

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Rasode

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

- Ms. Madeleine Addison, Co-Chair Surrey Homelessness & Housing Task Force (SHHTF), Coordinator, Canadian Mental Health Association; Mr. Tom Keenan, Co-Chair SHHTF, Integration Minister of Housing and Social Development, Fraser Region; and Ms. Jonquil Hallgate, Executive Director, Surrey Urban Mission**
File: 5080-01; 0550-20-10

Ms. Madeleine Addison, Mr. Tom Keenan and Ms. Jonquil Hallgate were in attendance before Council to share information with regard to the "Pledge to End Homelessness" campaign that began February 10, 2010.

The following comments were made:

- SHHTF members meet monthly to share information, concerns, and work toward solutions. The group's strength is that each person at the table brings insight and education about the complex issues that lead to homelessness.
- The Provincial Homelessness Intervention Project (HIP) is a great example of work being done within Surrey. The initial target was to house 162 chronically homeless people in Surrey. HIP ends on August 31, 2010 and to-date 300 people have been housed.
- The delegation thanked the Mayor and Council for enabling community groups' access to much needed funding in order to develop housing.
- The delegation thanked the General Manager of Parks and Recreation, along with the Manager of Sustainability for the work they have done in support of housing and homelessness. The delegation commented that City Staff did an incredible job of being inclusive during the 2010 Olympics and reported that many of the friends in Whalley who are homeless volunteered their time during the 2010 Olympics. It was a wonderful partnership and the volunteer model will be used as a template for future Surrey special events.

- SHHTF initiated the "Pledge to End Homelessness Campaign". Everyone is asked to log-on to www.pledgetoendhomelessness.org and commit to one action. If every citizen in Surrey gets involved in some way, we as a city can truly be the first place in the province that eradicates homelessness.
- Council congratulated the delegation and the many people who participated in Reconnect Day and was pleased to see that the Age Friendly Community for Seniors was included in the SHHTF mandate.
- It was reported that the Metro-Vancouver Region is taking over the Regional Housing Task Force Initiative; the process will now be more efficient and accountable.

The delegation issued a challenge to Mayor and Council to encourage City of Surrey Staff to visit www.pledgetoendhomelessness.org. By the end of June 2010 SHHTF would like to have 10,000 people committed to doing something that will make a difference in someone's life.

2. **Marc Pelech and 11 Students
Sullivan Heights Secondary School
Surrey School District #36
File: 0550-20-10**

Marc Pelech and 11 Students from Sullivan Heights Secondary School were in attendance before Council to make an Olympic Photographs presentation.

The following comments were made:

- Students involved in the 2010 Olympic Project included: Kieran-Beitel Farmer, Maria Guiang, Kelly McLaughlin, Milan Mantle, Thomas Nelles, Melissa Partridge, Ryan Rose, Rachael Sangha, Jaime Schneider, Alyssa Togado and Eurisse Turzon.
- Students shared that documenting the Surrey Celebration Site was an amazing and uplifting experience. The 2010 Olympics were described by the teens a whirlwind of events and smiles; Surrey was at its finest hour and the youth photography team had the privilege of attending many of the local events. The students commented that they appreciated the opportunity to work collaboratively with the City and staff.
- It was a challenge selecting a mix of shots that represented a cross section of all the events. Over 10,000 photos were taken and narrowed down to 150 images which effectively captured people of all ages and cultures.
- Throughout the project the students had an opportunity to build up their portfolios, share their talent and learn various technical aspects of photography.
- The images captured will be provided to the Surrey Museum and Archives. The team plans to put together a similar collection encompassing the Surrey Canada Day celebrations and the Holland Park Festival from 2009. Five CDs will be put together covering 2-3 years of cultural events in Surrey.
- Mayor and Council thanked Marc Pelech and the students for capturing the 2010 Olympic moments and presented the delegation with certificates of achievement.

3. **Ms. Susan Hollinghead, P.Eng., MBA**
Manager, Roads and Bridges, TransLink
File: 5400-05; 0550-20-10

Ms. Susan Hollinghead was in attendance before Council to make a presentation on the Pattullo Bridge replacement project.

The following comments were made:

- TransLink provided an update of the functional bridge replacement project. The purpose of the project is to replace a major crossing that has been deemed functionally obsolete.
- The project team considered the needs of several users including marine users; rail users; nearby structures; connections for road users, pedestrians and cyclists. In terms of traffic, the year 2031 was used as a baseline for forecasting.
- City of Surrey Staff provided feedback on the functional design work that has been done and requested the following considerations:
 - Tolling within a regional road pricing strategy
 - Community benefits
 - Equity between improvements north / south of river
 - Network / connectivity improvement options for consideration for south bridge approach:
 - Direct connections to/from SFPR east of Pattullo
 - 128 Street Connector, KGB intersection improvements
 - Scott Road / King George Blvd interchange improvements; opportunities for land development
- TransLink's response to the feedback received from City of Surrey Staff is as follows:
 - Opportunities for senior government or other funding will be pursued. Work related to road pricing can only be undertaken in consultation with the Province. TransLink is currently conducting research to start the discussion process.
 - Will ensure the north bridge would work with a North Fraser perimeter road and the existing networking.
 - Conducted review of south approach as follows:
 - Looked at providing ramps to/from SFPR east of bridge; however; installation of ramps would be quite costly. The traffic modelling done does not indicate there is that high of a demand.
 - 128 Street Connector, KGB intersection improvements. The design team put the scenario into a traffic modelling program. The traffic modelling results showed that primary service traffic is using the SkyTrain park 'n ride and not the bridge. As a result, it would be difficult to justify KGB improvements as part of the bridge project. The time to do improvements in this area would be when the extension is built.

- Scott Road / King George Blvd improvements. This is an idea that the TransLink consultants came up with that turns the intersection into a tight diamond with the potential to extend Scott Road which would allow traffic to go east bound and make it to SFPR. Although it parallels 124 Street it would be a separate road and 124 Street would stay a local neighbourhood road. The estimated cost would be 50 – 60 million. The solution seems to serve the traffic movement but does not necessarily do it any better than the Bridgeview Option. From a community point of view, it might be a better option and would provide a greater opportunity for land development. There are obvious benefits, i.e., land that could be made available to the SkyTrain park n' ride could yield another 350 stalls and 3 hectares of land for potential future development.
- With respect to the various concepts City of Surrey staff proposed, the last option, Scott Road/King George BLVD could be explored further with the City and the Province.
- TransLink is interested in any feedback on the functional design work and hope to come back to address Council requesting support for the public consultation piece.
- TransLink reported that the New Westminster Council requested that the public consultation be deferred. The New Westminster Council would like to see the North Fraser projected melded in with the Pattullo Project. TransLink will make some further inquiries to figure out how the functional analysis can be wrapped up before a business case analysis can begin. TransLink clarified that the two projects can proceed independently.
- City Engineering Staff will work with TransLink to sort out the various aspects of the project. The project and the scope are still being defined with TransLink.

Council asserted that the situation is critical for Surrey and that Surrey residents are primarily affected by the problems of the bridge; TransLink was asked to move forward with the public consultation on the South side as expeditiously as possible.

4. **Don Luymes, Manager, Community Planning Division
Planning & Development**

File: 6440-01; 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report R130 of the Regular Council - Public Hearing agenda.

Don Luymes, Manager, Community Planning Division, was in attendance before Council to make a presentation regarding the Annual Review of the Surrey Official Community Plan.

The following comments were made:

- A status review of the Official Community Plan (OCP) was provided.
- The population of the City continues to grow; 44,000 new residents are expected over the next five years.

- In terms of housing units required, 17,000 units are expected over the next 5 years. There is a trend toward multi-family housing rather than detached. There was a slight impact in housing starts in 2009 due to the economic turn-down.
- In terms of newly developed neighborhoods, additional housing will come on stream with the Grandview Heights Neighbourhood Community Plan (NCP) #2; it is expected that final Council approval will be sought for NCP #2 in July 2010.
- Continued demand will be felt in North Surrey and the Clayton area even after the Grandview Heights NCP has been approved.
- Increasingly the housing demand will be met through redevelopment of the City Centre and town centres along transportation corridors. The City has planned capacity to meet the expected demand for the next 20 years assuming full build-out of these areas occurs in a timely manner.
- In terms of business and employment, two key OCP goals include expanding employment opportunities for Surrey residents and attracting business opportunities within Surrey.
- One significant indicator that planning monitors is the ratio of jobs to resident workers in Surrey. There are currently 0.7 jobs available for every resident worker. It is a stated goal of Council to move that number in an upward direction and that is done by encouraging business and commercial investment.
- A key resource that Surrey has at its disposal is available industrial and commercial lands. The estimate is that 45% of vacant industrial land in the region is found in Surrey. There are 1,300 acres currently vacant and 1,400 acres of land industrially designated but used for other purposes. The available 1,300 acres can be developed into areas that are market ready, i.e., serviced and ready to go. The bulk of industrial land can be found in the Campbell Heights area and the HWY 99 corridor and South Westminster.
- Residential starts in 2009 show that East Clayton, West Cloverdale, South Newton (around City Hall) and locations near Grandview and Morgan Heights are showing increased residential activity.
- There are some significant business development locations in the City Centre area and there are continued, major developments in Campbell Heights.
- Planning shared they are involved with Metro Vancouver and their Regional Growth Strategy. As a result, South Surrey and Clayton have been recently included as part of the Regional Growth Strategy.
- Staff reported the City of Vancouver is retaining heavy industry around the port lands and light industrial is being reduced.

Council requested a staff report on Metro Vancouver's impact on Surrey; particularly how Surrey's interests will be affected by recent decisions made to down-scale Vancouver's industrial sector.

The meeting recessed at 4:59 pm and reconvened at 5:37 with Mayor Watts as Chair.

5. **Don Luymes, Manager, Community Planning Division
Planning & Development**
File: 5080-01; 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report R131 of the Regular Council - Public Hearing agenda.

Don Luymes, Manager, Community Planning Division was in attendance before Council to make a presentation regarding the Annual Report (2008 - 2009) on the Action Plan for the Social Well-Being of Surrey Residents.

The following comments were made:

- The Social Plan was adopted in 2006 and there were five themes and 65 recommendations for action. At the latest count (through interdepartmental survey) 56 of the 65 have either been completed or are currently being worked on.
- The annual budget established by Council for implementing the Social Plan is \$1.72 M. Council receives updates on the Action Plan for Social Well-Being on a yearly basis; Corporate Report 131 represents the third annual report.
- Of the five themes identified much of the annual Social Plan budget is allocated to Children Focused Programs. In 2010 the City worked to develop a Child and Youth Friendly Strategy. The strategy is going through final amendments and will be presented to Council in the near future.
- Youth groups are robust and work has been done to get youth more involved in leadership and planning projects around the city. The Planning Department is endeavoring to get youth involved in NCP work. There is a proposal in place to hire two community youth members for the summer in the Grandview Heights area; the hope is that youth involvement will soon become a standard part of NCP preparation.
- With respect to Community Development and Inclusion, there has been strong advocacy to eliminate the loan repayment program for refugees. There are city advocates currently lobbying the Federal Government to eliminate the loan repayment program for refugees. There is also a Welcoming and Inclusive Community's Project Surrey is taking the lead on to welcome newcomers and refugees into Surrey.
- Under Crime Prevention there is the WrapAround Surrey Project. The School District is taking the lead in partnership with RCMP and other non-profit groups. Youth exhibiting at risk behaviour (i.e., gang affiliation, drug and alcohol abuse, etc.) will be identified and services and opportunities will be "wrapped" around them.
- Another program in the works is Civic Beautification. Small grants are available to neighbourhood associations and groups who apply and qualify. It is proven that civic pride tends to discourage criminal activity.
- Housing and Homelessness is a very active theme. The grant fund has made its \$1.0 M inaugural grant to support Atria Women's Resource Centre to support the Maxxine Wright Place for pregnant girls and young mother's struggling to raise children in tough situations.

- The annual program has also given out \$245K in grants to the following agencies:
 - Kla-How-eya youth transition worker project
 - Newton Advocacy Society – Surrey Rent Bank
 - YWCA Alder Gardens Supportive Housing Project for Single Mothers
 - Surrey Connect Day (homelessness resources “fair”)
 - Pacific Community Resources Society - Supported transition roommate program for youth
- The City has forged a productive and mutually beneficial partnership with BC Housing and the Ministry of Housing and Social Development. The partnership has fostered programs designed to serve the homeless, at risk of becoming homeless and those who require recovery beds.
- The Mayor's Task Force on Seniors' has attracted over 100 participants to each meeting held; the group has provided useful feedback for a targeted senior's-geared transportation study.
- Emerging issues include the following: literacy for new Canadians, recognizing neighbourhoods as critical building blocks and the Community Schools Partnership program which provides the use of elementary schools as community hubs.
- 2010 priority capital works include:
 1. Kensington Prairie Community Centre
 2. Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre
 3. Cloverdale Recreation Centre
 4. Bear Creek Park Pavilion (late 2009)
 5. City Centre Library
- The Housing Action Plan and Child and Youth Friendly Strategy are both targeted for completion in 2010. All the reports and documents are available on the City website at <http://www.surrey.ca/social-planning>.
- Council commented that the approach Surrey has taken is outstanding. Surrey has coordinated teams of people to work together to establish relationships and understand needs. Surrey's homeless numbers not growing because a proactive approach has been taken.
- It was discussed that the May 25, 2010, Metro Vancouver announcement of a \$200-million grant through private and provincial collaboration actually includes operating costs.
- The City Manager commented that with respect to provincial funding for education, the City is working to inform and develop a more proportionate funding model across the province so services can be more effectively delivered in Surrey. The City will continue to have dialogue at a provincial level to make the inequity known.
- Council highlighted that Surrey has two Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) related to higher level of education. Surrey is supportive of the growth of secondary schools within our communities.

Council requested staff to provide a report comparing study of provincial funding granted to both Metro Vancouver and the City of Surrey for housing and homelessness initiatives over the last 5 years.

The City Manger shared that based on a recommendation from the May 17, 2010 Intergovernmental Affairs meeting, meetings will be arranged for Mayor and Council to meet with MLAs and MPs to discuss Surrey specific issues. Staff will be preparing "issue summary sheets" to serve as talking points; issues relating to the Social Plan will be also included on the agenda.

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 6:01 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Gill, Chairperson