

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Hepner

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

1. **Robin Silvester**
President & Chief Executive Officer
Port Metro Vancouver
File: 0400-01; 0550-20-10

Robin Silvester, Port Metro Vancouver was in attendance before Council to provide an update on their operations in general and specific to Surrey, as well as an update on port initiatives relating to sustainability and community engagement.

The following comments were made:

- Port Metro Vancouver is the largest and most diversified port in North America and a major economic generator in British Columbia.
- At a national level port activity accounts for 130,000 jobs in British Columbia. Port activities represent a significant economic contributor to Surrey with \$220 Million in direct local wages and \$440 Million GDP.

Port Metro Vancouver is currently focused on:

1. Improving service to customers, stakeholders, tenants and port users.
2. Developing an integrated approach to land use and acquisition.
3. Contributing to infrastructure investments and transportation planning initiatives.
4. Championing sustainability initiatives throughout the gateway.

Future Focus Includes:

1. Diverse and stable Canadian market.
2. Capacity expansion.
3. Collaborative investments in long term infrastructure.
4. Port and its tenants have committed \$4-billion over 10 years toward capital investments.
5. Industry partnerships to optimize port operations.

The Robert's Bank Rail Corridor directly involves Surrey. The key is to improve the ability of the Port to efficiently handle trade and to reduce the impact on the community.

Port Metro Vancouver Land Investment Initiatives:

1. Collaboration and communication on how to make the best use of the land resources in the Lower Mainland.
2. The Port has been active in securing parcels of industrial and agricultural land and has been involved in consultation with municipalities of how that land is used.
3. Exploring opportunities to look creatively to create land by dredging. Endeavoring to explore further opportunities for using dredged materials to create land or habitat for beneficial use.

Port Metro Vancouver is committed to the following:

- Community Engagement
- Aboriginal Engagement
- Municipal Government Engagement
- CSR Initiatives
 - Air Quality
 - Truck Traffic
 - Noise and Nuisance
 - Workplace Footprint

Areas of mutual interest between the Port and Surrey:

- Dredging
- Planning for the Future
- Community Investment
- The Fraser River from a regulatory perspective and a more strategic planning process; particularly how to integrate considerations around the river as a key asset to the community. Port Metro Vancouver seeks Surrey's support to "*change the thinking*" and develop creative solutions for the future.

Council shared that the Panorama Ridge Ratepayers would like to mitigate the noise of train whistles within their neighborhood and commented that it would be helpful to have the Port engage BNSF to help to mitigate the issues from a corporate standpoint.

2. **Alison Cameron**
File: 3760-15; 0550-2010

Alison Cameron was in attendance before Council regarding rental suites, secondary suites and the condition of the buildings.

The following comments were made:

- Ms. Cameron spoke about the personal challenges she has encountered while living in various secondary suites within the City of Surrey and requested more stringent building codes be applied to Surrey's secondary suite policies.

Council shared that the issue of Secondary Suites in Surrey is currently being addressed through the City's Social Planning Committee in partnership with a Provincial program called Housing Strategy.

3. **Lembi Buchanan, Chair**
BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform
File: 0400-01; 0550-20-10

Lembi Buchanan, BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform (BCCAAR) was in attendance before Council to seek Council's support for the recommendations made by the BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform regarding their alcohol reduction strategy.

The following comments were made:

- The BCCAAR was created in January 2010 and recommendations are taken from two reports:
 1. *'Alcohol Pricing, Public Health and the HST: Proposed Incentives for BC Drinkers to Make Healthy Choices'*; University of Victoria Centre for Addictions Research BC 2009.
 2. *'Public Approach to Alcohol Policy'*; Dr. Perry Kendall, Provincial Health Officer 2008.
- BCCAAR recommendations include increasing the price of high alcohol products and decreasing the price of low alcohol products.
- Surrey City Council was asked to write to key government ministers and endorse the BCCAAR recommendations.
- Council thanked the delegation for her presentation.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

- D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- G. ADJOURNMENT


It was

now adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve
Seconded by Councillor Hunt
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Mayor Watts, Chairperson