

Present:

Chairperson - Mayor Locke
Councillor Annis
Councillor Bains
Councillor Bose
Councillor Elford
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Kooner
Councillor Nagra
Councillor Stutt

Absent:**Staff Present:**

Acting City Manager
Deputy City Clerk
General Manager, Community Services
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Planning & Development
Manager, Area Planning & Development, North Division
Manager, Area Planning & Development, South Division
Land Development Engineer

A. DELEGATION**1. Joy Johnston, President and Vice-Chancellor, Joanne Curry, Vice President, External Relations, Simon Fraser University**

The delegation provided an update on the growing importance of Surrey to Simon Fraser University (SFU), SFU's role in talent creation for the economy, building awareness of the new medical school and highlighted the following information:

- 20 years ago SFU Surrey campus started with a few hundred students and now the campus has grown to over 600,000 square feet of specialized classrooms, lecture theatres and community spaces. Today, SFU Surrey campus has 7,000 students studying in more than 30 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, as well as continuing education and professional study courses. SFU's vision includes a strong research presence in Surrey, with \$75 million in awarded funding to SFU Surrey researchers from 2018 to present day.
- Surrey Schools is SFU's largest feeder district for all three campuses since 2013, with one in four SFU students from Surrey Schools. SFU continues to work with partners to improve transit, including the rapid bus expansion in Surrey and the gondola in Burnaby. SFU is also very interested in building new student housing in Surrey and would appreciate the City's help in identifying potential sites and partnerships within the area.
- SFU will soon open a new medical school which will focus on primary care and family practice physicians for underserved populations. SFU's core partners include Fraser Health and the First Nations Health Authority. First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives will be embedded in the new medical program. Once approved by the Province, SFU will look to the City for support to expedite the construction process for the new medical school building. It is anticipated that enrollment will commence in a temporary building in 2026 with the permanent space completed in 2028-2029.

B. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Kooner

Seconded by Councillor Stutt

That the Council-in-Committee meeting be

adjourned.

Carried

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

Stephanie Nichols, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Brenda Locke, Chairperson