

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
Acting General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Planning & Development
Deputy City Solicitor

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Karen Reid Sidhu, Chair, Surrey Library Board and Surinder Bhogal, Chief Librarian, Surrey Libraries**

File: 0250-20

Note: See Corporate Report 2019-R144 of the Regular Council – Public Hearing agenda.

The delegation provided a presentation outlining a nation-wide Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC) campaign to build support amongst governments for public libraries and the ability to access digital publications. The following information was highlighted:

- Surrey Public Library is a member of the CULC. The CULC is seeking support for municipalities to request the Federal government to develop a solution that increases access to digital publications and assists libraries in meeting the high costs for digital material across Canada.
- Surrey Public Library annually spends approximately \$2.5 million on library acquisitions for the City's nine libraries. There is a struggle to obtain digital materials due to cost pressures and strict licensing limitations. There are often limitations set on borrowing electronic copies, such as specified time periods or a certain number of downloads.
- Digital acquisition and borrowing restrictions impair the library's ability to provide important services in Surrey. Libraries provide essential tools for the participation in civic life, specifically for seniors, low-income families, youth, and new Canadians. Digital literacy program and services allow Surrey residents to participate in and contribute to the digital community.

2. **Patrick Klassen, Community Planning Manager and Andrew Dong, Community Planner, City of Surrey**
File: 0250-20

Note: See Corporate Report 2019-R147 of the Regular Council – Public Hearing agenda.

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Guildford Town Centre – 104 Avenue Corridor Plan and highlighted the following information:

- The study area for the Guildford - 104 Avenue Corridor Plan is home to approximately 24,000 diverse residents, including a large number of renters, immigrants and indigenous people. The area requires an updated plan to support Official Community Plan objectives and Regional Growth Strategy commitments.
- From the community consultation, the plan vision and six principles were developed. A revised draft plan was created and presented to the community in May 2019, with three main components that were generally supported: land use, transportation and parks and open space.
- The Plan highlights include a mixed-use Town Centre with a secondary node at 144 Street, density along 104 Avenue, additional school capacity due to two new school sites and the protection of affordable housing.

3. **Ray Kerr, Manager, Engineering Operations, City of Surrey**
File: 0250-20

Note: See Corporate Report 2019-R134 of the Regular Council – Public Hearing agenda.

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City's winter maintenance program and noted the following:

- The City won the American Public Works Association Excellence in Snow and Ice Control award for 2018. The award is open to all cities in North America and has only been won by two other Canadian cities. The award is not based on how much snow a city receives, but on how well a city meets the criteria in six categories: materials and handling, equipment, technical, training, community outreach and environmental.
- The information regarding snow and ice operations on the City's website has been simplified so that it is easier to navigate. Residents can view their street priority by entering their address into a snow plow route finder widget. The City's social media channels are also used for updates, tips and information regarding winter preparedness.
- Surrey has the most extensive Road Weather Information System (RWIS) in BC. A meteorologist was contracted to confirm that Surrey has seven micro-climates. This information was utilized to strategically install RWIS

equipment at 10 sites throughout the City in order to provide a better indication of the different conditions' areas may be experiencing. In addition, the City's 150 intersections cameras are used to gather and confirm information.

- All fleet vehicles have been provided with Automated Vehicle Locators (AVL) to efficiently address weather issues and provide route completion information. Information from the AVL is used to update the Surrey Plow Tracker website to help the City be transparent so residents can view what routes have and have not been addressed. In addition, the City has recently been using a GPS controlled salt spreader that automatically controls the spreaders settings based on its position. This allows for increased traffic safety, cost savings from optimal spreading and improved levels of service.

4. **Beverly Hobby and Dr. Martin Pall**

File: 0250-20

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation requesting that Surrey residents be provided with advance notice and an opportunity to be heard prior to the deployment of micro-cell 4G or 5G mobile telephone transmitters in their neighbourhoods. The following information was highlighted:

- 5G is designed to be highly pulsed in order to carry large amounts of information. The pulsations make electromagnetic fields (EMF) more biologically active and therefore it can be more dangerous. Effects of 5G can be produced both at the surface and deep levels of the body.
- Potential effects of EMF exposure include early onset Alzheimer's and dementia, cellular DNA damage, lowered fertility and neurological and neuropsychiatric impacts.

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 5:29 p.m.



 Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk



 Mayor Doug McCallum, Chairperson