
Present:

Chairperson – Mayor McCallum
Councillor Annis
Councillor Elford
Councillor Guerra
Councillor Hundial
Councillor Locke
Councillor Nagra
Councillor Patton

Absent:

Councillor Pettigrew

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. Remi Dube, Manager, Building Division
City of Surrey**

Note: See Corporate Report Rou on the Regular Council – Public Hearing agenda.

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding unpermitted and illegal construction strategy. The following information was highlighted:

- Unpermitted and illegal construction is increasing throughout the Lower Mainland due to rising construction costs, availability of real estate and income from secondary suites. Unpermitted and illegal construction can have multiple potential impacts on homeowners, including poor workmanship and faulty construction, insurers refusing to pay claims, future sale of home and risks to life and safety of occupants and adjacent properties.
 - The current response to unpermitted and illegal construction is insufficient to deter or reduce the problem. Key challenges include balancing complaints and investigation while still providing proper service to those who follow proper permitting practices, updating zoning and building enforcement bylaws and lack of education and public awareness.
 - An Advisory Team with representation from Bylaw Services, Legal Services, Information Technology and Building Divisions convened to review and make recommendations on the best course of action to reduce unpermitted and illegal construction. The proposed actions include:
 - Bylaw amendments: increasing existing bylaw fees and creating new bylaws and administration fees.
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- Creation of a public education and awareness campaign: updating materials on the City's website for permitting and reporting potential violations.
- Creation of an "Unpermitted and Illegal Construction Enforcement Team": creating a dedicated cross-departmental team that will address Stop Work Orders at priority properties, facilitate complaints and responses, streamline illegal construction charge process, improve education tools, bylaws and information, and continuously monitor performance and implement improvements.
- Creation of a Building Adjudication Process: The adjudication process will be expanded to include building disputes with a monthly review of ticket disputes by a Provincially-appointed judge.

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and illegal construction strategy be received

Moved by Councillor Guerra
Seconded by Councillor Patton
That the presentation regarding unpermitted
for information.
Carried

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 5:28 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Mayor Doug McCallum, Chairperson