

Present:

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

Absent:**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. Fun and Games Safety Foodrazer, Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association**

File: 0330-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to invite Council to attend the Fun and Games Safety Foodrazer for kids on July 25, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The following comments were made:

- Five-year-old Ryley and three-year-old Chloe presented a video with information on a fundraiser for the Surrey Food Bank on Saturday, July 25 at the A&W on 102 Avenue in Surrey, and extended an invitation to Mayor and Council to participate.
- Activities will include games for kids; the Surrey Fire Department will offer a presentation on fire safety; and the RCMP will be in attendance as well.
- There will be demonstrations on the appropriate installation of car seats; people are encouraged to bring their old car seats to be recycled.

2. Cheryl Reitz - Board Member, Shakuntala Soden - Executive Project Manager and Rosemary Plummer, RN - President, HepCBC Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Society

File: 0320-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to help raise awareness about how Hepatitis C impacts residents of British Columbia and Canada.

The following comments were made:

- At least 220,000 Canadians live with chronic Hepatitis C; that is approximately 1% of the population. About 75% of affected people were born between 1945 and 1975. Hepatitis C can go undetected for three to four decades after infection.
- British Columbia has the highest incidence of Hepatitis C in Canada (approximately 80,000), which is the leading cause of cirrhosis of the liver and liver cancer, and is the main reason for liver transplants.
- An estimate of future lifetime costs range from \$52,000 for a patient with no fibrosis to \$328,000 for a patient requiring a liver transplant.
- There are two main populations of Hepatitis C patients in Canada:
 1. Those most in danger of infecting others, primarily in the early stages of the disease:
 - Injection drug users;
 - Users of inhaled drugs (cocaine, meth);
 - MSM (men who have sex with men);
 - Users of injected anabolic steroids; and
 - Those who have had unsterile tattoos or piercings, particularly common among prisoners.
 2. Those who are no longer in danger of infecting others, in the late stages of the disease, but most in danger of morbidities and mortality, for example victims of tainted blood.
- Young people are at greater risk of contracting or transmitting the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and generally need prevention programs, while older people with HCV generally need a screen-treat-cure program.
- The characteristics of the population in Canada with chronic Hepatitis C have been analyzed and reported in the Canadian Communicable Disease Report. Statistics show that:
 - The largest group (35%) were born outside of Canada;
 - The second largest group used IV drugs one or more times in their life;
 - The next largest group currently use IV drugs;
 - 15% were born in Canada and never used IV drugs;
 - Almost 5% were in prison; and
 - Fewer than 5% were in nursing homes or long term care.
- The Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Society would like to see one-time-only screening of those born between 1945 and 1965. Both the Canadian Liver Foundation and Canadian gastroenterologists suggest screening should be done for those born between 1945 and 1975.

- This one-time-only test does not single out any specific group of people and would de-stigmatize HCV testing, at the same time finding the 44% of the population who are unaware that they have HCV. Baby Boomer testing would target the most vulnerable to HCV morbidity and mortality and could prevent 21,000 HCV-related deaths.
- World Hepatitis Day is July 28; a bus ad campaign will run from July 1-28 in seven cities including Surrey. Political leaders in the Province are "rolling up their sleeves" in support of Baby Boomer Hepatitis C testing. Mayor and Council were invited to have their photograph taken holding the campaign ad as well as to publicly declare their willingness to be tested.

3. **Aileen Murphy, Senior Social Planner**

File: 5080-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide an update regarding the Local Immigration Partnership (LIP).

Note: See Corporate Report R149 of the Regular Council – Public Hearing Agenda

The following comments were made:

- The Surrey LIP Committee is a 30-member, multi-agency Committee co-chaired by Councillor Villeneuve and Anita Huberman from the Surrey Board of Trade (SBOT).
- LIP is a Federal Citizenship and Immigration Canada Program whose purpose is to build the capacity of communities to welcome and include new immigrants and refugees. This is a particularly pertinent issue in Surrey where 41% of residents are immigrants. It is projected that within five years that number will rise to 50%.
- The City of Surrey was the lead agency for the Surrey LIP and has a two-year contract with Citizenship and Immigration Canada that expires in April 2016. Activities over this two-year period include establishing a committee to guide the project; the LIP has already established an Immigrant Advisory Committee.
- The Surrey LIP has received federal funding to create a number of communications materials as well as to conduct research and consultations on immigrant and refugee issues and solutions in Surrey. By April 2016 an Immigrant Settlement Strategy and a Refugee Settlement Strategy for Surrey will be in place.
- A telephone survey was conducted by Mustel around issues related to Surrey being a welcoming community and residents' sense of belonging. Five key findings are:

- Residents feel welcomed and have a sense of belonging. This was true for immigrants, Canadian born residents, and for young people living in the City.
- Immigration in general was seen as making a positive contribution to the community.
- Discrimination is seen as somewhat of a problem particularly by younger residents.
- Finding suitable employment was identified as a key barrier by immigrants in Surrey.
- Residents, particularly new Canadians, would like more opportunities for participation in decision-making.
- Five consultation workshops are being planned for the fall of 2015 and early 2016. This will be an opportunity to discuss research findings and identify priorities and actions.
- The Immigrant Settlement Plan and the Refugee Settlement Plan will be brought back to Council in April/May 2016. Subsequently an application will be submitted to Citizenship and Immigration Canada to continue the LIP for another three years, moving the initiative forward with implementing those plans through to April 2019.
- At this time, the delegation provided a demonstration and brief overview of the Surrey LIP web site.
 - The Surrey LIP web site raises awareness of immigration issues in Surrey and shares resources. Each section of the web site has several pages of information, i.e. demographics, fact sheets, and information from task projects.
 - A number of newsletters have been developed, all of which are available on-line.
 - A Service Map on the web page contains an inventory of services available to newcomers. The inventory contains 235 unique services and programs and is available in several different languages.

Discussion

- It was noted there has been some strong federal funding behind the LIP project, \$300,000 each year for these two years. As a result, staff have been able to put together a substantial amount of information.

- 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 Hayne
Seconded by Councillor Woods
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Mary Martin, Chairperson