

Present:

Chairperson - Councillor Woods
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hayne
Councillor LeFranc
Councillor Martin
Councillor Steele
Councillor Villeneuve

Absent:

Mayor Hepner
Councillor Starchuk

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. Penny Bradley, Executive Director and Deb Bryant, CEO Alexandra Neighbourhood House

File: 4710-01; 0550-20-10

To appear before Council to build awareness and understanding of the work of Alexandra Neighbourhood House as well as showcase the Centennial Celebration.

The following comments were made:

- Quote pertaining to Neighborhood Houses was shared as follows:
“It is not a case of one set of people giving something that another set receives, it is a pooling by all of us of the best we know how to share, it’s a living and sharing of life.”
- Alexandra Neighbourhood House has evolved over time, as in the early days, it was originally known as Camp Alexandra and then changed to Crescent Beach Community Services;
- In 2009, the history was embraced and became known as Alexandra Neighborhood House, as an aim to marry the various work components stemming from the camps to social service delivery;
- One of 8 neighbourhood houses in Metro Vancouver, Alexandra Neighbourhood House is operated by the Association of Neighbourhood Houses;
- The neighbourhood house movement fits in with Surrey’s vision as follows:
 - Creating a child and youth-friendly city;
 - Encouraging citizen engagement with social issues and planning;
 - Ethno and culturally appropriate services, opportunities and programming;
 - Culturally appropriate early childhood programs; and,
 - Nutrition and food programs.

- The Association of Neighbourhood Houses has been around since 1894 and Alexandra House represents a significant cornerstone of the Association's work;
- In as much as has changed, the relationship focus and meeting community needs and adapting to a community have remained key operational principles for the organization;
- Alexandra Neighbourhood House is active in local community planning through a variety of means, such as sitting on various committees/planning tables and participating in a diversity of initiatives, such as the Guildford West – United Way Avenues of Change;
- When a service ends, the organization's hope for the recipients is that the relationship does not end but continues;
- Program highlights include the Alexandra's Children's Centre, the Youth Collective – Youth Space Project, and the Community Gardens;
- In terms of the Community Gardens program, the organization is in the process of building a second garden, Crescent Park Community Garden located at Kiwanis House beside Crescent Park Elementary School;
- With 50 plots and 20% being disabled-accessible, an intergenerational approach is being applied to engage elementary school students and residents from Kiwanis Park Place;
- It should be noted that the Engineering staff have contributed many hours of staff time to assist with this project;
- 2016 is the Centennial for Alexandra Neighborhood House, with celebrations including the following events/activities:
 - Four Community Conversations on diversity, inclusion, children and the environment;
 - Historical Exhibition;
 - Your Stories, Tell Our Stories (narrative project); and,
 - Homecoming.
- The Centennial Celebration will culminate in October 2016 with a Homecoming Event to which past campers, volunteers and staff and community members will be invited to attend a festive day of activities;
- Appreciation was extended to the in-kind support provided to locally grown organizations by the City of Surrey and Alexandra Neighbourhood House in particular.

Council expressed appreciation to the delegation and the invaluable work being undertaken by Alexandra Neighbourhood House in terms of community engagement and development, social justice and continuing to reconnect with the changing community.

- B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL
- C. CORPORATE REPORTS
- D. DELEGATION REQUESTS
- E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS
- F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS
- G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

now adjourn.

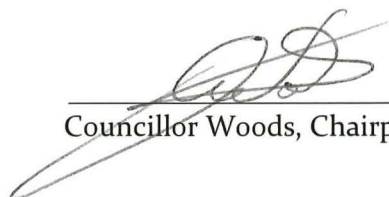
Moved by Councillor Villeneuve
Seconded by Councillor LeFranc
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:32 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Woods, Chairperson