

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
City Solicitor

A. DELEGATIONS

1. **Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Age Friendly Strategy Seniors**
City of Surrey
File: 0250-20

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Engaging with Surrey Seniors. The following information was highlighted:

- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a Seniors Engagement Task Force was created with the goal of engaging seniors and individuals with disabilities in their home so they can remain connected to programs and services. Seniors were engaged through telephone and email trees, an E-Newsletter, pre-recorded programs, an online survey, focus groups and virtual meetings.
- Surrey has applied for funding from Employment and Social Development Canada to develop two projects that break-down cultural biases and creates greater awareness, appreciation and acceptance of different cultures to make Surrey an intercultural and socially inclusive community for seniors.
 - Connecting Generations: creates opportunities for generations to engage in dialogue, explore differences and similarities between seniors and youths while building strong relationships. Seniors and youth connect online to discuss common themes, engage in meaningful conversations and better understand generational similarities and differences. The program is intended to reduce senior and youth isolation and increase social inclusion, diversity and multicultural perceptions.
 - Age-Friendly Pedestrian Routes: encourages Surrey seniors to be more mobile and engaged within their communities by promoting walking routes that are friendly for people with different abilities. This initiative will be piloted in Spring 2021.

- The following 2021- 2022 Strategic Initiatives have been developed to further seniors engagement:
 - 55+ online and telephone programs;
 - Seniors Inclusion through Technology;
 - Webinars;
 - Seniors Week campaign;
 - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day;
 - National Seniors Day;
 - Connecting Generations; and
 - The Age Friendly Pedestrian Route pilot implementation.

2. **Harry Janda, Contracts and Solid Waste Manager**
City of Surrey
File: 0250-20

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding programs and initiatives the City has implemented to reduce illegal dumping incidents and costs. The following information was highlighted:

- Illegal dumping is an issue throughout North America and occurs on City streets and parks, as well as private property. Preventing illegal dumping involves the City, private contractors and the public.
- In response to an increase in illegal dumping, which lead to increased clean-up costs, the City established a number of initiatives and proactive measures in 2015, including:
 - Streamlining illegal dumping cleanup operations;
 - Hosting Pop-Up Junk drop events;
 - Revamping and expanding the Large Item Pickup Program to increase items, expand categories and raise awareness;
 - Love Where You Live campaign;
 - Piloting surveillance camera techniques;
 - Introducing the Demolition and Recyclables Materials Bylaw; and
 - Blocking access points at frequent dumping locations.
- These initiatives have resulted in a decrease of large item dumps by 32% and single item dumps by 40%. To stay on-top of illegal dumping activities, a new Central Surrey Recycling and Waste Centre will be completed by the end of 2021 and further City-specific illegal dumping initiatives will be developed. In addition, staff continue to work with Metro Vancouver to develop a harmonized regional illegal dumping approach.

3. **Dan Kipper, Director, and Erin Gibson, Manager, Clinical Operations, Dr. Fernando Mejia Mulet, Medical Health Officer, and Angeza Mohammed, Project Leader, Fraser Health Authority**
File: 0250-20

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Health Contact Services which provides access to services across the continuum of public health and mental health services to people who use substances. The program. The following information was highlighted:

- Following a reduction in overdose deaths in 2019, there was an increase in deaths in 2020 of more than 1700 deaths, mostly due to reduced access to overdose services during the pandemic. The data for 2021 indicates that there will be a further 29% increase, if current trends continue. The increase in overdose deaths can also be attributed to increased toxicity of the street drug supply, especially extreme fentanyl concentrations. The combinations found in street drugs has reduced the efficacy of overdose medications such as naloxone.
- Fraser Health undertook a review in 2017, which indicated that there were more overdoses occurring within the South Asian community. With this information, Fraser Health has developed programs to target this community, such as translating overdose-related documents into South Asian languages.
- Fraser Health, in partnership with local governments and non-profit agencies, has developed comprehensive services to reduce overdose mortality and public use of drugs by increasing connections with health care resources and opportunities for drug users to contribute to the well being of the community. Fraser Health has also created Overdose Outreach Teams comprised of a nurse, social worker and peer support to offer targeted outreach and case finding for those at risk, as well as enhanced drug-checking access.
- Supervised consumption sites are facilities that have been exempted by Health Canada from the Controlled Drug and Substances Act and allow a supervised space for individuals to use illegal substances and provides an opportunity for intervention as needed. Supervised consumption sites reduce many risks associated with illegal drug use, increases referrals to supplemental services such as health care, housing and mental health support and studies have shown that they do not result in increased drug use, crime, violence or drug trafficking.

B. 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