

Present:

Chairperson - Councillor Martin
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hayne
Councillor LeFranc
Councillor Starchuk
Councillor Woods

Absent:

Mayor Hepner
Councillor Steele
Councillor Villeneuve

Staff Present:

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

A. DELEGATIONS

- 1. Tony Moore, President, Veronica Brown, Deputy Executive Director BC/Yukon Command, and Steve Hollett, CEO BCYC Development Co., The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 229 Whalley**
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

The delegation provided Council with a summary of the proposed Veteran's Village development in Whalley. The project proposes to provide 144 affordable housing units that would be supported through a \$7.7 million grant from BC Housing, transitional housing space for veterans and retired first responders, Legion facilities, a multicultural community space, and integrated support facilities and services. Market housing is now being considered as an addition to the project. It is anticipated that construction will begin in Summer 2018. The delegation noted that the Federal government has not yet provided a response to the proposal.

The delegation requested that Council provide the following in support of the proposed development:

- Grants that are comparable to the Affordable Housing Grant provided by Metro Vancouver;
- Parking relaxations for the affordable housing units;
- A waiver of municipal fees and charges;
- Temporary property tax exemptions; and,
- A waiver of the purchase and construction costs for road dedication lots.

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

- The Legion has discussed the ability to prioritize the affordable housing units for veterans and retired first responders. It has not yet been determined if this would be possible.
- It is not anticipated that the development of the neighbouring site will impact the project.
- Financial modelling has been completed for the affordable housing units. The pricing standards for affordable housing are set by BC Housing.
- When addressing veterans' housing needs, the Legion will defer to Veterans Affairs. When addressing retired first responders' housing needs, the Legion will work with the various ambulance, police and fire support services organizations.

Council requested that staff provide a report regarding the Legion's requests for support.

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

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:26 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Acting Mayor Mary Martin, Chairperson