

Present:

Councillor Villeneuve, Chairperson
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hayne
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Steele
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. Allen Aubert and John Sprung, Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society (FVHRS)**

File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide a brief presentation and request support regarding the Society's planned capital projects for 2014/15.

The following comments were made:

- The delegation provided an overview of the work done in 2014 to-date regarding railcar repairs and restorations.
- It was noted that station landscaping has been completed; a lot of volunteer work has gone into the project with funding provided through various partners. The FVHRS enjoyed a successful opening day on Sunday, May 11, 2014.
- Full ridership in 2014 has not gone according to initial projections as the FVHRS share their line with Southern Railway Freight of BC which has continued and made the track not always available for weekend use.

The delegation noted that with Surrey's support of their funding request of \$1,500,000 over the next three years, it would help to facilitate the by-pass track, BCER 1304 rehabilitation, BCER 1304 completion and the carbarn expansion. The delegation noted that if the funding was provided in the near future then construction will start on the by-pass track in the beginning of July and should be completed by August 2014; therefore a large portion of the season can be salvaged.

Council requested information from the delegation regarding revenue generated by the FVHRS. The delegation, in response noted they generate revenue from ticket sales and from souvenir sales and that a reserve is set aside for maintenance, fuel and operating costs.

Council asked for information regarding ridership and the impact the FVHRS has on Surrey Tourism. In response, the delegation noted that currently there are no statistics from last year relative to overnight stays in local hotels. This year they have been conducting an informal survey to identify where the riders are from.

2. **Jack Hundial, Satbir Cheema and Leanne Woelke Surrey Night Market Office Manager, and Sierra Pilcher, Surrey Night Market Events Coordinator, Surrey Night Market**

File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide information on the Surrey Night Market opening on July 5, 2014.

The following comments were made:

- The market will run from 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. and is designed to provide small businesses with a platform to showcase their goods and services. The revenue generated will remain in Surrey; there are 55 confirmed vendors to-date.
- One of the many benefits of the Surrey Night Market is that it is local to Surrey and seasonal job opportunities will be provided for Youth and local entertainers who apply in advance and register will have an opportunity to present on stage free-of-charge.
- Currently the delegation has a multi-year agreement with the Cloverdale Agriplex. The delegation noted that there will be VIP parking available at a cost as well as, ample parking available to support the Surrey Night Market that will be free of charge.
- The delegation noted that all vendors must comply with the following rules and regulations:
 - possession of a City of Surrey Business Licence,
 - appropriate Fraser Health Certification, and
 - adherence to the Surrey Night Market guidelines.
- The site will have professional security guards; there will be no liquor license on site.
- All recyclables generated on site will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society, and there will be a community non-profit tent available for various groups.

- In the future, the delegation hopes to expand the Surrey Night Market through Fridays and would like to start their season directly following the Cloverdale rodeo.
- The delegation noted that the event will contribute to Surrey's Creative Economy, and provide a venue that will be family friendly and attract visitors from the Metro Vancouver region.

Council asked for clarification regarding the agricultural components for the foods that will be showcased at the Night Market. The delegation noted that raw meat and eggs cannot be sold at the venue.

Council asked further detail on the safety measures taken, in response, the delegation noted that the Market will have additional security added to secure access points when events are held or popular artists will be entertaining.

The delegation clarified that the items sold would be in keeping with the Night Market guidelines and the merchandise sold will be non-offensive.

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 Gill

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do


now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:39 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Judy Villeneuve, Chairperson