

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Councillor Hayne

**Staff Present:**

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

**A. DELEGATIONS**

- 1. Kim Stephens, Executive Director, Water Sustainability, BC**  
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to recognize the City of Surrey as a "Champion Supporter" in the Partnership for Water Sustainability outreach and education program.

The following comments were made:

- The delegation noted that the partnership is not-for profit and that the majority of municipalities in the region are Charter Members. The agency acts as a bridge between provincial/local government and the community, their aim is to facilitate interregional collaboration in a local government setting. For the past decade, they have been delivering the regional action partnership; the program involves education and outreach.
- In terms of champions, Surrey staff has contributed to the partnership of the success of the program. The City has played a guiding role in the water balance model partnership; the City hosted its first forum and training sessions for local government. In May 2005, the city hosted a regional green infrastructure consultation workshop, from a provincial perspective, it was a defining day and a work plan was generated and implemented in other municipalities.
- The City of Surrey has been a part of significant milestones that have guided the program for the last 6 years. The program is about shared responsibility and it helps regulators to set guidelines and create a topsoil toolkit (inspired by Morgan Heights). All the building block processes gained from the Surrey experience created a performance monitoring framework for watershed health in the Fraser Valley.

The Chair thanked the delegation for his presentation and for recognizing staff for their good works in this endeavour.

The delegation presented Mayor and Council with a plaque in recognition of their champion support and participation in the program.

2. **Aileen Murphy, Senior Planner, Social Planning with Trevor Van Eerden, Principal, PEERs Inc. and Michelle Shaw, Manager Youth Services – Guildford, Pacific Community Resources Society**  
File: 5080-01; 0550-20-10

**Note:** See Corporate Report Ro65 of the Regular Council Public Hearing agenda.

In attendance before Council to provide an overview of the "Welcoming Community Action Plan."

The following comments were made:

- The Action Plan was designed to increase the capacity of Community Support toward the integration of new immigrants and refugees. The City of Surrey has assumed a leadership role in the project, signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Province.
- Since December 2012, the Committee has collaboratively developed an action plan that will be implemented over the next year. Staff noted there is a strong committee guiding the programming in Surrey made up of representation from multiple sectors of the community.

Highlights of the Welcoming Community Action Plan include:

- Surrey Youth Conference
  - Youth Led Social Media Project
  - Public Exhibitions of Refugee Cultures through Surrey Museum and Libraries
  - Educational Outreach/Training and Curriculum Resources
  - Welcoming Spaces and Places Reviews
  - Business Community Outreach through Employer and Business Presentations and Forums
  - Service Provider Welcoming Communities Events
  - Series of Food Inspired Dialogues for the Community
  - Two key resources to communicate initiatives, [getintheknow.ca](http://getintheknow.ca) and [wicsurrey.org](http://wicsurrey.org) both sites were developed to the stakeholder group as an asset and will be used as a repository for information.
- It was noted that several of the above listed projects have already been started; the first success was the Community Summit which was held on April 6, 2013.

The City was thanked by the delegation for setting an example on how well community collaboration can work.

Mayor and Council thanked the Committee for all the work that has been done and look forward to receiving regular updates on their various initiatives.

3. **Rob Costanzo, Deputy Manager Engineering Operations**

File: 5380-01; 0550-20-10

**Note:** See Corporate Report Ro60 of Regular Council Public Hearing agenda

In attendance before Council to provide an update on the "Rethink Waste Program."

The following comments were made:

- Staff provided an overview of the Rethink Waste Program undertaken in 2012 and noted that before the program was launched, 100,000 residents were surveyed and asked for feedback on container size, in developing the program there was an extensive consumer feedback/public engagement.
- Due to the hard work of staff, and through amazing participation by residents, the curbside program achieved an amazing leap in waste diversion and already achieved the 70% Metro Vancouver target; which staff reported wasn't expected to be reached until the year 2015.
- Staff reported that based on feedback received, residents would like the City of Surrey to move forward in increasing waste diversion, there was 92% support and it has been noted in the results. There was a 43% drop in garbage and there was a slight increase in recycling waste. Overall, the decrease in garbage generated is now at 45%.
- Staff congratulated residents and asked them to keep up the good work and noted that ultimately the goal is to remove the contamination rate from the carts and will continue the process with respect to public education with the public in order to stabilize waste diversion moving forward.
- The City of Surrey is looking to find a partner for the Biogas Processing Facility proposal; have a contribution from P3 Canada for \$16.9 Million. The goal is to award the contract and start construction by 2015. Staff is currently piloting recycling/garbage cart washing services, to be offered to Surrey residents in the future. The service will provide high pressure washing/cleaning of residential the carts.
- As a next step staff is looking to initiate a pilot study for multifamily waste diversion. Staff noted that in order to achieve success with the multifamily waste diversion, public education will be emphasised. It was further noted that there are approximately 1,100 households in the ALR are not a part of the process; however, it will be offered and similar to curbside services provided to family households.

Council noted that the 70% rate is one of the highest in the world; Council commended staff as well as Surrey residents for their level of commitment to the success of the program.

Council requested staff to explore education in terms of the proper method of using newspapers to line the bins, where to source small paper bags and what items go into the containers would be useful. In response, staff noted that newspaper advertisements will be run in the Surrey Now and they will explore ways to further enhance their educational program using some of the methods employed in Operation H2o.

**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 Martin

Seconded by Councillor Hepner


That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

  
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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

  
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Councillor Villeneuve, Chairperson