

Present:

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

Absent:**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

- Surrey Firefighters
Girls Empowerment Program**
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

The delegation appeared before Council to present a cheque to the Girls Empowerment Program. The delegation noted that the funding for the Girls Empowerment Program was increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000 and has expanded to over 100 participants in three cities.

- Karen Reid Sidhu, Chair and Surinder Bhogal, Chief Librarian
Surrey Libraries**
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

Note: See Corporate Report 2018-R202 of the Regular Council – Public Hearing Agenda.

The delegation provided a presentation regarding the Surrey Libraries 2019 – 24 Strategic Plan and highlighted the following information:

- Public Libraries in BC are governed by the Provincial Library Act. The Library Board is responsible for Library governance, providing financial oversight and helping to set the strategic direction for the library.
- The goal of the Strategic Plan is to improve the lives of Surrey residents and support the growth and success of the City. The Plan was developed to support other City priorities and strategies, such as the Sustainability Charter, Surrey Excels and the Parks, Recreation & Culture 10 Year Plan.
- Work on the Plan began at the beginning of 2018 and included a review of library trends, as well as extensive community consultation.

- During the community consultation, it was discovered that library services are valued, recognized for their role in promoting and supporting life-long learning, are a cherished community gathering space, and that there is a lack of awareness regarding library services.
- The Library's values are similar to the City's values; however, intellectual freedom and equitable access are two additional Library values.
- Planned initiatives for 2019 include updating the Libraries long range capital plan, developing a plan for helping to integrate newcomers, exploring opportunities to increase after school programming, supporting digital skill development at all library branches and developing a comprehensive marketing and communications strategy.
- The Plan will be reviewed to determine its success rate. A series of measures and targets have been developed to track progress.

Council expressed support for the additional outreach as outlined in the Plan. Council noted that Library representatives are present at all community events and that the Library serves the most vulnerable populations.

3. Hebah Hussaina and Fawzan Hussain, Youth for Care

File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

The delegation provided a presentation regarding Youth for Care, an independent, youth governed entity supporting the Surrey Hospital Foundation, and provided the following information:

- Youth for Care's mission is to raise awareness for the Surrey Memorial Hospital (SMH) and increase youth empowerment and participation in the community.
- Over 115 high school students and 21 university students are Youth for Care members. The majority of students are located within the vicinity of SMH and are helping their local community.
- Youth for Care helps young people volunteer and engage with their local community. There have been 35 volunteer opportunities provided, 1,155 volunteer hours completed, 20 hospital visits and \$5,185 raised.
- The Youth for Care and the Fraser Heights Youth For Care Executive Team have been formalized. The Executive Team's writing abilities are being used for grant opportunities.
- Volunteer opportunities, such as creating care kits and completing hospital visits, are ongoing.
- A new initiative is using 3D printing technology to create assistive technology prototypes for individuals with disabilities and involving members by hosting 3D printing workshops.

- The biggest opportunity is creating care kits, either art kits or hygiene kits. Art kits provide entertainment for young people visiting the hospital, while the hygiene kits provide relief during unexpected hospital visits.
- 3D printed technology has been used to create assistive technology prototypes of people with disabilities such as various styles of gadgets to enable a person to better hold a pen, nail clipper and a device to assist turning a key in a door lock. Youth for Care received a grant from the federal government and was able to distribute over 150 of these devices to the community.
- The Fraser Heights Youth for Care team has supported the Bases Society, that helps support students with disabilities.
- Youth for Care also provides 3D printing workshops for students to teach technical skills. The workshops include speakers who are experts in the field of 3D printing and provide students with hands-on learning experiences.
- Goals for 2018 - 2019 include increasing membership to over 500 members, engage members with ten or more volunteer opportunities and create over 150 care kits.

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

- The 3D designs utilized are open source designs. Currently, as a non-profit organization, there are no plans to sell any of the 3D printed products.
- Funding for Youth Care comes from fundraising.

Council commended Youth for Care for their work in the community. It was suggested that local organizations, such as the Centre for Childhood Development and Semiahmoo House, could provide additional ideas regarding technologies and equipment that could assist disabled individuals.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:29 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Acting Mayor Starchuk, Chairperson