

**Present:**

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

**Absent:****Staff Present:**

City Manager  
Deputy City Clerk  
General Manager, Community Services  
General Manager, Engineering  
Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
General Manager, Planning & Development  
City Solicitor  
Manager, Area Planning & Development, North Division  
Manager, Area Planning & Development, South Division  
Land Development Engineer

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**A. DELEGATIONS****1. Steve Atkinson, CEO, Pacific Community Resources Society and  
Jen Lowrey, Director Foundry Surrey**

The delegation provided a presentation regarding services offered at Foundry Surrey and highlighted the following information:

- Since 1984, Pacific Community Resources Society (PCRS) is a multi service organization providing services across the Lower Mainland and is the lead agency to support bringing Foundry to Surrey. Surrey Foundry is a core community led initiative to provide substance use and mental health service to young people aged 12 to 24. One in four youth are affected by mental illness and problematic substance use with 12 to 24 year olds who represent the highest incidence of mental disorders and addictions in any age group. Less than 50% of youth with mental illness and substance receive services to support their needs. Foundry provides five core health and wellness services integrated into one place to meet youth needs and eliminate barriers to services offered in a culturally safe location closer to transit and provide the youth a sense of belonging.
- An executive leadership table called the Barrier Busters, who represents the community of Surrey, meets biannually. The concept of the Barrier Busters is to have Foundry change how young people access services and how they get their mental health and substance use needs met. Foundry also has a community leadership table with over 53 members from the community of Surrey to collaborate and help support the organization.
- The Foundry secured a new 18,000 square foot location across the Surrey Central Skytrain station. They have been working on the site development, operational development process and a capital campaign to continue to build a network of community stakeholders to ensure they can meet the growing needs of the community.

2. **Mark Harding, Suzanne Smith, Rashpal Lovelace, Jennifer Maki, Sheila Vataiki and Scott Kristjanson**  
**Clean Air Alliance**

The delegation provided a presentation regarding opposition to the proposed site of a Biofuel plant on the Semiahmoo First Nation land reserve and highlighted the following information:

- In 2018, Andion approached the Semiahmoo First Nation to build a biofuel plant on their reserve land. The Federal Government of Canada has committed \$14.4 million to support this project and is undertaking an Impact Assessment Act (IAA) review which is under way. Many Semiahmoo First Nations first learned about this plan proposal in June 2023. The wider community became aware when Andion published a notice of application in the Peace Arch News on September 21st.
- Clean Air Alliance was formed to oppose the building of the facility in a residential and environmentally sensitive area. In just two months, more than 8,500 White Rock and South Surry residents have signed a petition opposing the plant and 500 people showed up at the Peace Arch Rally. Air quality permit states the plant will admit approximately 40 tonnes of toxins annually. If the plant is approved, there will be impact to thousands of residents and seniors with existing health challenges who reside within the area.
- Clean Air Alliance request Council to support the opposition of building the biofuel plant as follows:
  - To request Council, who is part of the Metro Vancouver Board, to speak to their municipal, provincial and federal government counterparts about the legitimate health concerns Clean Air Alliance has raised.
  - To request Council to have communication with Kathy Preston, the decision maker, and impose a one-year delay to the permit approval process.

3. **Princess Margaret Secondary School Team for the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge (HERC)**

The delegation provided a presentation regarding the Team's acceptance into the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge and funding for their upcoming trip to Huntsville, Alabama and highlighted the following information:

- The Leocraft Design Team consists of ten Grade 11 and Grade 12 students from Princess Margaret Secondary who are participating in the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge. Their journey began in the final weeks of September where they were required to have a teacher sponsor and submit a 10 page proposal outlining a robust concept. The team submitted their proposal in the second week of October and was selected from NASA as one out of 72 international high school, college and university teams. They are the only team to be selected from Canada in the 2024 challenge year and the second Canadian high school team to be selected in NASA's 30 year history of running a rover design competition.

- The NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge is an activity that engages students in producing a hands-on engineering rover design for future NASA human exploration missions. The students must design, develop, construct, and test technologies that best fit rover navigation on unique and environmental terrain all while adhering tight restrictions. Their objective is to overcome ten obstacles and perform five special task stool errands in the total span of eight minutes at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Centre in Huntsville, Alabama. The rover has a two-part folding design to meet the designer requirements and there will be two drivers, one male and one female, as per NASA requirements. The obstacles consist of challenges including undulating terrain which is a set of several gradual ingress and egress slopes varying from six inches to twelve inches in height.
- As a team their goal is to raise \$50,000 to make this challenge a reality and request \$15,000 from the City of Surrey. The funding will be utilized to complete the construction and transportation of the rover from Surrey to Alabama.

**B. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by Councillor Bose

Seconded by Councillor Kooner

That the Council-in-Committee meeting be

adjourned.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Stephanie Nichols, Deputy City Clerk

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Mayor Brenda Locke, Chairperson