

**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. **Parmvir Matharu, Facilitator, and Glenda Coelho, Stakeholder Engagement Support Worker  
British Columbia Centre on Substance Abuse**  
File: 0250-20

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the programs and workshops that are offered in Surrey by the British Columbia Centre on Substance Use and highlighted the following information:

- "Stronger Together" is a family capacity-building project that is being coordinated across the province. The goal of "Stronger Together" is to identify systemic gaps, barriers to accessing harm reduction and treatment services and strategies for supporting substance users and their families.
- It is estimated that there are 145 individuals affected when one person passes away from drug use yet the number of overdose-related deaths in BC is not being treated as a crisis.
- Surrey was selected as one of eight host communities for dialogue and learning sessions. The sessions identified issues related to substance use and the overdose crisis, such as healthcare, confidentiality and patient rights, "flop houses" and finances. In addition, it was found that increased distribution and use of naloxone kits, normalization of substance use conversations, social justice teachers in school programs, peer connections, mentorship and client-centred models are all examples of ideas and programs that are currently working well to address the overdose crisis.

**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 5:48 p.m.

  
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Jennifer Ficoelli, City Clerk

  
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Mayor Doug McCallum, Chairperson