

Present:

Chair - Councillor Hayne
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Steele
Councillor Villeneuve

Absent:

Mayor Watts

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. Virginia Gillespie

File: 0115-01; 0550-20-10

Virginia Gillespie and Kashir Pasta appeared as a delegation before Council to provide a brief presentation on Current Initiatives and Proposals Related to Surrey's Cultural Plan for South Surrey.

The delegation envisions the South Surrey Town Centre as a dynamic cultural hub and arts district, supported by transit, social amenities and strong local businesses.

The Surrey Cultural Plan coupled with Surrey's Strategic Plan, are both carefully considered documents that take into account the many factors in our rapidly growing City.

In accordance with Phase 1 of the Cultural Plan, the art space attached to the South Surrey recreation centre will celebrate its grand opening in April 2014. Phase 2 is for a downtown South Surrey Cultural Centre consisting of high-rises and cultural amenities. This project recognizes that as the City's population grows and densification occurs, places for people to socialize and linger in town centres with pedestrian friendly spaces will be needed.

Our City should be seen as a city leading by example, fighting suburban sprawl, supporting its artists and recognizing the diversity of economic benefits that arts bring.

The following comments were made by Council:

Councillor Villeneuve thanked those involved with this initiative and in bringing the arts community together on the peninsula and for the presentation. She noted that a lot of work has occurred in the last three years to educate the public that sustainable communities can co-exist with urban density.

Councillor Hepner informed the delegation Council has requested a second look at community comments. One of the main concerns raised is about the impact of shadowing from the high-rises over existing developments. Also mentioned is the impact of densification of this new proposed development. The South Surrey Cultural Centre project has good support from the business community and we look forward to having you as strong supporters in the future as we move forward.

Councillor Hayne, Acting Mayor, thanked the delegation for the presentation and the support for the project

- 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 Hepner
Seconded by Councillor Rasode
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Hayne, Chairperson