

Present:

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

Absent:**Staff Present:**

City Clerk
City Manager
City Solicitor
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. **David Sadler, Youth Engagement Coordinator with June Liu, Stephanie Song, Priyanka Chand, Deepika Bombhi, Priscilla Babunga, and Oscar Liang of the Surrey Leadership Youth Council (SLYC)**
File: 5120-01; 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report R184 of Regular Council Public Hearing agenda.

In attendance before Council to present on "The Future Lives Here: A Profile of Youth in Surrey and on the 2012 Youth Speak Up! Forum."

The Future Lives Here: A Profile of Youth in Surrey

The following comments were made:

- The Profile of Youth in Surrey is a compilation of information about youth in Surrey; ages 13-18 and young adults. While developing the Child and Youth Friendly Strategy (CYFS), background research showed that a best practice of other cities was having available information and data around children and youth.
- The delegation is hopeful that the Profile of Youth in Surrey report can be used by the City and other community agencies. The information in the report can be useful when making informed decisions about the youth in Surrey relating to the development of policy, programming and advocacy. Half of the youth in Surrey speak another language at home other than English and Surrey is home to the most Aboriginal Youth in the Lower Mainland. This specific information helps community agencies etc. have a better grasp of the youth population in Surrey.
- Connections matter to adolescents as they develop. Youth who have "a lot of input" into the activities they were involved in are less likely to report poor/fair health and youth who are more connected to their families have a sense of belonging which is critical to their overall well-being. The majority of Surrey youth reportedly are connected to their schools and families.

- Surrey is home to 672 Youth in Care. 305 are from the ages of 13-18. 80 Surrey youth live independently with some form of support from the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Youth who have been in care in the past year are three times more likely to say they have no expectation of post secondary education. Identifying these populations of youth helps seek opportunities for them and helps to meet their needs.
- Next steps include continuing to implement the Child and Youth Friendly Strategy (CFFS) and in the fall, organizing a workshop to bring together stakeholders to discuss youth issues, the CYFS, the Profile of Youth in Surrey and to plan for the next steps to take.

Report from 2012 Youth Speak Up! Forum

The following comments were made:

- SLYC which stands for Surrey Leadership Youth Council, has been around for 5 years and its objective is, "Youth helping youth speak up and having their voices heard".
- The Youth Speak Up! Forum is an annual event that is designed, organized and facilitated by the Youth. It was held at City Centre Library with over 75 participants. The Forum consisted of three workshops:
 1. *Public Spaces and Recreation Centres* in Surrey. The feedback received was that the space outside recreation centres needs to be livened up. An example would be putting food vendors in place or providing places to sit.
 2. *Youth Parks* need to add more features to appeal to youth of all ages. A suggestion was to have more art added to parks and to connect youth parks with youth centres like Chuck Bailey is a good example to replicate. Spaces need to be more appealing visually.
 3. *Youth Engagement and Recreation* feedback consists of creating more opportunities for older youth involving different arts and culture. There are more services and programming available for younger kids and not older youth.

The delegation displayed a quilt that was created by the attendees of the Youth Speak Up! Forum which highlights the opinions of the attendees. The delegation requested the quilt be placed on exhibit at City Hall.

The delegation was thanked for their work and input. The recommendations that were brought forward will be reviewed.

Surrey youth associated with the Surrey Arts Council recently provided a presentation to the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee (PRSTC). The youth reported undertaking various projects in Surrey. It was suggested at the

PRSTC meeting that the two youth groups explore engaging in a joint project to build on the strengths of both Youth Councils.

It was also suggested that the youth participate in the planning of the Community Summit for the City of Surrey on behalf of the Community Engagement group led by Councillor Rasode. The youth group will be extended an invitation to the next planning meeting for the Community Summit.

2. **Karen Bowman, Founder, Drop it and Drive with Cpl. Bryan Fedirchuk, Surrey RCMP**

File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to present on distracted driving prevention and education.

The following comments were made:

- The program was created over 20 months ago to be pro-active and for the purpose of protecting the community and fighting against distracted driving. "Drop It and Drive" is an unfunded, volunteer based program.
- The program is called, "Drop It and Drive" and not, "Drop your Phone and Drive" because the issue of distracted driving goes beyond the use of cell phones alone; it is also about the use of other handheld electronics including ipod's and blue tooth devices. Distracted driving also can include eating and/or drinking, fixing hair or putting on makeup. Examples of fatalities as a result of distracted driving were provided. One of the examples provided was, award-winning student and volunteer Casey Feldman who, at 21 years old, was killed by a distracted driver at an intersection. The distracted driver had been placing ice tea in a cup holder when he accelerated through the intersection and hit the young driver.
- The first priority of the program is to be heard in high schools and to reach out to teenagers. Teens represent the best chance we have for creating the next generation of drivers.
- People can contribute to the issue of distracted driving from their homes. This can happen when a person is texting their boyfriend/girlfriend, wife/husband from home while their boyfriend/girlfriend, wife/husband is driving. A person can be part of the problem of distracted driving, even if they aren't driving the car.
- "Distracted Walking is Deadly" and can be as deadly as distracted driving. There have been reported fatalities as a result of people not paying attention as they are walking. These people may have been listening to music while walking or paying attention to some type of handheld electronic device.
- The delegation encouraged everyone to sign the "Leave the Phone Alone" pledge (www.leavethephonealone.ca) through Transport Canada.

The delegation was thanked for the powerful presentation.

3. **Jeff Arason, Manager Utilities with Stephen Godwin, Environmental Coordinator**

File: 4806-913; 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report R175 of Regular Council Public Hearing agenda.

In attendance before Council to discuss Environmental Stewardship in Campbell Heights.

The Habitat Restoration area in Campbell Heights is located between 20 Ave and 26 Avenue in the 194 alignment. This project was to support the Phase 1 Development in the Campbell Heights area. Construction began in 2004.

Site challenges were as follows:

1. **Erosion** – due to reclamation work, erosion has been stabilized.
2. **Public Use Management** – discourage people from using this area. Split rail fencing and log barriers were put in place and has been productive.
3. **Beaver Management** – beavers raised the water levels. Staff went through the channel regularly to clear the beaver dams out of the way to maintain an even water level. The "beaver deceiver" has been set up to keep beavers out of the control structure.
4. **Invasive Plants** - Invasive management of Broom, Blackberry, Japanese Knotweed and Tansy has been completed.

Progress/Results:

1. Community Consultation has taken place with local environmental groups and interested public members since the beginning. Annual or bi-annual meetings with interested parties have taken place at the site.
2. Gravel Spawning Platforms are flat sites that improve water quality to get riffing in the water. The riffing increases oxygenation of the water.
3. Improved Fish Habitat
 - o Better water temperature (channel kept shaded with trees)
 - o In 2011, there were 47 adult spawners which demonstrates improvement

The delegation was congratulated on the work that has been done. Council noted that there is clearly a huge difference depicted over time from the pictures between 2005 to today. The Environmental Advisory Committee is looking forward to a future site visit.

4. Jaime Boan, Manager, Transportation

File: 8630-40 (Bike); 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report R169 of Regular Council Public Hearing agenda.

In attendance before Council to provide a 5-minute video presentation on "Cycling Plan - Toward a Cycling Friendly Community."

- Cycling embodies goals from the Surrey's Sustainability Charter, as well as principles of the Transportation Strategic Plan.
- A new Cycling Plan has been developed due to the "changing city" and the "changing needs and attitudes" of residents. The population in Surrey has since increased 25% since the last update was provided. There is a need for "best, most efficient use" of infrastructure. Cycling is a great form of exercise, provides community benefits and is a travel choice that is safe.
- The Cycling Plan and Transportation Strategic Plan Actions for Change:
 - In 1994, the Bicycle Blueprint was created
 - In 2008, Transportation Strategic Plan covered
 - In 2009, Surrey initiated the Walking Plan & Cycling Plan and launched the Safe and Active Schools Program
 - In 2011, the Walking Plan was adopted
 - In 2012, the Greenways Plan was adopted and today the Cycling Plan which is linked to the Greenways Plan, the Transportation Strategic Plan, the OCP Review, the Sustainability Charter and the Plan for Social Well-Being, Child-and Youth-Friendly City Strategy.
- Consultation: Over 400 responses were received from an online survey provided and an Open House took place with the Greenways Plan.
- Feedback included:
 - Bike lanes with greater separation from traffic would be better
 - More off-road paths and greenways
 - Bike routes on local streets
 - More painted bike lanes
 - People are deterred from cycling because they feel unsafe due to traffic speeds and volume as well as inconsiderate drivers.
- Vision for Surrey:
 - To see Surrey well connected with bike lanes
 - Safe and convenient for cyclists of all ages and abilities
 - Secure bicycle parking in commercial and residential developments
 - Easily identifiable and well maintained bike routes
 - Cycling is a realistic transportation choice

Four Key Principles in achieving the Vision for Surrey includes:

1. Making Connections
2. Providing Door to Door Services
3. Managing and Maintaining Network
4. Promoting Cycling

The new City Hall will lead by example in cycling by providing showers, bike facilities and secure parking. There will be an increase of bike racks on streets in the future. The City of Surrey has put out 30 racks and will continue to put out approximately 20 per year.

Staff attended the VELO-city conference which encourages cycling as a means of transport. The conference is also beneficial to observe what is happening in other City's around the world regarding cycling. Some Cities are seeing 30-40% of residents travelling by bicycle. Cities on every continent are achieving huge shifts and are investing heavily in cycling now.

Council noted that it is a great time to invest in cycling and to explore the concept of segregated bike lanes.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

now adjourn.

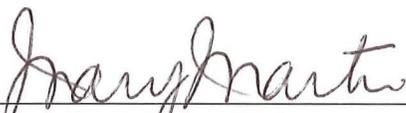
Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Mayor Watts
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

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



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Martin, Chairperson