

**Present:**

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

**Absent:****Staff Present:**

City Manager  
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. Gordon Porter, Executive Director, SAFERhome Standards Society**

File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

The delegation provided a presentation regarding the SAFERhome Standards Society, a non-profit organization funded through Ministry of Housing and BC Housing to show communities that they can build to the SAFERhome standards. The following information was highlighted:

- SAFERhomes standards provides universal housing for all residents and is supported by BC Housing.
- The majority of development in Surrey is standard housing, which only addresses the needs of 85% of the population.
- There are 15 construction key points that add value and allow residents to age in place. The key points are:
  - Exterior thresholds are all flush;
  - Interior thresholds to meet minimum code constraints;
  - All doors and pinch points are minimum of 34" wide, ideally 36" wide;
  - Hallways are a minimum of 40" but ideally 42" wide;
  - Bathroom walls reinforced with 2x12" solid lumber at all washroom tub, shower and toilet locations;
  - All walls at the top of staircases reinforced with 2x12" solid lumber at 36" to centre;
  - Provide an allowance for an elevator shaft in stacked closets or staircases with a minimum of 42";
  - Cabinets underneath each sink are easily removable;
  - All light switches positioned at 42";
  - All outlets positioned at 18";

- Additional electrical outlets placed: beside windows, at the top and bottom of stairs, beside toilets, above external doors and on the front face of kitchen counters;
  - Four-plex outlets placed in master bedroom, home office, garage and recreation room;
  - All plumbing controls offset from centre;
  - Waste pipes are brought no higher than 14" to centre of the pipe from the floor level; and
  - Pressure and temperature control valves are installed on all shower faucets.
- The key points are inexpensive to implement in the building stage, at a rate of approximately \$400 per townhome unit and \$500-600 per single-family home.

The delegation requested that Council consider adopting the SAFERhome Standards.

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

Staff advised that the SAFERhome Standards are currently voluntary for developers to implement; however, staff are drafting a bylaw regarding adaptable housing that will address the Standards.

**B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**C. ADJOURNMENT**


It was

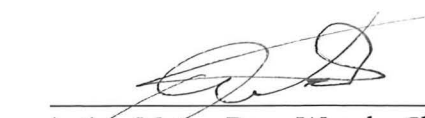
Moved by Councillor Hayne  
Seconded by Councillor Martin  
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

  
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 Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

  
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 Acting Mayor Dave Woods, Chairperson