

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Steele

Staff Present:

City Clerk
City Manager
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. Jonquil Hallgate, Surrey Urban Mission

File: 5080-01; 0550-20-10

Note: See proclamation under item E.1(a) in Regular Council – Public Hearing

Was in attendance before Council to provide an update on what activities are taking place during Homelessness Action Week (October 10 – 16, 2011) in Surrey.

The following comments were made:

- The delegation provided Council with a historical overview of Homelessness Action Week in Surrey and noted additional funding would be appreciated from a municipal and Provincial level to address 'unsheltered homelessness' within the City of Surrey.
- A short video was shown to Mayor and Council to depict the positive work the Surrey Urban Mission has done within the City of Surrey.
- The delegation provided an update of upcoming Surrey Urban Mission events for citizens to attend during Homelessness Action Week. Mayor and Council were invited to attend the celebrations.

Council asked for clarification regarding how additional provincial funding can be allocated to address the unsheltered homeless issues within Surrey. The delegation noted that the Surrey Urban Mission has partnered with the Surrey Board of Trade to help devise 'Surrey Based Solutions' that could better address specific needs of the community.

Mayor and Council thanked Councillor Gill and awarded him with a commemorative plaque for his work and leadership when serving on the Housing and Homelessness Society along with his work in participation through the Finance Committee in organizing community grants.

Councillor Gill thanked Mayor and Council and noted that his community service work had been a valuable and enjoyable experience.

Mayor Watts read the following proclamation:

HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK (HAW)

October 10 – 16, 2011

WHEREAS Everyday in our municipality there are men, women, seniors, youth and children who do not have a place to call home; and

WHEREAS Community action and participation are essential in addressing and eliminating issues and circumstances that contribute to homelessness; and

WHEREAS During this week, activities and events will be offered and the community will be encouraged to learn about the many issues related to homelessness, about the community and government agencies that offer services and support ‘that work’ for persons who are homeless, and about what each of us as citizens can do to creatively and collectively address homelessness in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dianne L. Watts, do hereby declare October 10 - 16, 2011 as “Homelessness Action Week” and encourage all citizens to recognize and support efforts to put an end to homelessness in our society.

Dianne L. Watts
Mayor

2. **Lesley Fox, Executive Director**
The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals (AFPFBFA)
File: 5280-27; 0550-20-10

Was in attendance before Council to discuss the City’s use of leg-hold and Conibear and snare traps for wildlife removal.

The following comments were made:

- AFPFBFA is based in Burnaby but has received letters and support and request for action from individuals in Surrey.
- The mandate of the organization is to provide strategies to cope peacefully with trapping practices.
- The delegation requested Council to pass a by-law to ban the use of leg hold traps within the City of Surrey.
- Many municipalities contract trappers to target animals deemed to be of a nuisance. Trapping is regulated provincially; however, under the Community Charter, the City should have the ability to ban specific types of traps and noted that North Vancouver, Coquitlam, and North Saanich have by-laws.

- The delegation requested the City of Surrey to take the necessary steps to phase out the use of all traps.

Council clarified that since 2008; the City of Surrey has not trapped any beavers, or any other wildlife using leg-hold, Conibear, or snare traps; animals identified as 'nuisance animals' are relocated to an appropriate habitat.

Council further noted if private individuals arbitrarily set up traps, such a measure is viewed as an 'illegal action'; Council reiterated for the past three years the City of Surrey has not trapped any animals and requested staff to provide the delegation with a copy of the Corporate Report outlining the City Policy on Trapping.

3. **Bob Donnelly, Director**
Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club / Little Hatchery
File: 5360-60; 0550-20-10

Was in attendance before Council to express concerns regarding Permit Application No. 19356 (16 Avenue 787627 B.C. Ltd) to speak on behalf of the following organizations and concerned private citizens:

- Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club / Little Campbell Hatchery (SFGC) – 1284 184th Street
- Semiahmoo First Nation
- A Rocha Canada – 19353 16th Avenue
- Little Campbell River Watershed Society
- Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society
- Surrey Environmental Partners
- Residential neighbours adjacent to site

The following comments were made:

The delegation noted the following concerns regarding Permit Application No. 19356 (16 Avenue 787627 B.C. Ltd):

- High risk of devastating clay sediment (fines) flowing into Little Campbell River – leading to the destruction of the gravel spawning beds in the river
- Extent and duration of sediment could end the Little Campbell River as a salmon/trout bearing river with significant impact throughout the community
- Traffic congestion and high risk to motorist safety on 16th Ave. at access/exit to fill site
- Serious effect on quality of life for residential neighbours for up to 10 year period.

The Delegation Noted the Following is at Risk:

- Headwaters in Langley flowing through South Surrey and discharging into Boundary Bay at White Rock
- Classified as “endangered” in B.C. Registry
- DFO “Class A” salmon river
- Known as most productive salmon river for its size in lower mainland with over 6,000 salmon spawning in the river last season
- Majority of spawning grounds at, or downstream from, proposed fill site
- Frequently referred to as the “Gem” of South Surrey
- Over 6,000 visitors to hatchery, nature trail and other club facilities annually

Permit Application No. 19356 (16 Avenue 787627 B.C. Ltd) is requesting the following:

- Permit to dump 330,000 cubic metres of structural fill - predominately clay (80%) over 10 year period
- To a depth of 8 metres within 30 metres of Little Campbell River
- Portrayed in documentation as a “site rehabilitation”

Concerns Identified by the Delegation Include:

- Unorthodox & unprecedented approach to landfill due to open ended topography of the location
- Proximity to the river – inadequate margin of safety
- Unproven & questionable approach to drainage, erosion & sediment control – no reference sites
- Recent history of poorly designed or implemented engineering approaches to sediment control in the watershed. The engineering proposal does not work with a clay environment and there is a danger for erosion. It was noted that it may be essential to add rocks or mats on the slope to prevent erosion.
- Duration of risk
- Inadequate approaches to monitoring (reaction time), maintenance and enforcement.
- Approval would significantly “lower the bar” for future permit applications within the watershed.

Traffic Congestion & Safety Concerns Identified by the Delegation Include:

- Existing heavy traffic on 16th Avenue is increasing
- Significant number of traffic are heavy vehicles (gravel trucks and semi-trailers)
- Traffic speed at location generally 20 km/hr over limit
- Access & exit to proposed fill site, planned gravel operation and 194th Street all within 100 metres

- The added heavy truck traffic will be exiting and entering 16th Avenue at bottom of two hills with limited visibility
- Challenges associated with removal of clay residue from road surface

Request for Action:

- If there is a demand for addition fill capacity, the City of Surrey should consider more suitable locations.
- The delegation has worked with the South Surrey Aggregate on an alternate proposal and has a solution in writing that satisfies all proponents; the delegation further noted the applicant will agree with the proposal as amended.
- The delegation stressed the fact that once the project begins, there is no turning back. Council was asked to consider the proposal carefully before granting approval.

Staff noted the application is currently being considered by staff. Engineering staff has requested the applicant to host an open-house and provide the City with mitigation measures. Staff clarified the gravel extraction application was approved by Council; however, it is a different company that will be doing the gravel extractions. The company that owns the two lots is applying to have a fill site, which is the subject of today's presentation.

The delegation noted that what alerted their organization to the proposal is their tremendous working relationship with the City and they receive notification regarding proposals that may impact the watershed. There is massive interest in the proposal and the goal is to keep the issue in a good working relationship with the City. A lot of work has gone into the approach and in coming up with alternatives.

Council requested Engineering Staff to investigate the sediment origins noted by the delegation and how trailing sediment it can be mitigated. Council further asked staff whether the solutions proposed by the delegation would be considered in the analysis.

Staff explained they have worked with the applicant and have asked them to scale down the operation; at this stage, a permit has not been decided on. Staff further noted that subject to Council hearing the delegation and making a recommendation a report could be provided to Council for further consideration.

The delegation clarified his organization has a tremendous relationship with the City of Surrey Engineering Department and shared staff have been very helpful and supportive throughout the whole process.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

- C. CORPORATE REPORTS
- D. DELEGATION REQUESTS
- E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS
- F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS
- G. ADJOURNMENT

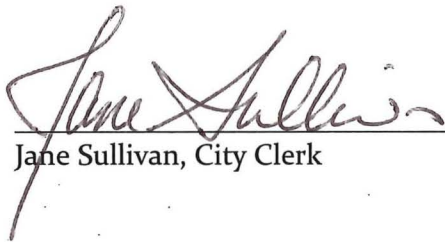
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now adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Hepner
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:49 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Gill, Chairperson