

Council-in-Committee

# **Minutes**

Council Chamber City Hall 14245 - 56 Avenue Surrey, B.C. MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012 Time: 5:01 p.m.

#### Present:

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

#### <u>Absent:</u> Councillor Villeneuve

Staff Present: City Clerk City Manager City Solicitor General Manager, Engineering General Manager, Finance & Technology General Manager, Human Resources General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture Acting General Manager, Planning & Development

#### A. DELEGATIONS

1. Sue McIntosh, Seniors Come Share Society File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to share 2011/2012 statistics and information regarding the Seniors Come Share Society <u>http://comeshare.ca/</u>.

The following comments were made:

- The delegation noted that the Seniors Come Share Society started in 1977 and that this year marks 35 years of operation.
- The Seniors Come Share Society operates out of two main sites: 1) in the Amenida Care Facility in Newton on 68 Avenue, and 2) on 26 Avenue in South Surrey.
- In 2012, Day Programs provided 11,529 days of support, smiles, and respite for families and clients. Other programming includes the following:
  - 1. **Meal Programs** Run through community centres in Surrey and White Rock. Meals are served to individuals who are not cooking at home and are in need of healthy meals.
  - 2. Friendly Visitors 48 volunteer staff members pay regular, visits to 44 isolated seniors once or twice/week.
  - 3. **Telephone Reassurance Calls** Clients are called every week by volunteers who check and see how they are doing. Provides respite to families as they have the comfort in knowing that someone is checking on their loved ones and they are doing well.
  - 4. **Computer Training** 65 clients were given Facebook training, it has been valuable to keep up with their families and friends.

5. **Senior Connectors** - There are 14 senior trained volunteers who are available to answer questions, make appointments, and provide seniors with information (i.e., they sit down and help people complete forms, and match them with services they require). Four of the volunteers speak multiple languages and are available to help South Asian clients.

The delegation noted that the effective and collaborative partnership between the Seniors Come Share Society and the City of Surrey has produced a strong network of supports for older adults and their families.

# 2. Jackie Smith, Executive Director with Graham Cameron, Peace Arch Hospital and Community Health Foundation, Chair File: 0460-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to present the foundation's overall strategic plan.

- The delegation noted that more than 40,000 residents come to Peace Arch Hospital every year. The infrastructure of the hospital is aging and the population growth in Surrey is continuing, as a result, demand for health care services is increasing and the need to fund programs has increased.
- The Foundation has raised more than \$25 Million; and has brought several improvements to the Peace Arch Hospital including:
  - Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
  - o Modernized maternity unit
  - Emergency Room (ER) with more surgical space
  - o Specialized pediatric treatment unit
- It was noted that since 1999, more than 70 projects have been funded through the grant program. The Board's vision is to use the grants to ensure the City of Surrey becomes the healthiest community possible. The delegation noted that the application form and criteria for the grant program are listed on the website as follows: <u>http://www.peacearchhospital.com/index.php/how-wehelp/grants</u>

Council thanked the delegation for their ambitious fundraising campaigns and noted that the work that has been done relative to equipping the Peace Arch Hospital with cutting edge technology is commendable.

### **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 Hunt Seconded by Councillor Hepner That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

**Carried** 

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Gill, Chairperson