

Present:

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

Absent:**Staff Present:**

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

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Stephen Gale, Surrey Resident (on behalf of the New Westminster & District Labour Council)**

In attendance before Council to recognize National Day of Mourning, April 28, 2014, and to present information on workers' health and safety issues.

The following comments were made:

- The delegation was seeking support and recognition of April 28, 2014 as Day of Mourning for workers killed and injured on the job.
- More than one-third of workplace claims are by young workers. Inexperience and lack of training place younger workers at greater risk of injury and death.
- Almost 200 workers in BC and over 1,000 in Canada die from work related occurrences each year. Since the Westray Bill was passed in 2004, over 1,350 deaths have occurred on the job in BC.
- Surrey/Newton MLA Harry Baines introduced a private member's bill titled Workplace Accountability Act 2014, which would see mandatory police investigations of all workplace fatalities and serious injury cases.
- The delegation is urging people to sign the United Steelworkers on-line petition.

2. George Passmore, Program Manager, Counselling and Addiction Services, SOURCES Community Resources Centres

In attendance before Council to provide an overview of the annual Substance Use Awareness Week May 25 - 31, 2014.

The following comments were made:

- Fact sheets will be distributed each day of Substance Use Awareness Week May 25 - May 31. Highlighted issues will include:
 - Parenting and Prevention
 - Prescription Drop-off Campaign
 - Behavioural Addiction
 - Substance Abuse in Older Adults
 - How to Develop Cool Refusal Skills
 - Substance Use and Body Image
 - Mental Illness and Substance Use in Youth
- Events are being organized to raise awareness and bring attention to emerging issues. There will be a booth display at City Central Mall on May 29, 2014. There will be a screening for a video that the delegation has co-produced with the Fraser Health Authority which highlights first responders' compassionate engagement with patients.
- A new campaign this year includes the Surrey Habit Change challenge, which encourages people to reflect on habits that need to be changed or modified, or good habits to be incorporated. To assist in breaking down the barriers, the goal is to see Habit Change as an overall human challenge, not just one faced by people with addictions.
- To kick off their initiative, Earl Marriott Secondary is holding a youth BBQ to get young people involved.

3. **Donna Jones, Manager, Economic Development**

In attendance before Council to review Item No. R049 Innovation Boulevard Overview and Item No. R050 the Establishment of the Surrey Innovation Boulevard Society.

The following comments were made:

- Innovation Boulevard (IB) falls within the Health Technology and Innovation section of the Economic Diversification Program. IB is an integrated network of healthcare facilities, universities, health related companies and talented people located within one square mile of City Centre, where there are in excess of 180 medical offices and services.
- IB is working to unify existing assets and bring on other assets to create a powerful collaborative effort to advance common goals within the health technology sector.
- The four key anchors are:
 1. SFU Surrey Campus
 2. Surrey Memorial Hospital (SMH)
 3. Jim Pattison Surrey and Outpatient Centre
 4. Fraser Health Authority Headquarters

- SMH just underwent a half billion dollar expansion, one of the largest capital investments in BC health care. In excess of 100,000 patients use the ER every year. SMH is also a UBC teaching hospital.
- State of the art Jim Pattison Outpatient Centre opened in May 2011.
- SFU Surrey campus is very strong in health sciences research, computing science and business entrepreneurship. It is also home to Venture Connections, a business incubation program, and recently opened the Digital Health Hub.
- SFU is well regarded on translational research, where it is taken out of the institution and brought into the community. For the last two years, a shuttle has been running every half hour between SFU Surrey campus and SMH which indicates the type of interaction going on every day.
- The goals of IB are to increase the number of jobs and companies in the health technology sector, and improve the health care experience and outcomes for patients. This is a collaborative initiative which involves the provincial government, health care and the City of Surrey (CoS).
- Goals will be achieved by developing new health technologies focusing on existing strengths. Three areas of focus are:
 1. Medical technologies
 2. Independent living technologies
 3. Digital health technologies
- The driving force behind IB is Dr. Ryan D'Arcy, a Neuroscientist and Entrepreneur who holds positions at SFU and SMH. Dr. D'Arcy is the SMH Foundation BC Leadership Chair and Head of Health Sciences and Innovation at SMH. He is responsible for developing the health technology hub in Atlantic Canada.
- The Mayor's Health Technology Working Group was established and is co-chaired by Mayor Watts and Dr. D'Arcy. More than 30 Regional health technology experts are part of that group including:
 - SFU
 - Fraser Health Authority
 - CoS
 - KPU
 - BCIT
 - UBC
 - LifeSciences BC
 - BC Technology Industry Association
 - National Research Council - IRAP
 - LARK Group
 - Health Tech Connex (HTC)
 - PCI
 - Centre for Child Development
 - Western Economic Diversification

- IB is unique in that it is highly collaborative and inclusive in its partnership model with multiple universities, multiple industry associations, and all levels of government as well as with the developers that built the space that IB will be housed in.
- IB provides a bridge between companies developing products and ideas and the clinicians. This reduces time to market and accelerates the commercialization process.
- LARK's City Center 1 is set to open in May and will be home to Health Tech Connex, a health technology innovation center, and will occupy the entire second floor (12,000 sf). It will house academic researchers, entrepreneurs, health care professionals, industry experts, and business services, where they can interact naturally.
- Conquer Mobile is a Vancouver based company that creates virtual reality simulators and surgery simulation applications. Through working with IB, Conquer Mobile was able to access surgical galleries and view surgeries and refine their products for the market. They developed a partnership with KPU related to simulation for nurses training, as well as a working relationship with Israel Centre for Medical Simulation during the Trade Mission visit to Israel.
- Key activities since January 2013 include:
 - SMHF BC Leadership Chair announced
 - Mayor Watts launched IB
 - Health Tech Working Group was established
 - SFU Digital Health Hub launched
 - IB Regional Industry event held
 - Neurotech Lab launched
 - Conquer Mobile first HTC client
 - IB Trade Mission to Israel
- Israel is a global leader in health technology innovation. The Trade Mission connected IB academics, practitioners and entrepreneurs with their counterparts in Israel who share common areas of expertise, focusing on brain imaging, diagnostics and therapeutics, medical simulation, and digital health. Three reciprocal visits have occurred as a result of this Mission.
- The Canadian Institute of Health Research will be sending people to come out and have a look. They would like to see the model extended across Canada.
- IB continues to raise awareness and build a collaborative group, and advance projects through the Mayor's Working Group Committee Structure. It will bring jobs and economic growth to Surrey.

Council suggested engaging/ collaborating with retiring physicians as they could offer their own expertise and knowledge in this regard.

It was also noted that the CANARIE fibre network will be a medical research dedicated network, which will assist in opening up IB globally.

Council acknowledged the amount of work done on IB and congratulated Donna Jones and her team.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT


It was

now adjourn.

Moved by Mayor Watts
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

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



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Rasøde, Chairperson