

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Martin

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
Deputy 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. Stephen Dooley, Co-Chair
Surrey Poverty Reduction Coalition**
File: 5080-01; 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report 2017-R152 of the Regular Council – Public Hearing Agenda.

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the implementation of the Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan and highlighted the following information:

- The Surrey Poverty Reduction Coalition was formed in 2012 to guide the implementation of the Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan. The Coalition consists of 20 community partners.
- Recommendations in the area of transportation, housing, income and support have been created.
- There are approximately 20,000 youth living in poverty in Surrey, which is comparable to the provincial average child poverty rate.
- The Coalition has hosted three community forums aimed at bringing the community together for action and inspiration.
- The Coalition projects' include Community Leaders Igniting Change (CLIC) and Connecting Community to Surrey Youth Leaving Care.
- The Coalition has advocated for the Refugee Transportation Loan Program, and a petition in support of the program was presented to Parliament in 2016.
- \$25,000 from the Council Initiative Funds is being requested to support the work of the Coalition, as well as continued future support from the Annual Social Planning budget.

Discussion ensued, and Council made the following comments:

- Good example of what other levels can do - is clear in the direction of various organizations and other levels of government and community what they can do
- Use coalition members' time to work on the plan, not for filling out grant applications
- Works with social planning, affordable housing plan (new) and homelessness plan
- In response to questions from Council, staff advised that the federal government has advised that the transportation repayment program is currently under review. Unclear as to whether there will be changes made to the program.

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 Gill


Seconded by Councillor Hayne

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

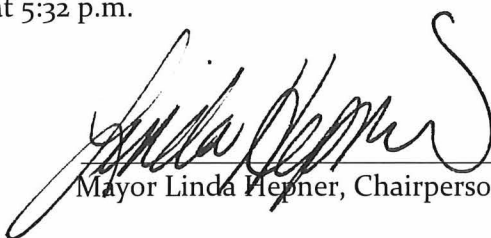
now adjourn.

Carried

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



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Mayor Linda Hejner, Chairperson