

Council-in-Committee Minutes

Council Chambers
City Hall
13450 - 104 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Hayne

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. Sheldon Tetreault, Surrey Urban Indigenous Leadership Committee, and Colette Trudeau, Director of Youth/ORAAP Program Director, Metis Nation of British Columbia

File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

Note: See the Proclamation under Section E in the Mayor's Report of the Regular Council – Public Hearing Agenda.

The delegation was in attendance to highlight the Metis community in Surrey in honor of Louis Riel Day (November 16) and reported the following information:

- Recognizing Louis Riel Day is consistent with the goals of the Surrey Urban Indigenous Leadership Committee to host more Metis specific events to raise the profile of the six thousand Metis living in Surrey.
- Louis Riel was born in 1844, and advocated for Metis, French language and minority religious rights in Canada. In addition, Louis Riel negotiated the integration of Manitoba into Canada.
- Louis Riel was elected to Canadian parliament in 1873; however, he never sat as a parliamentarian.
- Following the receipt of amnesty for his role in the Red River Rebellion, Louis Riel formed a first provisional government in Tosh, Saskatchewan. Their first act was to create the Central Committee to petition the government regarding Metis rights; however, the petition was met with inaction by the government.
- Louis Riel was convicted of high treason and hanged on November 16, 1885.

- Each year, Louis Riel Day is celebrated to remember the contributions to the Metis nations made by Louis Riel, and recognize the impact the Metis have had on Canadian society.
- One hundred years following Louis Riel's execution, the Metis were included in Section 35 of the 1982 Constitution Act.

The delegation provided pins for the "Sashing Our Warriors" campaign, to end violence against Metis women and girls.

2. Sue McIntosh, Executive Director, Seniors Come Share Society File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

The delegation was in attendance to share the positive results of the Seniors Come Share Society's partnership with the City of Surrey and highlighted the following information:

- The Seniors Come Share Society has been working in Surrey for the last 40 years, and began as a part time organization with temporary funding, and helped about 12.5 people per day.
- In 2017, the Society made over 85000 connections, or 430 connections per day. There are over 25 programs, 181 volunteers, and over 40 staff.
- The Better Home Program through the United Way provides housekeeping, and services such as Friendly Visitors and Telephone Tree.
- The Cloverdale Meal Program provides food and entertainment, as well as social connections.
- 15,000 golden Books have been issued that provides information on services.
- There are three day programs located in Newton, Guildford and South Surrey that helps people stay independent.

The delegation thanked Council for their work and continued support for the Society.

Council thanked the delegation and the Society for all of their work in the community.

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 Martin

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

inda Hepner, Chairperson

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk