

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
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. **Steve Dooley, Executive Director, Simon Fraser University Surrey, and Lorna Haeber, Writer and Instructor, Kwantlen Polytechnic University**
File: 5080-01

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the International City of Refuge (ICORN) project and noted the following information:

- The City of Surrey is the first Canadian ICORN city out of 72 international cities.
- The program offers shelter to writers and artists, advances freedom of expression, defends democratic values and promotes international solidarity. Writers and artists who are in danger of expressing themselves in their home country are provided two-years of temporary shelter in an ICORN member city.
- Surrey's ICORN program is a partnership between the City, Simon Fraser University, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey Libraries and PEN Canada.
- The program is governed by a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee also raises funds to support the selected writers.
- The program will showcase the City in a positive light, supporting freedom of expression and art, as well as strengthen surrey's history of being open and inclusive.

The delegation requested that Council consider appointing a Council liaison to the Steering Committee.

2. **Craig Richmond, President and CEO, and Alana Lawrence, Director, Government Relations, Vancouver Airport Authority**
File: 8400-01; 0550-20-10

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

3. **Tim Yzerman, Surrey / White Rock HUB Cycling Local Committee**
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation requesting support regarding recommended updates to the Motor Vehicle Act and noted the following information:

- The Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) was passed in 1957 under different road safety standards. The Surrey / White Rock HUB Cycling Local Committee is proposing to rename it the Road Safety Act so that it is inclusive of all road users, safety-focused and modernized.
- BC has higher road deaths compared to international large cities.
- The proposed reforms to the MVA would make it consistent with both the BC and Surrey Vision Zero campaigns, as well as other local and provincial safety initiatives.
- Surrey / White Rock HUB Cycling Local Committee has proposed 25 recommendations to reform the MVA based on legislative history, case studies and scientific evidence.

The delegation requested that Council consider supporting the proposed recommended amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act.

4. **Matt Osler, Senior Project Engineer, City of Surrey Engineering Department**
File: 5225-01

Note: See Corporate Report 2019-R021 of the Regular Council – Public Hearing agenda.

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the development of a Surrey Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy and the Disaster Mitigation Adaptations Fund status and highlighted the following information:

- 20% of Surrey's land base is located within the coastal flood plain. This area is home to over 2500 residents, the Semiahmoo First Nation, biodiversity areas, agricultural activity and major infrastructure.
- In 2011, the Province of BC directed local governments to prepare for one metre of sea level rise by 2100. In 2016, the City developed the Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy (CFAS) and the City is currently in phase four of five phases.

- Surrey has a history of flooding and should sea levels keep rising, the frequency and severity of flooding will likely increase. For example, the December 2018 high winds resulted in the erosion of shorelines, high waves and localized dyke breaches.
- The CFAS was developed through a bottom-up approach in consultation with stakeholders and residents to better understand community concerns. The City has built partnerships with numerous organizations and community groups that have provided in-kind support or cash donations. Notably, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has awarded Surrey \$450,000 in grant funding through the Municipalities for Climate Adaptation Program to support the CFAS, making Surrey the largest recipient of FCM climate change funding.
- Long-term flood management options have been shortlisted and staff will continue to work on detailed strategies, including long- and short-term options. Investment partners will be required in order to implement these approaches.
- The Federal Disaster Mitigation Adaptation Fund (FDMAF) is intended for large scale investments that comprehensively reduce risk exposure as well as increase infrastructure's ability to cope with natural disasters. As the intention of the FDMAF aligns with the City's vision for the CFAS, the City has submitted an expression of interest for funding in partnership with Delta, Semiahmoo First Nation and several private partners to develop a suite of programs that address the collective risk of coastal flooding. There are a number of shovel ready projects, as well as high priority projects with conceptual designs completed that, subject to funding, can move forward to detailed design.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**C. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by Councillor Guerra

Seconded by Councillor Patton

That the Council-in-Committee meeting be

adjourned.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:22 p.m.



Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk



Mayor Doug McCallum, Chairperson