

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Councillor Hayne  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Steele

**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. Patricia Bell, Community Energy Association

File: 0290-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide a presentation on the Empower Me Program <http://www.communitypower.ca/empower-me/> a collaborative program recognized by the 2016 Climate and Energy Action Awards.

The following comments were made:

- On behalf of the award sponsors: Community Energy Association, Union of BC Municipalities, Province of BC, Fortis BC, BC Hydro and Real Estate Foundation of BC, the delegation congratulated Mayor Hepner, Council, and City staff, on receiving the Climate and Energy Action Award, Honourable Mention, in the Public Sector Collaboration category for the Empower Me Program.
- Councillor Villeneuve was presented the award by the Honourable Mary Polak, Ministry of Environment at the UBCM convention in September.
- Community Energy Association is a non-profit that has been in BC for 20 years helping communities with energy planning and implementation. Their mission is to build capacity and accelerate action for local governments. They recognize the achievements made every year in BC by local governments.
- From the 20 Climate and Energy Action Award applications this year, Surrey's Empower Me Program was selected by the judging panel for an Honourable Mention in this category because it is a unique program that provides energy conservation guidance to Canada's newcomers in a culturally appropriate way at no cost to users.
- The program has successfully recruited more than 1,400 energy champions, and will provide for more than 8,000 tonnes of green house emission reductions while saving participating households over \$200 per year on their energy bill.

- Surrey has become a recognized leader for the climate and energy action file. Empower Me provides an inspiring example for other local governments in BC and across Canada and will be highlighted on the Community Energy Association website and through all the programs that they provide to municipalities across Canada.
- All of this year's winners are highlighted in the December issue of Municipal World magazine, which will include a report on the City of Surrey's achievement.
- Community Energy Association has presented the City with awards in the past for the Surrey City Centre project and for the District Energy System that is connected to City Hall, and they are closely following the work that Surrey is doing on energy efficiency in new housing.

Mayor and Council thanked the delegation for their presentation.

**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 Villeneuve

Seconded by Councillor Hayne

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

  
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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

  
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Mayor Hepner, Chairperson