

## Council-in-Committee Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012
Time: 5:08 p.m.

**Present:** 

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

**Staff Present:** 

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

## A. DELEGATIONS

 Darlene Hyde, Executive Director, Commercial Real Estate Development Association, National Association of Industrial & Office Properties (NAIOP Vancouver)

File: 0400-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide information on the contribution of NAIOP Vancouver to the economy in the Lower Mainland.

The following comments were made:

- NAIOP Vancouver represents commercial real estate developers, owners and investors of office, industrial, retail and mixed-use properties. 18,000 members in 51 chapters across North America, 1,400 organizations and individuals in Vancouver Chapter and Member municipalities.
- The group has a strong industry membership with developers, owners and related professionals in office, industrial, retail and mixed-use real estate. It provides strong advocacy, education, business opportunities, and industry networking through a powerful network.
- The delegation noted they are currently working with the Downtown Business Improvement Association (BIA) to organize an NAIOP member bus tour on May 14, 2013 in order to showcase of the new development occurring within Surrey.
- The delegation reported that NAIOP members make a significant contribution to the Lower Mainland economy through the following avenues:
  - 1. Property taxes
  - 2. Job creation
  - 3. New construction

NAIOP Vancouver's annual municipal survey of commercial and industrial
development costs is published each year in partnership with Business in
Vancouver Media Group. In producing the publication, NAIOP strives to
provide its membership and the business community as a whole with a
reference tool that quantifies the costs and processing times associated with
typical development projects within Metro Vancouver municipal jurisdictions.
The full 2012 study is available at the following link:
http://www.naiopvcr.com/development-issues/annual-cost-of-businesssurvey/

Council asked the delegation for clarification regarding how much of the NAIOP membership resides is outside of Vancouver City. In response, the delegation noted that approximately 75% of the membership resides outside of Vancouver. Council requested consideration be given to hosting an NAIOP event in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Watts asked how the results of the 2012 study were derived. The delegation noted that they have had to extrapolate the numbers. Mayor Watts suggested that the data be further refined to highlight specific the growth in individual municipalities.

Councillor Hayne announced that he accepted the "Most Improved City Award" on behalf of the City of Surrey at an NAIOP event. The award is given out by the NAIOP to recognize a municipality's ability to reduce turn-around times and overall costs associated with building development projects.

2. Dr. Mark Blinkhorn, Surrey / North Delta Division of Family Practice (SNDFP) File: 4780-01; 0550-20-10

The following comments were made:

- The SNDFP was designed to improve patient care, increase family physicians' influence on health care delivery and policy, and provide professional satisfaction for physicians. The delegation noted there are currently 31 Divisions of Family Practice in BC that encompass 120 communities.
- The vision of the SNDFP is to improve quality of life for patients, physicians and the community at large. That vision is achieved through advocating for patient and physician health, facilitating member engagement in evaluating and shaping the health care system and by identifying challenges and developing innovative approaches to providing efficient, quality health care.

## **Current SNDFP projects include:**

- 1. Diabetes Integration
- 2. Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Community of Practice
- 3. Physician Recruitment
- 4. Physician Wellness Initiatives
- 5. Nurse Practitioner Proposals to the Ministry of Health

## **Future SDNFP Projects Include:**

- 1. Regional strategy for physician recruitment
- 2. Working with Fraser Health to enhance primary care for vulnerable and disadvantaged populations through the use of nurse practitioners

The delegation clarified that the roles and responsibilities of the Regional Health Authority are not duplicated. The membership sits at 236 family physicians; Surrey has garnered special interest due to its diverse population.

The delegation noted they are interested in working with the City of Surrey relative to the attraction, recruitment, and retention of new general practitioners. The delegation outlined some of the recruiting challenges that have occurred with physicians electing to go into specialty medicine versus general practice.

Councillor Martin noted that the nurse practitioner considerations could be discussed before the City of Surrey Community Health Programs Committee.

- 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 5:33 p.m.

Jang Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Gill, Chairperson