

Council-in-Committee Minutes

Council Chamber City Hall 14245 - 56 Avenue Surrey, B.C. MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012 Time: 5:02 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

Chairperson – Councillor Hepner Councillor Gill Councillor Hayne Councillor Hunt Councillor Martin Councillor Rasode Councillor Steele Councillor Villeneuve Mayor Watts

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

- 1. Wayne & Cynthia Allaire-Bell, Stephanie & Mike Rivera and Gord Fletcher File: 6140-20 0550-20-10
 - Note: See Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommendation from November 30, 2011.

Before Council to propose a name change to Frank Hurt School Park.

The following comments were made:

- The delegation provided an overview of Devon Allaire-Bell's life and read impact statements regarding his untimely death.
- Prior to Devon's murder, Frank Hurt Park was viewed as unsafe and was largely taken over by drug addicts, homeless people and served as a hiding place for the men who murdered Devon.
- After Devon's death, a group of Community Volunteers named the 'Devon Allaire-Bell clean-up crew' organized a clean-up campaign to restore the park.
- The delegation requested Council to consider officially changing the name of the park from Frank Hurt School Park to Devon Allaire-Bell Park as a tribute to Devon.
- The delegation noted when they met with Parks, Planning, and Culture, they were told there is a standard procedure employed for park naming, and the normal convention is to name the park after the attached school. The delegation provided 9 pages of emails in support of their request and referenced other schools within Surrey where parks are attached that bear a different name.
- The delegation agreed there should be a playground, and fitness circuit installed in the park but reiterated it should be officially renamed as Devon Allaire-Bell Park.

Mayor and Council thanked the Allaire-Bell family for the work they undertook in the park cleanup project and noted the park renaming request will go back to staff for a recommendation.

2. Ted Uhrich Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager File: 6140-20/D

Note: See Corporate Report Roo3 of Regular Council Public Hearing agenda.

This item was deferred until the January 23, 2012 Council-in-Committee meeting

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

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Claudia Jesson, City Clerk

Councillor Hepner Chairperson