

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Martin
Councillor Villeneuve

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
Acting General Manager, Finance & Technology
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Human Resources

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Aran Armutlu and Simka Marshall, Douglas Students' Union**

File: 0510-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide a presentation on the "Don't Close the Doors" Campaign to Save Adult Basic Education (ABE).

The following comments were made:

- Most ABE students are from marginalized groups of the community;
- 10-15% of Douglas College students are in the ABE program;
- Most institutions noted a decrease in enrollment after funding cuts to ABE. Enrolment decreases ranged from 25-60%; and,
- The "Don't Close the Doors" campaign has been endorsed by 22 municipalities to date.

In response to questions from Council, the delegation provided the following information:

- The campaign supports free tuition for all students, including international students. International students are generally charged more tuition for ABE programs compared to resident students.
- ABE serves many new immigrants and residents.
- The purpose of the campaign is support a basic level of education for anyone.
- Many students in the ABE program choose to live closer to campus in order to reduce transit times. Therefore, it is anticipated that the lack of funding for the program would affect Surrey residents.

The delegation noted that they are seeking Council's endorsement of the campaign.

2. Sheldon Tetreault, Surrey Urban Indigenous Leadership Committee

File: 5080-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to provide a presentation on the "All Our Relations: A Social Innovation Strategy - Phase 2 of the Surrey Urban Aboriginal Social Innovation Project."

The following comments were made:

- The Committee consists of indigenous and non-indigenous members who advocate for urban indigenous individuals.
- The first phase of the Social Innovation Project was completed in 2016.
- Phase Two of the project is seeking to find solutions driven by the indigenous community
- The Committee's role is to be the collective voice of the indigenous voice in Surrey.
- The project has benefitted from many "in-kind" contributions from the City, Federal funding, and from the time and knowledge that the participating organizations have provided.

The delegation noted that the Committee is seeking continued support from Council.

Council thanked the Committee for its work on the Surrey Urban Aboriginal Social Innovation Project and noted that Council is committed to supporting the goals of the Committee.

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

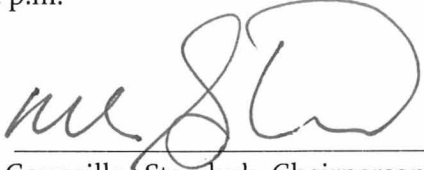
Seconded by Councillor Gill

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:24 p.m.


Jane Sullivan, City Clerk


Councillor Starchuk, Chairperson