

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
Acting General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Pamela Zevit, Biodiversity Conservation Planner
City of Surrey
File: 0550-20-10**

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation with an update regarding the Biodiversity Design Guidelines (BDG) and highlighted the following information:

- The BDG are part of a progression in nature-based approaches in Surrey that demonstrate the City's commitment to biodiversity. The Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (BCS) was implemented in 2014 to identify biodiversity within the City and develop a management strategy to maintain it. The BDG were completed in 2021 to support the implementation of the BCS by integrating biodiversity-based design approaches and best practices that are Surrey-specific and consider the City's environmental, social and political context. The BDG also consider regional connectivity that influence the long-term status of the City's Green Infrastructure Network (GIN) and other natural assets shared with neighbouring cities.
- The BDG are organized into eight modules: habitat structure, light noise, road ecology, drainage, green roofs and walls, maintained landscapes, trails, and signage. Each module includes design actions with BCS linkages and co-benefits and design, maintenance and monitoring information. The BDG are intended for use across the City's landscape, with an initial focus on City lands. Projects that have been identified for application of the BDG include Edgewood Park, Bear Creek Athletics Centre and Nicomekl Riverfront Park.

- It is anticipated that the BDG will be transformed into an interactive online tool for staff and the public. An example of an interactive online tool is London's Rewild My Street program that provides design-led guidance for residents who want to adapt their homes, gardens and streets to encourage wildlife.

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 5:29 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Mayor Doug McCallum, Chairperson