

Council-in-Committee Minutes

Council Chambers
City Hall
13450 - 104 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Martin 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
General Manager, Planning & Development
Deputy City Solicitor

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Deb Yearley, New Westminster & District Labour Council

File: 2640-01; 0550-20-10

Note: See Proclamation under Section I of the Regular Council – Public Hearing

Agenda.

The delegation provided Council with a PowerPoint presentation regarding "Day of Mourning", and spoke relative to workers' health and safety issues, WorkSafeBC regulatory reviews and other changes that have impacted BC's workplace accident and fatality rates. The following information was highlighted:

- The New Westminster & District Labour Council (NWDLC) provides an annual presentation seeking recognition of April 28 as the Day of Mourning for workers injured or killed on the job. The purpose of this Day is to remember workers killed and/or injured on the job, to focus on preventing further injuries through education.
- The BC Federation of Health and Safety Centre provides occupational health training for all members of the public. The Centre helps individuals understand their rights with respect to work safety.
- Young workers are more likely to face injury or death as a result of not knowing their rights. In BC, an average of 27 young workers have time-loss injuries every day and seven young workers are permanently injured each week.
- The goal of the Day of Mourning is to reduce the number of deaths and injuries to young workers.
- This year, the Day of Mourning will highlight the "Violence and Harassment, Not Part of the Job" campaign. Workers can face bullying and harassment from employers, co-workers, clients and customers. The campaign

encourages violence prevention programs to be developed and implemented as part of overall work place safety program.

- Mental health is important to a safe and healthy workplace. Bullying and harassment, such as personal attacks, verbal aggression and other acts deemed to intimidate someone, are not tolerated in a safe work environment. The effects of bullying can lead to mental health issues.
- In 2016, 144 workers in BC died due to work related injuries or disease.
- Supporting the Day of Mourning is an important step to ensuring the safety of workers.
- The Day of Mourning is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Westminster Pier Park in New Westminster.

Council noted the following comments:

- Focusing on young workers is critical to achieving safety and workplace injuries may not appear until later in life.
- The Day of Mourning could highlight the number of people have passed away due to occupational hazards or illness.
- Surrey will host a Day of Mourning on April 28, 2018 at the Surrey Works Yard.

2. Steve MacIntyre, Community Planner

File: 6520-20; 0550-20-10

The delegation provided Council with a summary of the Rosemary Heights Central Neighbourhood Context Plan Review and highlighted the following information:

- The Rosemary Heights Central Neighbourhood Context Plan (NCP) was developed in 1996 and several amendments have been requested in the suburban core. Council initiated a review of the NCP in June 2017.
- The community had expressed concerns regarding the loss of neighbourhood character, crowded local schools and traffic congestion, resulting in an NCP review.
- The NCP review included traffic analysis, consultation with suburban pocket land owners, broader consultation with Rosemary Heights residents, consultation with School District #36 and a review of parks and amenities.
- A new Land Use Plan for an amendment area was approved by Council on March 12, 2018.

- There have been numerous development applications in the NCP area that have requested up to 5 UPA (units per acre) that would result in quarter-acre lots.
- The NCP review process has indicated that there is general support for urban-level density in the north and west portions of the NCP area, with a desire to maintain the current suburban land use designation in the south and east. In response to the data from the review process, staff prepared a preferred land use option with opportunities for densification in north and west.
- The preferred land use option does not recommend expansion of infrastructure and services in the areas proposed for amendments, with the exception of new streets that would have to be installed for new development applications.

In response to a question from Council, the delegation advised that the tree canopy was not a specific component of the review, but a tree assessment is completed with each development application.

3. Daljit Gill-Badesha, Manager, Healthy Communities, Gerard Bremault, CEO of the Centre for Childhood and Rhea Hubbard, Alexandra Neighbourhood House

File: 8000-30

Note: See Corporate Report 2018-R079 of the Regular Council – Public Hearing Agenda.

The delegation provided Council with PowerPoint presentation update regarding the Surrey Community Childcare Task Force (SCCCTF) and highlighted the following information:

- The Task Force was created in 2016 and was mandated to develop and obtain active stakeholder commitment to a Child Care Action Plan. The Action Plan will enhance, expand and support the long-term sustainability of a community planned continuum of high quality, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive child care services for families with children up to age 12 years. Members of the Task Force include the City of Surrey, the Centre for Child Development, Sophie's Place, the Surrey Board of Trade, School District #36, Fraser Health, Alexandra Neighbourhood House, Options Community Services, Atira and Creative Kids.
- The Task Force met throughout 2016 and 2017 to investigate, explore, analyze and gather community, practitioner and expert feedback on childcare services in Surrey and White Rock.
- The SCCCTF has created a Child Care Report that explores previously identified childcare issues and provides opportunities for further action. The report presents key findings on childcare challenges, creates a framework of five priority areas for actions on child care and proposes three immediate

recommended actions to the BC government, as well as longer term options for key partners.

- There are 80,000 children between birth and eight years old in Surrey, with 8679 child care spaces available. Of the 464 licenced child care facilities in the city, only nine are operated by a non-profit group.
- The key childcare challenges are: lack of affordability; not enough spaces specifically for infants and toddlers and out of school options; not enough out of school care specifically located on or near schools; shortage of early childhood educators (ECE) education options; quality of ECE training; limited local ECE training; limited inclusive spaces; constrained system capacity; complexity in existing supports; and lack of provincial and federal investment and non-profit opportunities.
- The five priority areas are: operating capacity; talent development and labour supply; accessibility and equity; integration and coordination; and capital infrastructure.
- The report outlines three recommendations to the provincial government: invest in local child care resources and support services, invest in local ECE training spaces and invest in Fraser Health quality control licencing resources to facilitate and keep up with growth in child care licensing applications.
- The provincial government has made progress in all three recommended areas, such as new provincial funding for childhood resource and referral services and immediate increase of licensing offices across BC. There has also been exploratory discussion with Fraser Health and local colleges to provide training space for ECE programs.
- The Task Force will continue to work closely with the provincial government and the City to advocate for child care improvements and resources.

In response to questions from Council, the delegation advised that the Task Force discussed wide ranging opportunities to utilize school spaces for afterschool care. The School District was receptive to this concept and is exploring this opportunity. In addition, the delegation clarified that there are 12.4 child care spots available for every 100 children in Surrey requiring care.

- 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 LeFranc

Seconded by Councillor Woods

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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