

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. Sukhi Singh Sandhu, Wake-Up Surrey**

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The delegation provided an overview of Wake-Up Surrey, a summary of outreach programs since June 2018 and key areas of focus and findings of gang activity and youth violence. The following information was highlighted:

- There have been approximately 230 South Asian youths killed due to gang violence in the last 24 years despite multiple forums, task forces and community events. Wake-Up Surrey was created in direct response to the murder of two youths in 2018 to address gang violence through activism, awareness, advocacy and engagement.
- Wake-Up Surrey organized a rally as a call to action, accountability and transparency on June 13, 2018 at City Hall. Approximately 8000 residents attended.
- Since the rally, Wake-Up Surrey has completed outreach and research, which identified the following issues: the need for a collective responsibility to address gang violence; parents in the community must be willing to accept responsibility; the disconnect between various stakeholders; sustainable, customized solutions should be implemented; prevention programs should target younger children; additional police resources and legislative amendments are required; additional work can be done with ICBC and civil forfeiture laws; additional resources and increased screening at ports and borders is required; and there needs to be a consistent approach at all levels of government.
- The overall assessment for Surrey is that a sustainable, comprehensive plan should be developed with one vision and one team for implementation, as well as a Surrey-based community prevention model.

- Feedback received during the election revealed that the community is concerned with public safety, ethics, transparency, zero-tolerance for corruption, improving diversity and outreach at the School District and providing amenities for youth and seniors.
- The following recommendations were provided:
 - Implement Phase Two of the Gang Violence Prevention Task Force, including the development of a Community Prevention Strategy with deliverable actions;
 - Implement an anti-corruption office at City Hall; and
 - Provide youth empowerment options.
- Scheduled 2019 initiatives for Wake-Up Surrey include a Block Watch Awareness Day in collaboration with the RCMP, hosting PAC workshops, an anti-corruption and youth empowerment forum, community awareness workshops, and a South Asian media awareness campaign.

Council directed staff to prepare a report regarding Wake-Up Surrey's recommendations.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



Kelly Rayter, Acting City Clerk



Mayor Doug McCallum, Chairperson