

**Present:**

Chairperson - Councillor Villeneuve  
Councillor Gill  
Councillor Hayne  
Councillor LeFranc  
Councillor Starchuk  
Councillor Steele  
Councillor Woods  
Mayor Hepner

**Absent:**

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. **Louella Vincent, New Westminster & District Labour Council; and Tom Wiebe, CUPE 402**  
File: 2640-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to recognize National Day of Mourning, April 28, 2015, and to present an update on workers' health and safety issues.

The following comments were made:

- The labour movement and local governments have been instrumental in making change that has helped to improve the lives and to shape safer communities;
- Unions have made an enormous contribution to the health and safety of their members, advocating for legislative change that benefits all working people in BC;
- Since 2003, the BC Federation of Labour, our provincial central labour organization, has operated the BCFED Health and Safety Centre that provides programs/courses help to remove barriers to health and safety education;
- Children as young as 12 years old, permitted to work under BC's *Employment Standards Act*, are particularly vulnerable and accordingly the Federation offers a training workshop that is designed for young workers;
- Last year 203 workers did not come home from work in BC;
- In relation to two workplace explosions (Babine Sawmill and Prince George Lakeland Sawmill), the public is requested to take the time to sign the petition requesting the Provincial Government call for an immediate Public Inquiry at [www.usw.ca](http://www.usw.ca) into the two past incidents;
- On April 28<sup>th</sup> we acknowledge the workers who have died or whose lives have been forever changed by a workplace accident or disease.

Council extended appreciation for the delegation's presentation and noted that a proclamation would be made during the Regular Council Public Hearing meeting later that day. Council further noted they would be participating in a CUPE 402 Service on April 28, 2015.

2. **Steve Dooley, Executive Director of SFU, Surrey  
Co-Chair, Surrey Poverty Reduction Coalition**  
File: 5080-01; 0550-20-10

**Note:** See Corporate Report Ro62 of the Regular Council – Public Hearing Agenda

In attendance before Council to provide an update on the implementation of the Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan.

The following comments were made:

- In 2012, a community-based partnership group developed the Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan with the Plan being adopted by Council in July 2012;
- Surrey's overall poverty rate is 16%, similar to the Metro Vancouver average;
- Of particular concern is child poverty in Surrey, where 20,000 children and youth are growing up in poverty – more children than anywhere else in the province;
- The Plan focuses on 4 areas: Transportation, Housing, Income and Support;
- The Surrey Poverty Reduction Coalition is responsible for engaging and inspiring the community, having 20 leaders representing multiple sectors of the community;
- The Plan and actions are evidence-based, with poverty being mapped by census tract and user friendly fact sheets have been produced to highlight the data;
- Three community forums have been held with most recent forum called "Collective Impact" which is an emerging approach for tackling complex social issues such as poverty;
- The Coalition has taken the lead in piloting a number of new initiatives, such as "Community Leaders Igniting Change" – a 12 week free education program for Surrey residents interested in making positive changes in their neighborhood;
- In terms of the Landlord Project, the goal of this project is to find private landlords who are willing to rent apartments to people transitioning out of homelessness;

- The Somali Women's Project resulted from a delegation to the Social Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC) in 2013 where three Somali women requested the City's help, as they were desperate to be engaged in paid work but faced multiple barriers;
- The City of Surrey is the largest recipient of Government Assisted Refugees arriving in BC, as such a petition is being circulated in support of eliminating repayment of the Refugee Transportation Loan; and,
- The implementation of the Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan would not have been possible without the generosity of funders and community agencies.

Council acknowledged the dedication of the delegation and staff for supporting the work of the Coalition and the Social Policy Advisory Community. During discussion, Council noted the importance of bridging the gap between social innovation and economic development. The Delegation further emphasized the importance of developing ideas to make links from the business community to social issues. It was further noted that municipalities alone cannot solve the poverty issue and as such advocacy work seeking federal and provincial government support is critical.

**B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**C. CORPORATE REPORTS**

**D. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

**E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**


**G. ADJOURNMENT**

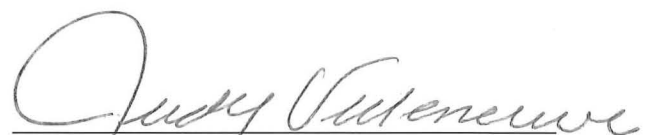
It was  
  
now adjourn.

Moved by Councillor LeFranc  
Seconded by Councillor Steele  
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

  
Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

  
Councillor Villeneuve, Chairperson