

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Martin

Staff Present:

City Clerk
City Manager
City Solicitor
Deputy City Clerk
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. Steve Gilroy, Executive Director, Joint Canadian Tanning Association (JCTA)
File: 0460-30; 0550-20-10**

In attendance before Council to present facts concerning indoor sunbathing and discuss proposed tanning ban in Surrey.

The following comments were made:

- The JCTA has 46 affiliated indoor tanning bed locations within the City of Surrey. Usage statistics show 75% of the clients are female, the average age is 30, fewer than 10% are under the age of 18. Mainly most are coming in for medical reasons under the age of 16.
- The delegation clarified scientific evidence from the World Health Organization (WHO) shows there is no consistent evidence attributed indoor tanning to melanoma. The delegation further noted what has been included in previous studies incorporated data based on home units as well as professional salons. The risk associated with developing melanoma while utilizing a professional tanning bed in a JCTA salon is only a 6% while home tanning beds for personal use showed a 40% increase risk. This data is related to skin type as well, when skin type 1 people are removed from the study, the risk factor goes down considerably.
- JCTA professional standards, such as using only remote control and certified operators trained in warning signs associated with melanoma greatly eliminate risk of over exposure for clients.
- With respect to underage tanning, the delegation clarified that 2% of the industry is made up clients under the age of 16; those clients typically are referred by a therapist. As per the Provincial Government, there is an exemption for medical tanning.
- Council requested clarification regarding the number of communities that have by-laws that ban suntan beds, the delegation clarified in British Columbia, Victoria has a ban; the Province of Manitoba has parental consent.

- The delegation clarified the JCTA goal is to not have what happened in the UK happen in British Columbia with respect to coin operated tanning at the discretion of individual users. JCTA is asking for controls to be put in place to ensure safe usage and asking Council to push the provincial government in the right direction for professional standards, noted it must be broader than an outright ban.

The JCTA requested the City of Surrey, if considering a by-law amendment, to also that also consider lobbying at a provincial level to ensure all salons are required to train or certify operators on the equipment and professional standards are followed.

Council noted that staff will follow this matter up with a Corporate Report.

2. **Mo Dhaliwal, Chair, Vancouver International Bhangra Celebration (VIBC)**
File: 8200-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to appear before Council to request support in expanding the City of Bhangra Festival in Surrey.

The following comments were made:

- The Vancouver International Bhangra Celebration Society (VIBC) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to elevating and promoting the Indian dance form of Bhangra. Bhangra is a type of movement and it tells a story. It is not a specific folk dance, music but a community celebrating together.
- The message of the festival is about cross-cultural celebration. Have inspired people all over North America, are a platform for performers and there is work done here that is not done in other communities. It was noted 80% of the talent for the festival comes from Surrey.
- The delegation noted that originally, the group started in Vancouver to grow up, now that the organization is more mature it requests Council's support in showing the Community what is possible when a variety of different dance/percussion and arts groups work together in a meaningful way.
- The VIBC has a modicum of funding but for years, the festival has operated with unpaid staff. Individuals who volunteer work and live in Surrey and are considered champions and leaders in their own community. The delegation clarified the festival would not be possible without support; they are now considered and accepted as a professional arts institution but feel the need to come home to Surrey.
- There are three major events proposed in the first week of June 2012. Repercussion will be coming and they will be introducing an event called Bhangra House to entice community involvement from all walks of life.

VIBC requested Council to provide funding to support staffing, office space, and the launch of their Surrey operations. Business projections show a 3-year investment in the amount of \$25,000 / year in order to have the festival in a solid position to be self-sustaining. The delegation noted the VIBC would be happy to promote the event using Surrey in the name.

Council congratulated the delegation for bringing the level of awareness to the event through promotion and encourage the group to continue to include students from SFU and Kwantlen so that the young people do not have to commute to Vancouver to be included.

Council requested staff to provide a Corporate Report on the request and noted that Surrey is a multicultural city and the name City of Surrey should be included in the re-naming/branding of the organization / event, particularly if support in the form of funding or grants were allocated to group; furthermore, assurances should be given that the profile of Surrey will be raised in the festival's future endeavours.

The delegation thanked Council for their time and clarified they would be happy to promote the event using the City of Surrey in the name.

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 Rasode

Seconded by Councillor Hepner

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Steele, Chairperson