

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. Christine Buttkus, Executive Director, and John Lawson, Board Chair
SurreyCares Community Foundation**

File: 0550-20-10

15 minutes

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation overview on the SurreyCares Community Foundation and its involvement in the community. The following information was highlighted:

- SurreyCares' mission is to inspire donors, grow endowments, invest in the people of Surrey and carry out collaborative work that benefits residents. SurreyCares has been focussing on investments and created a stabilization fund in 2018 to address times of economic instability, such as a recession or pandemic, to ensure that SurreyCares always has adequate funding to provide grants. During the COVID-19 pandemic, SurreyCares established a Fund Development Committee, launched a community cabinet, deepened diversity, equity and inclusion efforts and strengthened relationships.
- SurreyCares has shifted from focusing on a specific signature fund to a Smart and Caring Community Fund. Community funds are an important tool to address the emerging needs of a community. SurreyCares has previously developed funds for designated organizations, but is now growing to meet the needs of the community in a more flexible manner. SurreyCares creates endowments that create a legacy for the future with the help of an Investment Committee. Endowments can grow faster with the assistance of donors.
- SurreyCares is pleased to be part of the local Surrey economy. The funding brought into SurreyCares helps to support the local economy as well as internship and volunteer opportunities for youth.

2. **Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, and Ryan Gallagher, Heritage Administration and Facilities Manager**
City of Surrey

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20 minutes

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the City of Surrey's approach to diversity and inclusion, including anti-racism. The following information was highlighted:

- PRC provides programming and facilitates events to celebrate Surrey's diversity. A few examples include:
 - **Surrey Archives:** gathers information to provide a record of how Surrey became the diverse community it has become.
 - **Surrey Civic Theatre** in Bear Creek Park: two performance areas host over 120 live acts every year. Local, national and international performances are selected through the lens of diversity and inclusion and are intended to engage the community.
 - **Surrey Art Gallery:** a contemporary gallery that offers free access to international, national and local art. There are many programs offered at the Gallery that are intended to engage the community and focus on community building.
 - **Museum of Surrey:** the Museum's vision is to ignite young imaginations and connect with Surrey's diverse citizens and communities. The Museum includes an Indigenous Hall, Sustainability Hall and community curated exhibitions.
 - **Fusion Festival:** The City's flagship event, it is celebrating its 10th anniversary and hosted 55 pavilions reflect the City's diversity.
 - **Parades and events:** Surrey hosts and supports many large-scale events that reflect the diversity of the city. PRC administers permits to ensure that all events are delivered safely. Local parades allow different groups to showcase their culture.

- PRC maintains a high level of commitment to continually improving social equity, inclusion and accessibility. For example, the City offers economic support through the Leisure Access Program (LAP) to low-income families. The program is the most generous in the Lower Mainland and is continually being refined to better meet the needs of the community. In addition, the City offers many free recreation opportunities, such as access to outdoor pools and spray parks during the summer and rental subsidies for non-profit program providers.

- The City offers many youth engagement programs that provide opportunities to connect through volunteerism, engagement and leadership, as well as programming and support for the senior population, as outlined in the Age-Friendly Strategy.

- Surrey is a leader with respect to accessibility. The City works with the Rick Hansen Foundation to ensure that all members of the community can access City facilities and that programming is offered for all levels of ability. The City has also started to offer sensory friendly spaces at its live events, as well as two permanent spaces at Grandview Heights Recreation Centre and the Museum of Surrey.
- As part of its reconciliation work, all City events and festivals begin with a land acknowledgement. Staff work with the land-based nations on welcoming ceremonies, as well as support for National Indigenous People's Day celebrations. The City supports Indigenous culture through its public art program, as well as through two Indigenous Carving Centres that are currently being developed. In addition, the City acknowledges that systemic racism exists and is committed to eliminating it. An interdepartmental staff working group is developing specific initiatives to achieve this goal.
- The City of Surrey has been recognized as a top diverse employer and has commitments and policies that support human rights and a respectful workplace.

B. ADJOURNMENT

It was

adjourned.

Moved by Councillor Guerra
Seconded by Councillor Patton
That the Council-in-Committee meeting be

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Mayor Doug McCallum, Chairperson