

**Present:**

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

**Absent:****Staff Present:**

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

**A. DELEGATIONS****1. Geoff Dean**

File: 0510-20; 0550-20-10

Geoff Dean was in attendance before Council to report on the "Importance of Improving Access to Secondary Education within Surrey".

The following comments were made:

- The delegation noted he is a member of the Social Planning Committee and was asked to come before Council to speak on the issue of access to post secondary education.
- It is important for a number of reasons socio-economic reasons and can positively influence on the following:
  - lifetime earning potential
  - individual health
  - community engagement
  - standard of living
- The delegation noted the funding allocation for Kwantlen is unfortunately less than half of what is distributed to other universities.

The delegation requested Council to keep this issue in mind and continue to work on how access can be improved.

Council noted that providing access to Secondary Education within Surrey is a part of Surrey's economic investment strategy.

**2. Laurie Larsen, CUPE Local 402**

File: 5600-01; 0550-20-10

Laurie Larson, CUPE Local 402 was in attendance before Council to report on "BC Public Water Initiatives".

The following comments were made:

- The delegation noted the following five arguments in support of banning bottled water within the Municipality of Surrey:
  1. **Bottled Water Production – Not Sustainable**– Water bottling facilities can have negative impacts on communities, and cause damage to ecosystems and farming operations.
  2. **Green House Gas Contributor** - Bottled water contributes to climate change by producing greenhouse gas emissions as water and fossil fuels are needed in the production process.
  3. **Overburdening Landfills** - Landfills cannot support plastic water bottles. As many as 65 million empty plastic water bottles per year can end up as garbage in a landfill.
  4. **Perception Bottled Water is 'Safer'** - Bottled water is not safer; tap water regulations are far more stringent. Municipal / City tap water is tested continuously – both during and after treatment.
  5. **Basic Human Right** - Water is a human right. In 2010, the United Nations passed two resolutions recognizing safe and clean drinking water and sanitation are a human right. The bottled water industry has worked hard to undermine faith in public water. Canada has one of the best public drinking water systems in the world.

The City was commended for their efforts to provide accessible drinking water in the new City Hall building.

The delegation noted that Surrey has some of the best water and hopes that the City of Surrey considers adopting the 'sample water declaration' provided on-table in the near future.

Council noted there is a water wagon Surrey loans out for special events in the regions so that tap water can be made available at event. Staff will be provided with a copy of the 'sample water delcaration' for their general information.

**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 Villeneuve

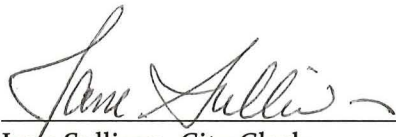
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:14 p.m.



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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



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Mayor Watts, Chairperson