

Present:

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

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. Tara Roberts, Community Services Coordinator and David Sadler, Child & Youth Engagement Coordinator.**

File: 7710-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide an overview of the role of the Healthy Communities Section of Community and Recreation Services.

The following comments were made:

- Healthy Communities Section provides specialized support to other areas, initiates projects and strategies, and also supports council initiatives and committees, such as the Doors Open Program and Event;
- Healthy Communities is comprised of the following teams:
 - Accessibility and Inclusion;
 - Volunteer Resources;
 - Diversity and Inclusion;
 - Health Promotion and Sport Development;
 - Employee Wellness;
 - Community and Youth Engagement;
 - Youth Outreach; and,
 - Citywide Youth Events.
- There are five guiding ideas/principles that drive the Section's work and enables staff to look at the system and the community as a whole:
 - Building Capacity;
 - Providing Education and Resources;
 - Engaging Partners;
 - Connecting the Community; and
 - Promoting Active Living.
- The Accessibility and Inclusion Section creates inclusive environments for participants with disabilities through a number of means, such as:
 - Building Accessibility Review;
 - Inclusive Hiring Strategy; and

- Adapted programs and community events (ie. supporting 275 children with mental disabilities in 2015 in day camps)
- “Measuring Up” is a committee of community organizations coming together to work on common goals and serve as a hub of resources, offering accessibility consulting services, and acting as role models in Surrey in terms of facilitating accessibility and inclusion thinking;
- The Volunteer Resources Section works to support and develop volunteers to be active leaders in the community;
- It is important to note that 1 in 50 people in Surrey volunteer in the City’s programs, services and events which greatly contributes to the residents’ sense of belonging and sense of community;
- There are 167,000+ hours recorded by volunteers supporting programs and events throughout Surrey each year;
- The Diversity and Inclusion Section works to engage and connect the City’s diverse population through various programs, events and services, such as:
 - Surrey Doors Open Event;
 - Tours for Newcomers;
 - Settlement Services in Recreation Centres;
 - Employee Education, Events and Diversity Calendar; and,
 - Staff Training and Support.
- The Health Promotion and Sport Development Section aims to encourage residents to be active and healthy for life;
- Since 2013, 700 children have been engaged in the *I AM Game* physical literacy programs and camps;
- In terms of health promotion, the Harvest Box program has been successful with over 17,000 lbs of fruits and vegetables having been distributed to families in the Community;
- The Community and Youth Engagement Team works to foster community engagement through skill and knowledge development, such as the City Hall Tour Program;
- The City Hall Program is all about collaboration introducing the City Hall to residents and providing educational information about local government, helping to build transparency and creating more engaged and interested residents;
- The City Wide Youth Events and Engagement Section puts on large youth events based on the skills, abilities, and interests of youth, with a key focus on co-creating events, such as Band-Aid, 2nd Annual Youth Musician Development Workshop;

- In partnership with the Surrey Arts Centre, Band-Aid was developed in direct response to the call for more mentorship, community-building and network building events for young musicians;
- The Youth Outreach Section aims to link vulnerable youth to recreation and positive opportunities through the following means:
 - Recreation 4 Youth Pass;
 - Support Surrey School District WRAP program;
 - Support agency partners to connect clients to recreation opportunities; and,
 - Annual Surrey Steps Up campaign.

In response to a Council query, the delegation confirmed that program delivery varies from project to project, and at times the City plays a supportive role to the great work already happening across the City. Council extended appreciation to the Healthy Communities staff for their community development approach towards program delivery and meeting the needs of the City's residents.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT


It was

now adjourn.

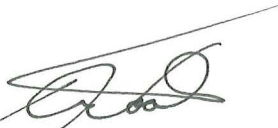
Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:47 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Woods, Chairperson