

## Council-in-Committee Minutes

Council Chambers
City Hall
13450 - 104 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018
Time: 5:17 p.m.

**Present:** 

Councillor Woods

Chairperson - Councillor Martin Mayor Hepner Councillor Gill Councillor Hayne Councillor LeFranc Councillor Starchuk Councillor Steele Absent:

Councillor Villeneuve

**Staff Present:** 

City Manager
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

 Professor Patrick Condon, Director of the Master of Urban Design Program, University of British Columbia

File: 0510-20; 0550-20-10

The delegation thanked the City, staff and Council for their participation and support for the Master of Urban Design Program during 2014 - 2017. The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation and highlighted the following information:

- An international group of students examined Surrey, and created five books summarizing their findings. The premise of the study was that by 2060, Surrey will be twice its current population, the largest city in the region, and one of the top ten cities in Canada. Not only is Surrey the geographic centre of the region, it is also the centre for employment in the region, as well as an ideal area to raise families.
- The books present ideas regarding affordability and transportation.
- In the first year of the study, the students reviewed the City's plans for Light Rail Transit. The second year of the study reviewed Surrey's frequent transit network. The third year of the study reviewed the City's Green Zone, which has the potential to mark Surrey's place in the region.

The delegation presented copies of the books summarizing the findings of the study to Council, and advised that there will be a panel discussion at SFU Surrey on February 7, 2018, to present findings from the study.

In response to a question from Council, the delegation advised that the students reviewed the potential of Surrey's waterfront, and found that there could be numerous possible solutions. One solution included incorporating light industrial uses into waterfront residential areas, in a fashion similar to Granville Island.

## 2. Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture

**Note:** See Corporate Report 2018-R024 of the Regular Council – Public Hearing Agenda.

Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided a PowerPoint overview of the Canada 150 events that were held in Surrey and highlighted the following information:

- The national themes for Canada 150 included diversity and inclusion, youth, national reconciliation, and environment. Through these themes, Surrey showcased its programs and activities, diversity, strong partnerships and legacy projects.
- Canada 150 in Surrey was launched on February 21, 2017, and included a
  program guide, a website, and community contests. Canada 150 in Surrey
  was promoted at TransLink shelters, in local newspapers, as well as
  through media releases and social media.
- Numerous events were held in Surrey celebrating Canada 150, including: signing sessions with Canadian Olympic athletes, a Canada 150 passport contest, French-Canadian and Indigenous performers, and Indigenous villages, storytelling and games.
- To celebrate Canada 150 on Canada Day, the City provided free concerts by top level performers, including Nelly Furtado, Hedley, Magic!, Classified and Amrinder Gill. Surrey's Canada Day celebration and Fusion Festival were named British Columbia's "Most Outstanding Public Event Over \$200,000" and "Best Public Festival", respectively, at the 2017 Canadian Regional Event Awards.
- Canada 150 was integrated into horticultural displays at City Gateways through Canadian designs and key colors. 1000 red and white tulip bulbs were planted at Holland Park. Maple trees were provided during community events, so that residents could plant them in their backyards. Additional beautification in celebration of Canada 150 included Canada 150 banners, and photographs on the Civic Plaza stairs.
- Many annual events, such as the Sounds of Summer concert series, were Canada 150 themed. Surrey Civic Theatre welcomed Canadian themed productions, such as Oh, Canada, We Sing for Thee and Married to Canada. The Surrey Art Centre also welcomed many Canadian themed exhibits.
- There were numerous legacy projects completed as part of Canada 150, including Surrey: A City of Stories, the restoration of the Surrey Columbian Centennial Totem Pole, and the Canada 150 mosaic.

Council thanked staff for all of their work with respect to Canada 150. Council noted that participants at the many events expressed pride at being residents of both Surrey and Canada.

- 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 5:38 p.m.

Mark Panneton, Deputy City Clerk