

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Martin
Councillor Villeneuve

Staff Present:

City Clerk
City Manager
City Solicitor
Deputy City Clerk
General Manager, Engineering
Manager, Financial Services
General Manager, Human Resources
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Planning & Development

A. DELEGATIONS

1. **Harish Raisinghani, Director of Client Services at Pulse Energy with Alasdair MacKinnon, District Energy Manager, Surrey School District #36**
File: 0510-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to present on an innovative energy awareness pilot undertaken by School District #36.

The following comments were made:

- The vision for the new pilot project is to be the most efficient school district, a leader in the BC commercial sector and to reduce district wide energy consumption by \$1 million over the next 5 years.
- The first 4 schools to participate in the project were Johnston Heights, LA Matheson, Lord Tweedsmuir and Sullivan Heights. Surveys are taken before and after the project.
- The delegation is requesting support from Mayor and Council before and during competitions with social media and requested that the Mayor or a member of Council visit the winning school to present the energy award.
- The plan for the 2012/2013 competition is to have it scheduled leading up to Earth Day.
- Council noted that the independent schools should be invited to participate as well.

Council thanked the delegation and noted that the group should attend an upcoming Environmental Advisory Committee as a delegation.

2. Sean Simpson, GIS Manager

File: 1345-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to discuss the new faster and intuitive COSMOS version, as well as two other initiatives underway which include an iPad and White Rock COSMOS versions.

The following comments were made:

- Surrey is always striving to be on the forefront of innovation. In order to achieve flexibility in designing the new version of COSMOS, GIS developed a new version of COSMOS in house rather than opting for a vendor provided solution.
- The goal was to provide platforms that work on all devices with a common interface. This fall will be working with a Smartphone version.
- The City of Surrey will be providing a paid service to White Rock in developing a similar service. Provided an overview of the White Rock online mapping system.

Council thanked the delegation for the development work and for being on the forefront of e-government.

3. Anthony Marr, Vancouver Animal Defense League

File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to request, a ban on possession, consumption and trade of shark fins within the City of Surrey.

The following comments were made:

- Noted that the Vancouver Animal Defense League speaks for all the animal lovers in the world. The issue at hand is the brutality of the practise of harvesting shark fins.
- The delegation noted that it is estimated that 100 million sharks every year are finned. Removal of the Apex predator creates serious ramifications for the oceanic ecosystem. There are approximately 450 species of sharks and 1/3 of the population is at risk.
- Any community allowing the practise of shark fin removal is breaking several laws across the world.
- The delegation reported there are a number of Canadian Provinces that have taken the lead to introduce bans. The delegation requested Mayor and Council to support instituting a ban within the City of Surrey.
- The delegation noted that various commercial carriers such as Cathay Pacific Airlines are also now instituting bans of shark fins in their cargo shipping.

Mayor Watts thanked the delegation for the presentation and for bringing awareness to this issue and noted this will be coming forward in Victoria at the UBCM meeting and a vote will be taken at that time.

Council noted that a Provincial Ban/National ban is the more significant way to go. Councillor Hayne noted that he took an opportunity to phone various restaurants in Surrey and found that Shark Fin soup was not on the menus. The delegation noted that a ban is a preventative measure and noted that any Chinese restaurant advertising as a seafood restaurant typically serves it.

Councillor Hunt noted that the issue was discussed at the Canadian Federation of Municipalities and that the issue needs to be addressed at a Federal level to institute a ban across the nation. Council encouraged the delegation to talk to the MPs and deal with the MPs as this is the level of government where the laws governing these issues have jurisdiction.

- B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL
- C. CORPORATE REPORTS
- D. DELEGATION REQUESTS
- E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS
- F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS
- G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

now adjourn.

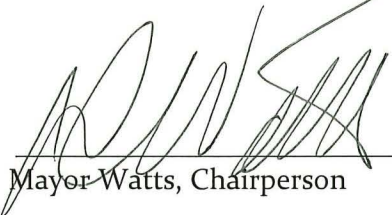
Moved by Councillor Hayne
Seconded by Councillor Hepner
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 4:44 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Mayor Watts, Chairperson