration in the Fleetwood area.
- Dr. Murray commented that Fraser Health is providing services in kind back to municipalities. The Provincial Government is providing funding and infrastructure in Surrey. There will be better access for primary care for people who do not have access to a General Practitioner.
- The delegation stated that the points made today are well taken and there are already a lot of plans and ideas on the books already to be implemented.

Council asked that staff prepare a corporate report to address the action items developed by the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Health Care.

2. **Mr. Gerry Morden, Chairperson**
Whalley Enhancement Association
File: 0220-05; 0550-20-10

Mr. Gerry Morden, Chairperson, Whalley Enhancement Association was in attendance before Council to make a presentation to thank those involved in transforming their community into a liveable community.

The following comments were made:

- Mr. Morden thanked the Mayor and City of Surrey Staff for all the great work that has been done to date.

In particular he recognized the following individuals for their hard work:

- Chuck Pereira in Engineering; Chuck's work helped to clear a trail to help make the clean-up efforts in Whalley a success.
- Mike Murphy is a By-law Officer who does his job with an even keel and tries to handle different situations with different solutions. The Whalley Enhancement Association appreciates Mike's efforts and those of all the Surrey By-law Enforcement Officers.
- Sandy Campbell with District 1 has worked with Whalley from the very start and is a City staff member of the RCMP and one of the key people supporting Whalley.
- Colleen Kerr with Crime Prevention and Corporal Forsythe both do everything to make the community better.
- The RCMP District 1 Office is the finest the Whalley Enhancement Association has seen. Their willingness, persistency and fairness have made Whalley a community everyone enjoys. There is class and dignity in the RCMP leadership; last year the numerous police awards that went to District 1 were well deserved.

For the last few years the quality of life in Whalley has been better, and for that the Whalley Enhancement Association is grateful and thankful.

- Mr. Morden reported that although there have been tremendous improvements. Unfortunately some things in Whalley have not changed. He reported there is an issue with absentee landlords and concern the absentee landlords are creating a tax burden with the extra resources and calls for police, ambulance and fire.
- The delegation suggested that the City consider a rental license with escalating costs as they relate to community services.
- Currently there are two houses boarded up on Whalley Boulevard. The Whalley Enhancement Association proposes that the City should set a deadline for boarded up or vacant houses. After the deadline expires, the homes should be removed. There are recovery houses that need guidance and they are not getting it; something has to be done and looking the other way is not helping.

- Council shared that the City Social Planner is working with the Province in developing regulations on recovery homes that are not good community members.
- The delegation commented that there are some businesses in the area that do an exceptional job of keeping clean. He suggested that the businesses that do good work and are neighbourhood leaders be recognized by the City.
- He suggested that the City of Surrey devise means for residents to network and build resources. Providing guidance on how residents can make their community better would be a worthwhile endeavor and help ensure that people who want to make a difference get steered in the right direction.
- Mr. Morden thanked Mayor Watts for doing a great job; he stated that the work she does in Surrey makes him proud to live in Whalley.

The City Manager stated that vacant homes in Surrey are monitored to see if they can provide residential occupancy and to determine if they are being maintained. The two homes identified by the delegation will be looked at and the owners will be engaged.

3. **Ms. Deb Jack, President
Surrey Environmental Partners**

File: 0550-20-10

Ms. Deb Jack, President, Surrey Environmental Partners was in attendance before Council regarding Corporate Report R212 "Update on South Port Kells Anniedale-Tynehead Neighbourhood Concept Plan - Draft Land Use Concept Options" with respect to environmental; green and natural spaces in an NCP, and biodiversity conservation and enhancement issues.

The following comments were made:

- Surrey Environmental Partners (SEP) is an umbrella organization of 13 groups and individuals concerned about natural areas for the benefit of the whole community.
- SEP suggest that Corporate Report R212 should also have included key findings contained in the Madrone Environmental Assessment. In the future Council is encouraged to obtain more detailed environmental information in making decisions.
- Council is asked to consider making neighbourhood concept plans by-laws to ensure best practices and principles are carried out over time.
- SEP propose that the City make natural capital investments a component of the usual park acquisition process and budget. SEP also suggest adding at least three more natural area parks called legacy parks. Legacy parks would be investments that would be covenants for future generations and serve as wildlife parks for animals displaced by development.
- Other special natural area investment areas could be designed as Surrey Carbon Off-Set Locations. This idea was suggested to Scott Macdonald, CEO, Pacific Carbon Trust.
- SEP looks forward to working with Surrey Council and staff to ensure Surrey is the best it can be in preserving Surrey's natural areas.

- 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 Steele
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 4:44 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Villeneuve, Chairperson