

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Starchuk

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. John Sprung, Chairman, and Allen Aubert, Secretary, Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society**

File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the recent Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society's (FVHRS) accomplishments and plans for the next five years. The following information was highlighted:

- In 1995, the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission formed a Special Projects Committee to complete a four year feasibility study examining the availability of BC Interurban cards, rail access and operational possibilities. In 2000, Council approved the Interurban Revitalization Heritage Tourism project, and requested that a non-profit society be formed to implement the project. In 2001, the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society was formed.
- Currently, the FVHRS has over 360 members, and 100 active volunteers.
- Accomplishments of the Society include:
 - Designing and building the Sullivan Car Barn, with two bays and a workshop;
 - Acquiring and building a replica of the original Sullivan Station;
 - Acquiring and restoring BCER 1225 and 1304;
 - Constructing a three bay barn in Cloverdale;
 - Constructing Cloverdale Station;
- The Heritage Rail Demonstration project is a partnership between the City of Surrey, the FVHRS, Southern Rail and BC Hydro to operate heritage Interurban cards along Southern Rail's mainline. The project is called Surrey's Heritage Rail Experience and is operated by the FVHRS. Since 2013, over 26,000 passengers have enjoyed the experience.

- For Canada 150, the FVHRS expanded Cloverdale car barn to four bays, completed the track connection of the restoration bay to the existing track, and restored the Connaught car.
- Moving forward, the FVHRS would like to construct a Newton station, a by-pass track in Sullivan, upgrade the level crossings between Sullivan and Newton, and restore BCER 1207 and 1231. It is hoped that these projects will be completed by 2022.
- The FVHRS is requesting that Council continue the partnership to complete the Heritage Rail Interurban project:
 - Approve a reduction in scope, to terminate in Newton as the final destination.
 - Approve the FVHRS to work with City staff to develop a new funding model to restore BCER 1207 and 1231; and
 - Approve the FVHRS to work with the SCDC to undertake development of the Newton destination and Sullivan by-pass track.

Council commended the Society for their quality work, and expressed appreciation to all the volunteers involved in the Society's work.

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 Hayne
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:28 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Mayor Linda Hepner, Chairperson