

**Present:**

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

**Absent:****Staff Present:**

City Manager  
City Clerk  
Deputy City Clerk  
General Manager, Corporate Services  
General Manager, Engineering  
General Manager, Finance  
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
General Manager, Planning & Development  
City Solicitor

**A. DELEGATIONS****1. Jonquil Hallgate, Chair, Surrey Homelessness and Housing Task Force**  
File: 5080-01; 0550-20-10

The delegation appeared before Council to discuss the Surrey specific results from the 2017 homelessness count, and Provincial Homelessness Action Week 2017, and noted the following comments:

- The Surrey Homelessness and Housing Task Force has been in operation for 14 years, with involvement from numerous organizations in the city.
- The following events and initiatives have been scheduled:
  - From November 1 to March 30, the Surrey Extreme Weather Plan comes into effect. Historically, there have been 120 mats available throughout the city. In 2016, Nightshift, in collaboration with the Elizabeth Fry Society, provided an additional 10 spaces for women in need. Parks, Recreation & Culture also opened an additional 10 spaces for youth.
  - October 8 - 14 is Homelessness in Action Week in British Columbia.
  - On October 5, Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley Council of Community Tables will host a forum at Elements in Burnaby.
  - October 10 is the annual Socks and Sandwiches event.
  - October 11 is the annual Connect Day at Chuck Bailey. Grace Point Church will be hosting a forum regarding homelessness.
  - A BBQ has been organized for October 12 in Cloverdale.
  - On October 13, Sources Resource Centre will host the 13th Annual Walk for Homelessness in Newton.

- Since first homelessness count in 2005, there has been an 54% increase in homelessness in Surrey.
- The homeless population has increased by 49% since 2009 despite a population increase of just 4.3%.
- 30% of homeless in Surrey are female, 10% are youth and 29% identify as aboriginal.
- The Surrey homeless population have a higher proportion of medical issue and health conditions.
- 46% of the homeless population have been homeless for more than a year, and 52% have lived in Surrey for ten or more years.
- 10% of Surrey's homeless are under 25, 16% are between 25 and 34, 25% are between 34 and 44. The majority of homeless in Surrey are 45 years or older. The different age groups in the homeless population all have different needs.
- Preventative measures are needed to prevent individuals from becoming homeless.
- There is often a lack of coordination for homeless organization.

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

- Prevention of homelessness could include providing assistance for short term issues associated with home loss and the implementation of homelessness solution, such as modular housing, which can be quickly built.
- The Task Force will work with the Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC BC) and BC Non-Profit Housing to review the data in the homeless count and identify why and how Surrey's homeless population differs from other cities in Metro Vancouver.
- A homeless count will be conducted in 2018, which will focus on homeless youth. Another full homeless count will be conducted in 2020.

Council noted the following comments:

- Council is committed to addressing homelessness in Surrey.
- It is anticipated that the City's Homelessness Strategy will be ready by January 2018.
- Concerns were expressed for the 114 seniors that were reported to be homeless. Council noted that there are City programs that could help alleviate this issue.

2. **Dr. Jordan Tinney, Superintendent, Larry Harder, Director, Capital Team, and Kelly Isford-Saxon, Manager, Demographics and Facilities Planning, School District #36**

File: 0510-01; 0550-20-10

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council regarding school site funding priorities and highlighted the following information:

- School District #36 had 1100 more students in 2017 compared to 2016.
- The 2018/2019 Capital Plan has 22 projects, including seven new schools, 13 school expansions and two new land acquisitions.
- The three areas experiencing significant growth are Grandview, Clayton and South Newton.
- Projects in the Grandview area include:
  - Four new elementary schools;
  - Three new additions to existing schools; and,
  - Two new sites that have been acquired.
- Projects in Clayton and Fleetwood include:
  - Four new additions to existing schools;
  - Increased capacity at North Surrey Secondary School and,
  - One new site that has been acquired.
- Projects in Newton include:
  - One new elementary school;
  - Increased capacity at Sullivan Heights Secondary School; and
  - One new site that has been acquired.
- It is anticipated that Grandview, Rosemary Heights and Sunnyside will experience increased capacity due to development. Between 2019 and 2024, the School District will request additional seats be made available in these areas. To meet the increased capacity, the School District is planning to build three new schools, provide an eight classroom addition at Sunnyside Elementary, and a four classroom addition at White Rock Elementary School. Hall Prairie Elementary School is currently located within the Agricultural Land Reserve, is small and over 100 years old. The School District is suggesting a new elementary school be implemented in Douglas to alleviate growth and demand.
- Clayton and Fleetwood have some of the highest numbers of preschool aged kids, which is an indicator of growth for elementary schools in those areas.
- There are currently two projects in under construction: École Salish Secondary School and Woodward Hill Elementary.

- There are currently five projects in the design stage: Clayton North Area Elementary, Sullivan Elementary, Panorama Park Elementary, Grandview Area Secondary and Clayton Village NW Elementary.
- The School District is currently discussing a Master Planning Process for South Newton with the Planning department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture department.

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

- It is not known how long it will take for all items included in the 10 Year Capital Plan to be completed; however, the new Provincial government has indicated that addressing Surrey's capacity issues will be a priority. There are five projects currently in the design phase that can proceed as quickly as the School District receives funding.
- The capacity diagram includes 800 of the 1100 new students attending Surrey schools in 2017, as the capacity diagram was based on projected attendance. The capacity diagram demonstrates capacity based on the completion of Capital Plan projects. Without completion of these projects, many Surrey schools would be over capacity.
- Since Spring 2017, there has been a change in the Provincial government and the creation of the Capital Projects Office, which has expedited the School District's plans. The new Provincial government has indicated a willingness to discuss funding options for the entire envelope of projects, instead of project by project.
- Some of the School District's priorities have changed due to conversations with the Capital Projects Office.
- There will be two projects that begin construction in 2018, three projects to be started in 2019 and two projects to begin in 2020. It is anticipated that those projects will be completed by September of each respective year.
- The capital funding for the new Grandview Elementary School is not currently in place, and the project will not proceed on the projected timeline unless funding is available.

**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 Steele


Seconded by Councillor Hayne

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

  
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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

  
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Councillor Villeneuve, Chairperson