

Police Committee Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2013
Time: 1:05 pm
File: 0540-20

Chair:

Councillor Rasode

Present:

Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Martin
Councillor Steele
Councillor Hayne
Mayor Watts

Absent:

Councillor Gill
Councillor Hunt

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
Superintendent, OIC Surrey RCMP
Assistant City Solicitor

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by: Councillor Martin
Seconded by: Councillor Steele
That the minutes of the April 10, 2013 Police

Committee be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION**C. OTHER BUSINESS****1. MOTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN A CLOSED SESSION**

It is in order for Police Committee members to pass a resolution to closed the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1)(f) of the *Community Charter*. "

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1)(f) of the *Community Charter*, which states:

"A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose."

Carried

D. COUNCIL REFERRED ITEMS

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. The City Manager reviewed the Memorandum from the Crime Reduction Strategy Manager entitled "Information about Doda and Afeem".

Doda or Efeem are illegal opiate based substances which are made from a poppy plant which is being sold through paan (snack) shops along with illegal tobacco, prescription medications and other products. There are currently 6 shops operating in Surrey.

The use of doda and afeem has been prevalent in South Asian countries for decades. It is ingested as tea or a snack made with nuts, herbs and various spices and rolled in a betel leaf. Doda is predominately used by older South Asian men and is often steeped in tea. The younger men's tendency is toward afeem, predominately in the blue collar professions such as taxi or truck drivers and construction workers.

Both substances are highly addictive and have many side-effects and users display withdrawal symptoms as soon as 6 to 8 hours after ingestion with the worst symptoms occurring in 2 to 3 days after use.

The Surrey RCMP identified the issue a year ago and teamed up with the Provincial Tobacco Enforcement Team to address the issue. More recently, a broader based partnership has been established and includes the Surrey RCMP, City Departments, the Provincial Tobacco Enforcement Unit and Canada Revenue Agency. This group is working on other enforcement strategies such as business license revocation. They have also instigated an Educational brochure and fact sheet which is being distributed and is currently being translated into Punjabi. An educational/marketing plan has been developed to launch this fall to conduct specific outreach to South Asian-serving agencies.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Hayne


Seconded by Councillor Hunt

That the Police Committee meeting do now

adjourn.

Carried

The Police Committee adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Councillor Rasode, Chairperson