

Present:

Chairperson - Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Steele
Councillor Gill
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Bose
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Hepner

Absent:

Mayor Watts

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. **Arun Garg, PhD, MD, FRCPC
Medical Director, Pathology & Lab Medicine
Fraser Health and Clinical Professor, Department of Pathology
University of BC, and
Arun Chockalingam, MS, PhD, FACC
Professor and Director of Continuing Public Health Education
Simon Fraser University
File: 1530-30; 0550-20-10**

Were in attendance before Council requesting sponsorship for the Canada-India Cardiovascular Health Conference 2010 (CINI).

The following comments were made:

- The conference is being held in Surrey at the Simon Fraser University Campus from June 19 to 23, 2010.
- The purpose of the conference is to lower the burden of disease. The CINI is a collaborative partnership comprised of researchers, academics and technology.
- Cardiovascular disease among South Asians is about 4 times greater than in the general population. In the context of Surrey, 23 – 25 % of the population would be affected.
- The impact of the conference, aside from the economic, social and medical, is to find solutions. There is an economic benefit to the health care system and society in finding solutions. The hope is to develop specific cardiovascular health programs in Surrey including biotech and diagnostic technologies. There are opportunities to conduct joint studies between Surrey and India.
- There is a public forum on June 19, 2010, Mayor and Council were invited to attend.

Dr. Garg requested a proclamation from the City of Surrey regarding the importance Cardiac Health.

There are sponsorship opportunities available surrounding the upcoming conference; Council was asked to consider sponsorship at a gold level. Staff was asked to report back to Council with recommendations.

2. **Lana Simon, Founder & Director
Pacific Animal Foundation (PAF)**

File: 0220-08; 0550-20-10

Was in attendance before Council to provide a report on the feral cat situation in the City of Surrey and to provide a proposal for effectively and humanely lowering the number of feral cats and kittens through a practice called Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR).

The following comments were made:

- PAF is a non-profit volunteer rescue group based in North Vancouver. The organization was established in 1992 and started helping small rescue groups to date PAF has trapped and neutered approximately 4,000 feral cats and kittens on the north shore.
- PAF recommends using a process called Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) to address the feral cat population in Surrey. TNR is cost effective and is the most humane method of population control.
- Mainstream humane organizations are publically supporting TNR due to successes realized.
- Volunteer groups cannot tackle the problem of feral cats on their own; a comprehensive plan needs to be in place to address it within every municipality. If Surrey wants citizens to act responsibly in animal welfare and control, the City needs to act responsibly and set the policy. Long-term economic savings can be recognized by having fewer cats and kittens entering the already overburdened shelter system.
- In Connecticut, there is an effective state-wide program that would serve as an excellent template for implementing a similar program in Surrey.
- Suggestions for embracing a more humane approach toward dealing with the feral cat population in Surrey include:
 1. Ceasing the practice of entrapping cats through Animal Control or Shelter Programs.
 2. Creating a new policy of identifying any trapped or feral cat that is entering the Animal Control system through the aid of tattoos. Any costs for identifying feral cats through tattoos would offset the fees that the municipality would have to pay in shelter costs.
 3. Changing Animal Control By-law #8; which is currently a punitive measure whereby anyone claiming an impounded feral cat must pay a daily confinement fee.

PAF would be happy to work with City Staff on developing a TNR policy as part of the City of Surrey Animal Control By-law.

3. **Carolyn Tuckwell, President & CEO
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver**
File: 5120-01; 0550-20-10

Was in attendance before Council to present a proposal for support towards the permanent clubhouse for the Surrey Boys & Girls Club.

The following comments were made:

- The goal of the Boys and Girls Club is to be a safe and supportive place for children to be when they are not at home or at school.
- Other programs offered by the Boys and Girls Club include drug and alcohol counseling for youth, parent programs and a summer camp program on Howe Sound.
- The core of the work is the club house work. The largest amount of unsupervised time occurs between 3 and 7 PM which leaves children vulnerable to substance abuse, gangs, etc. Where Boys and Girls Clubs exist there is a proven reduction in crime.
- At the camps and afterschool programs a fee is negotiated for children to pay based on their specific family circumstances. There is a policy that no one is ever turned away due to an inability to pay. Other elements of accessibility are that the club programs are embedded in areas where kids live and go to school. Kids who have parents who are holding down additional jobs might not have resources to pay for after care; where there is a distance consideration, children are escorted to the afterschool programs by volunteers.
- The Boys and Girls Club is working hard to recruit staff and retain volunteers who speak the languages of the respective neighbourhoods they support.
- 35% of funding comes from all levels of government and the rest are generated by fundraising; this model allows the club to stay true to the belief that no one should be turned away.
- The newest club is in Surrey in the heart of Whalley. With the cooperation of the Surrey School District and many other City Supporters, the Whalley club was opened at Old Yale Elementary.
- There are 40 – 50 children who take advantage of the Surrey Boys and Girls Club programs every day. Council received extremely positive feedback from the Principal of Old Yale Elementary regarding the program's success. Councillors were invited to visit the club in Whalley for an opportunity to see the program in action.
- The Boys and Girls Club would like to have a stand alone portable facility on the school grounds. The cost of building a portable facility is \$500,000; the City of Surrey was asked to contribute \$100,000 toward building the new clubhouse portable.
- Council directed the request for funding to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Hepner
That the Whalley Boys and Girls Club
sponsorship request for \$100,000 be referred to the Finance Committee for
consideration.

Carried

4. **Mr. Bob Campbell, Vice-chair and Mr. Al Schulze, Chairperson
Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC),
Melodie Tomiyama, BSc., Research & Education Team Co-Chair,
Surrey White Rock Pesticide-Free Coalition
Natasha Raey, MHA., Health Promotion Coordinator,
Canadian Cancer Society**
File: 5280-23; 0550-20-10

Three delegations were in attendance before Council regarding the Pesticide Control By-law as follows:

1. The Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) provided a brief overview committee's mandate. A great deal of time and energy over the last 18 months has been devoted to the Pesticide By-law issue; the resulting document was sent to other City committees for scrutiny and comment. Members of the EAC are pleased with the actions taken by Council and wish to congratulate Council for approving three readings of the Pesticide Control By-law.
2. The Surrey White Rock Pesticide-Free Coalition is pleased that a cosmetic pesticide bylaw is a reality. Council is taking an active role in taking steps toward make Surrey child and youth friendly. Council is asked to review Section 4 of the Pesticide Control By-law after 1 year. The Coalition proposes the removal of Section 4 as it will remove potential abuse of the term "infestation". Council was thanked for recommending safer alternatives for pesticide use.
3. The Canadian Cancer Society is calling for a ban on pesticide use on all private and public lands. The Canadian Cancer Society thanked Council for the steps taken to create a cosmetic pesticide free Surrey.

5. **Newton Town Centre Land Use, Urban Design & Transportation Study - Stage 1 Land Use Concept Plan and "Townshift" Ideas for Newton Town Centre**

Raul Allueva, Current Planning Manager, South, was in attendance before Council to make a presentation to Council regarding Newton Town Centre.

Note: See Corporate Report R093

Council was provided with an overview of the following:

- Joint planning process undertaken by the City and TransLink as part of the study.
- Public and stakeholder consultation process.
- Stage 1 Land Use Concept.
- TransLink's conceptual design and the future Newton Transit Exchange.
- Issues for resolution as part of the Stage 2 component of the Study, including outstanding requirements and issues to be resolved.
- Preliminary servicing strategy to support the Stage 1 Land Use Plan as a basis to move forward with the completion of the final Stage 2 Servicing Plan.

The following comments were made:

- Council requested clarification regarding proposed retention facilities in Highland Creek area and the visual cues/design elements that would be in place to show a connection between the water retention facilities and Highland Creek. Staff reported that retention facilities depicted on the plan were for conceptual purposes only and that work on the design connection would be undertaken in Stage 2.
- A representative from TransLink Project Planning commented that the presentation on the Newton Transit Exchange is forthcoming; however, a number of road connections must first be in place in order to make use of the potential facility. TransLink is eager to work with the City to ensure the necessary road connections are made.
- Council thanked the delegation and indicated they would be requested to provide future updates as the project progresses.

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 Steele


Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Villeneuve, Chairperson