

# Council-in-Committee Minutes

Council Chamber City Hall 14245 - 56 Avenue Surrey, B.C. MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013 Time: 5:03 p.m.

#### Present:

#### Absent:

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

### Staff Present:

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

# A. DELEGATIONS

1. Dr. Jen Marchbank, President, Surrey Pride Society File: 0630-02; 0550-20-10

**Note:** See proclamation under item E.1(f) of Regular Council Public Hearing Agenda.

In attendance before Council to provide Mayor and Council with an update regarding the Surrey Pride Festival planned for July 7, 2013.

- The delegation thanked Mayor and Council for a Community Grant in support of the 14th Annual Surrey Pride Festival on July 7, 2013 in Holland Park.
- Over the years, the Surrey Pride Society has sponsored socials, youth scholarships, and other pride events geared to reflect Surrey's diverse community. One program specifically designed for youth is called the Surrey Youth Alliance (SYA); with teens who provide mentoring/support to other teens within Surrey in a safe and welcoming environment.
- On Friday, June 1, 2013, Surrey Pride will be sponsoring their annual Stonewall Youth Dance, which is an educational opportunity for youth to learn more about the gay movement, additional information can be found at http://surreypride.ca/events.html
- The delegation provided Council with an overview of the various events sponsored by the Surrey Pride Society and discussed how fundraising initiatives help to facilitate continued programming.

The delegation requested Mayor Watts to read a proclamation at the Regular Council Public Hearing regarding the "Surrey Pride Festival" on July 7, 2013.

# 2. Colleen Kerr, Crime Reduction Strategy Manager File: 7450-30; 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report R104 of Regular Council Public Hearing agenda.

In attendance before Council to provide an overview of the Crime Reduction Strategy (CSR) Annual Report.

The delegation highlighted the following initiatives made possible through CSR partnerships:

- **Crime Free Multi-housing Program** This program was originally housed under the By-law Enforcement Division and was moved to the RCMP support services and underwent a strategic review. The report showed that overall, multifamily rental properties are well managed; however, there were buildings that were not involved in the program. The RCMP worked at the district level and determined which buildings needed to be involved and applied a more targeted and focussed approach. To-date there are 77 certified properties in Surrey, the program yielded a 10 percent reduction in police service calls.
- The Middle Years and the "Sports and Me" Project This program is viewed as one of the first steps in the Early Childhood Development Program. A need emerged for a program to be developed for 6 12 year olds. This project helped to engage newcomers and refugees in a physically sport based program that also touched on the areas of bullying and child-safety.
- Critical Hours Programming Based on a "best practice" model out of Calgary, it determines the critical hours for Children in Youth Programming and identifies and provides necessary programming during a critical period in the afternoon (2 – 6 p.m.) for leisure access planning programming for children at risk from the ages of 12-17 years. The Community and Recreation Services Division takes a leadership position – to acknowledge and respond to the research, create opportunity to engage stakeholders, develop a common vision and understanding of the issue and an action plan to start to bridge the gap for Surrey's middle years children.
- **The Surrey Rent Bank** This program is offered by Surrey's Sources Community Resource Society and provides assistance for families not able to pay their rent and offers tools for families to better manage their limited financial resources. Since the inception of the program, over 800 inquiries have been made for loans.
- Servants Anonymous Society This award winning project has been operating since 2001 and has provided services to 450 female youth who are entrenched in the sex trade. The Society operates a full-time female education centre and offers information on how to have healthy relationships. This program was awarded the W.H. Donner award, second year running, for best in Canada charity providing substance abuse prevention and treatment to women and female youth.

• Inter-Regional At-Risk Youth Link (IRAYL) – IRAYL is partnership between Pacific Community Resources, Translink, Transit Police, and the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) that provides crime prevention/intervention programming, support, and resources to youth who gather together on and around the Skytrain stations in the Lower Mainland.

IRAYL received the Premier's Award in the Partnership category alongside the Transit Police and MCFD and in November 2012 was acknowledged at the Ministry of Justice Crime Prevention and Community Safety awards, in the Community Organization category in partnership with the Transit Police.

Councillor Rasode thanked staff for providing support to CSR programming and noted that the CSR is a culmination of all the work that Council does.

Mayor Watts thanked the various agencies for their collaboration and noted that the Servants Anonymous Society (SAS) was borne from the Sexually Exploited Youth Task Force created in 1996; it is amazing how far the organization has come.

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

now adjourn.

**Carried** 

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

and Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillør Villeneuve, Chairperson