

Present:

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

Absent:**Staff Present:**

City Clerk
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
Acting City Manager
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. Dr. Helena Swinkels
Fraser Health Medical Officer
File: 0460-30; 0550-20-10**

In attendance before Council to report on the adverse health effects of tanning and the use of tanning beds by youth under the age of 18.

The following comments were made:

- Fraser Health is proposing a by-law that restricts the use of tanning beds by teenagers.
- The delegation provided an overview of melanoma, noted it was the deadliest type of cancer and that the number of cases is going up every year. It is documented that UV rays are cancer-causing and rated in the same category of second-hand smoke, radon, and asbestos.
- There are myths surrounding the use of tanning beds such as:
 - Artificial tanning is safer than sun tanning.
 - Artificial tanning before going on vacation helps prepare skin for exposure to sun by providing a “base tan”.
 - Artificial tanning is required for sufficient intake of Vitamin D.
 - Tanning is not as bad for teens and young adults.
 - Tanning beds emit UV’s that will not lead to premature skin aging.
 - Parental consent and voluntary guidelines are effective.
- The reason a by-law is requested is that tanning operators (under the current system) may or may not always comply with guidelines; in particular, proof age is not requested before use of a tanning bed is granted.
- Fraser Health cited support for implementing age restrictions at both Provincial, National and International levels including:
 - Union of BC Municipalities
 - Public Health Association of BC, Canadian Medical Association, Canadian Cancer Society, WHO
 - Other jurisdictions

- The recommend by-law amendments include:
 - Mandatory requirements for health warnings
 - Mandatory skin assessments
 - Tanning restrictions for those under 18
 - Supervision of all tanning beds
 - Training for all operators
 - Provisions for protective eyewear
 - Client consent forms
 - Restrictions on health claims

The delegation recommended that Mayor and Council view a video created by a young woman named Clare Oliver who died from melanoma because of using tanning beds. The video is available at the following website:

<http://sunbedban.jigsy.com/ClareOliver>.

Council asked for clarification regarding the percentage of tanning bed users under the age of 18 versus adults. The delegation relayed that approximately 2 percent of the users are under the age of consent and evidence shows use of tanning beds and tanning has increased exponentially since the 1960's with primary users being between the ages of 15 and 49.

Council shared that the UBCM recommendations were put forward in 2011 regarding the use of Sun Tan beds and asked the delegation why the need for further municipal government involvement. The delegation explained that unfortunately, the matter is not considered a priority by the Provincial Government and the urging of municipalities would help to bring the issue to the forefront.

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

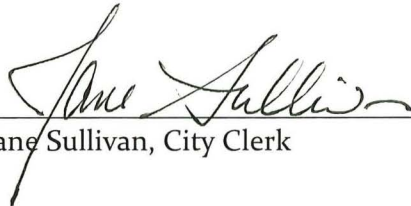
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:28 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Hunt, Chairperson