

Present:

Chairperson - Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hayne
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Steele

Absent:

Mayor Watts
Councillor Martin

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

1. **Kuldip Gill, Registered Clinical Counsellor and Prevention Specialist for South Asian Populations with Deb Cameron, Substance Use Liaison, iR3-Alternative Suspension Coordinator, Surrey School District**
File: 7450-30; 0550-20-10

Note: See proclamation under item E.1(i) and Corporate Report R078 of Regular Council Public Hearing Agenda.

In attendance before Council to provide information on Substance Use Awareness Week (May 26 - June 1, 2013).

The following comments were made:

- Substance Use Awareness Week (SUAW) is a week-long campaign designed to raise awareness about the dangers of substance use. Surrey's Substance Use Awareness Week is May 26 - June 1, 2013 and is led by a group of committed community partner agencies working with the Crime Reduction Strategy.
- The principle mandate is to partner on initiatives that prevent the stigma associated with substance use and help people gain information and put them in touch with available resources.
- The delegation noted youth are particularly vulnerable because they experience emotional changes, social pressures and are bombarded by social media that portrays substance use as socially acceptable and fun. It is imperative youth are supported, educated, and mentored to make better decisions.
- For May 26 – June 1, substance use awareness week will be sponsoring a number of events. All the information is available on the City of Surrey website, partner websites and social media.

- An Event Tool Kit and Fact Sheets will be distributed to the public and partners that address some common Substance Use topics. The "Host your Own Event Tool Kit" will encourage agencies, businesses, and groups in the community to host their own Substance Use Awareness Week events.
- From Sunday, May 26th to Saturday June 1st, the themed fact sheets will be posted daily on the City of Surrey's Crime Reduction Strategy Website, distributed through the City's Facebook and twitter accounts as well as through partner agencies.
- A City of Surrey staff Lunch and Learn session will be held that will include a presentation by staff from the B.C. Responsible and Problem Gambling Program that is designed for staff with children to gather information around current trends in gambling (including online gambling), ways to protect children and other family members and where to find supports and services if a problem is discovered.
- An information booth will be set up at Central City Mall on May 30, 2013 between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm to disseminate information to the public about the harms of substance use, the issues around process addictions and gambling, and how to find help.
- The City's "Community Response to Synthetic Drug Labs" brochure and the "Recognizing Grow Ops" brochure will be promoted as part of Substance Use Awareness Week.

The delegation noted that two of the tip sheets have been updated to address individuals who may have addictions to substances called Doda and Afeem. Other municipalities were eager to have the tip sheet and suggested that it be translated into other languages.

Councillor Rasode thanked the delegation for their collaborative and thoughtful strategy and asked whether the Doda and Afeem fact sheets would be distributed to individuals within the South Asian Community. In response, the delegation noted that they will be sharing the information with local media and making it available on the City of Surrey website.

The Chair read the following proclamation:

SUBSTANCE USE AWARENESS WEEK
May 26 - June 1, 2013

WHEREAS the City of Surrey wishes to increase the public's awareness of substance use and abuse issues; and

WHEREAS building a public awareness regarding substance use awareness and substance abuse prevention requires community partners, justice and law enforcement agencies, crime prevention groups, schools, youth groups, and businesses to work together; and

WHEREAS the designation of a week during the City and its partners can place a special emphasis on communicating and educating the public about substance use is viewed as an effective means to highlight and address this important social issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dianne L. Watts, do hereby declare May 26 - June 1, 2013 as "Substance Use Awareness Week" in the City of Surrey.

Dianne L. Watts
Mayor

2. **Cathy Cook, Executive Director, BC Municipal Safety Association with Dr. Dave Baspaly, BC Common Ground Alliance and Jeannette Austin, Executive Director, Public Works BC**

File: 0290-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to present Mayor and Council with the City of Excellence Communication Award for 2013 which recognizes local governments for outstanding communication of excavation hazards and safe practices, internally and externally to the organization.

The following comments were made:

- The delegation noted that initially the program was designed with the goal to significantly reduce the number of power line hits that cause injuries.
- The City of Surrey is viewed as an industry leader in communication/education for underground infrastructure. An example of best practices implemented include:
 1. Ensuring updated practises are posted on the City of Surrey webpage and put into practise immediately.
 2. Holding monthly safety production meetings.
 3. Having staff issue "call before you dig bulletins" to make members of the public aware of digging and underground utilities.
 4. Sharing policy manuals created for staff and best practices with the Municipal Safety Facility.

The delegation congratulated the City of Surrey for the progressive work on this program. The General Manager Engineering accepted the City of Excellence Communication Award on behalf of the City.

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 Steele
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

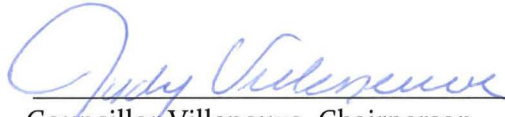
now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Villeneuve, Chairperson