

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. Jordan Tinney, Superintendent, and Greg Frank, Secretary Treasurer, School District #36**
File: 0510-20

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding School District #36 school site funding priorities and highlighted the following information:

- 1700 new seats were opened in Surrey in September 2018 with the opening of Salish Secondary and an addition at Ecole Woodward Hill.
- There are currently 5,670 new seats in approved projects, including Madaugh Road Elementary, the unnamed Grandview Elementary school, Grandview Heights Secondary, the unnamed Douglas Elementary school, Regent Road Elementary and additions at Panorama Park, Pacific Heights Elementary, Coyote Creek Elementary, Frost Road Elementary and Sullivan Heights Secondary. These projects will serve Clayton, Prairie Hall and Grandview. It is anticipated that these new seats will be available within a two-year period.
- Seismic upgrades have been approved for Mary Jane Shannon and Bear Creek Elementary schools.
- The 2019 – 2020 Five Year Capital Plan is the School District's annual request to the government for projects in priority order. The School District is requesting to have these projects funded over a five-year period and the projects would result in 10,155 new seats.
- There are 36 Major Capital Plan projects proposed throughout Surrey that require \$761M to complete. Overall, the School District is requesting an additional \$1B to support 37 Major Capital Projects, as well as other minor capital projects, such as large maintenance issues.

- There are five educational areas located in Surrey. Each area is overseen by an Assistant Superintendent and is responsible for three high schools, elementary schools in the area and other spaces such as learning centres.
- There are 14 projects proposed for South Surrey to address the rapid growth of Grandview, including seven additions to existing schools, the acquisition of three new school sites and four new elementary schools. These proposed projects are in addition to projects in the area that have already been approved.
- In South Newton, there are three proposed projects, including a fifth elementary school and a large addition to McLeod Road Elementary School. These projects are intended to increase enrolment in the area and would result in over 1000 new seats.
- School District staff have worked with City Planning staff to address capacity in Clayton and Cloverdale. There are seven proposed projects for this area, including two new schools, an expansion to Clayton Elementary and the acquisition of a new site to address the area west of 180 Street and 72 Avenue.
- There are two additions proposed for Newton as well as a new secondary school to address the surplus enrolment of Sullivan Heights Secondary and Frank Hurt Secondary.
- In Guilford, there are two proposed additions that would create elementary schools that are larger than the current standards, as well as the acquisition of a new site to reduce future pressures in the area.
- As City Centre is currently in transition, School District staff are working closely with City Planning staff to consider the impact future developments may have on capacity and enrolment.
- There are currently 11 projects in progress. The School District has implemented an aggressive Capital Plan to address future growth in the city.
- The City has made significant improvements to the permit issuance timeline that has greatly assisted the School District's progress. The focused partnership between the School District and the City has made an immediate and significant impact on the School District's planning and delivery abilities.

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

- The School District currently has a suite of 11 approved projects, including additions and new facilities.
- The process for project approval starts with the annually prepared Five Year Plan. The School District identifies its needs and submits the Plan to the Ministry of Education by the end of June. The Ministry reviews all Five Year

Plans and determines its funding priorities. In February or March, the Ministry will provide preliminary support for projects and then each individual project is reviewed by the Provincial government.

- The seismic upgrade program is not large in Surrey, as there are good soil conditions and few high-risk schools. The Provincial government recently changed its seismic assessment tool, resulting in four additional school being identified for upgrades. It is anticipated that the seismic requirements for these four schools will be addressed within the next two to three years.
- There are different levels of analysis utilized to determine projection numbers for development proposals. The School District's projections are updated annually and staff work with City staff to determine upcoming proposals and completion timelines.
- The tender for construction of Maddaugh Road Elementary School closed December 17, 2018 and it is anticipated that the contract will be awarded within the next week. The school is expected to be completed within 18 months to two years. Regent Road Elementary School is anticipated to be completed approximately six months after Maddaugh Road Elementary.

2. **Sukhi Singh Sandhu, Wake-Up Surrey**

File: 0250-20

The delegation was deferred to a future Council-in-Committee meeting.

3. **Philip Aguirre, Executive Director, Newton Business Improvement Association (BIA)**

File: 0250-20

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Newton BIA, showcase the past five years of the association and its positive effect on the community. The following information was highlighted:

- The Newton BIA was created in 2014 and currently consists of 533 businesses. The BIA is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of up to 12 members.
- The BIA is focused on revitalizing Newton. The first BIA addressed revitalization through the following areas:
 - Safety Programs, including the Community Safety Patrol, Newton Safety Unit, used needle removal and Safe Ride. Safety statistics confirm that crime has decreased in Newton since the implementation of the BIA safety programs.
 - Area Enhancement Programs, such as Team Tidy, graffiti removal, place-making and shopping cart retrieval. These programs help contribute to a positive image for Newton.

- Signature Events include Groundhog Day, Newton Days, Spooktacular Newton, #PinkShirtDay and outdoor events such as Big Bike.
- Government relations, including Newton Talks, State of Newton and the 20-Year Plan.
- The second term of the Newton BIA will focus on three main projects:
 - Newton Mural Laneway, that will consist of four murals created within Mural Alley. Newton Mural Laneway will become a place-making destination that promotes revitalization.
 - Creating a pop-up incubator space to support entrepreneurship.
 - EcoNewton is a proposal that would expand the BIA to include the industrial area of 88 Avenue and 128 Street and focus on sustainability.
- At the 2018 Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), Newton businesses indicated that they wanted to focus on addressing safety as a priority. The majority of businesses voted in support of renewing the BIA.
- A 3% levy increase was also approved at the EGM, as the Newton BIA did not increase the levy during its first term. A levy increase is required to support the BIA's programs and increased platform.

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

- The Council Initiative process is the most common method that BIAs utilize to measure property owner support for renewal.
- An EGM was required to approve renewal of the Newton BIA.
- While statistically crime has decreased in Newton, it takes time to change perspective, which is why business continue to focus on further reducing crime. Businesses are positive regarding the future in Newton but remain concerned that there is additional safety enhancements to be completed.
- The Newton BIA has three staff members, as well as interns.
- The Newton BIA has consistent communication with the RCMP District Office and the District Officer attends the weekly safety meetings.
- Surrey Crime Prevention is not currently involved in the BIA's public safety programs.

Council thanked the delegation and the Newton BIA for their work in the community and suggested that the City may be able to assist with community safety to reduce the impact of these programs on the BIA's budget.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Guerra

Seconded by Councillor Locke

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

for 

Kelly Rayter, Acting City Clerk



Mayor Doug McCallum, Chairperson