

**Present:**

Chairperson – Mayor McCallum  
Councillor Annis  
Councillor Elford  
Councillor Guerra  
Councillor Hundial  
Councillor Locke  
Councillor Nagra  
Councillor Patton  
Councillor Pettigrew

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

City Manager  
Acting 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. **Anthony Matarazzo, A/Assistant Director, Health, Justice and Special Surveys Branch, Statistics Canada**  
**Lynn Barr-Telford, Director General, Health, Justice and Special Surveys Branch, Statistics Canada**  
**Len Garis, Fire Chief / Terry Waterhouse, GM Policing Transition**  
File: 2640-01

The delegation provided an update regarding the Opioid Overdose Intervention Project, including the socioeconomic characteristics of those dying of illicit drug overdoses in British Columbia between 2011 to 2016 and highlighted the following information:

- The Opioid Overdose Intervention Project was established in collaboration with key partners and data providers. The Project resulted in more information to make evidenced based decisions and understand the root factors and causes that may underlay illicit drug overdoses.
- To gain a national perspective on the crisis, the delegation illustrated a map of Canada where the greatest number of opioid related deaths was in British Columbia, which was almost 4,000. Of those, approximately 76% were males with the majority aged 30 to 39 years.
- A survey was conducted on opioid awareness and most Canadians had some level of awareness but it varied across the country. Most Canadians were aware that drugs obtained illegally could be contaminated with fentanyl.
- On another survey conducted, it was found that 3 in 10 Canadians aged 18 or over used opioids in the past five years and of those, 1 in 4 had left over opioids stored at home.
- Illicit drug overdoses have surpassed all other major causes of unnatural deaths.

- A cohort was developed to understand the factors that lead to different pathways to overdose related deaths and the characteristics of those people. Additional data sources included data from the BC Coroners, BC PharmaNet, Mental Health Services and the Medical Services Plan.
  - The information collected is being integrated into socioeconomic characteristics and Statistics Canada. The data is highly secured and protected.
  - Between 2011 and 2016 there were 2,362 confirmed illicit drug overdose deaths in British Columbia and 332 in Surrey alone. Of those deaths, a third were either employed or not employed, 40% were receiving social assistance benefits and 30% were not in the five years prior to death. Approximately 64% of individuals who have died of drug overdoses have had no contact with police for any official intervention. Those dying of illicit drug overdoses are a diverse population.
2. **Jane Adams, President and CEO, Chris Midmore, Board Director, Azra Hussain, COO, Sharon Butler, Senior Director, Corporate Partnerships and Philanthropy, Surrey Hospital Foundation and Wendy Newson, Director, Maternal, Infant, Child and Youth Programs at Fraser Health Authority**  
File: 0460-01

The delegation provided a presentation regarding the Surrey Memorial Hospital Children's Health Centre Transformation and highlighted the following information:

- Fraser Health Authority is home to the only pediatric emergency centre in the region. 43,000 children are seen in the pediatric emergency department and 1,200 surgeries are performed each year.
- Fraser Health Authority is expanding services in the Children's Health Centre in order that families in Surrey can obtain services closer to home. As part of the renovations, in-patient beds will increase by 25%, clinic rooms will double in the health centre, there will be a new pre and post-surgery centre, and a new cancer treatment area will be constructed. The renovation of Fraser Health Authority began in early 2018.
- The anticipated cost of the project will be \$15 million dollars.

The delegation asked that Council support the need for the new facility for the benefit of the children and families in Surrey and asks that Council and staff support the renovation process.

## **B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

C. ADJOURNMENT


It was  
  
now adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Guerra  
Seconded by Councillor Locke  
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

  
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for Kelly Rayter, Acting City Clerk

  
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Mayor Doug McCallum, Chairperson