

Present:

Chair, Councillor Villeneuve
J. Calbick
D. Chattha
S. Dooley
J. Liu (YR)
E. Milavic
J. Parmar
J. Sturge
K. Thiara
D. Toor

Absent:

L. Coyle
K. Dhese (YR)
L. Rhead
M. Shaw

Staff Present:

A. Murphy, Senior Social Planner
K. Baglo, Planning Technician
O. Shcherbyna, Surrey LIP Coordinator
J. Gallinger, Legislative Services

Guests

Joanna Ashworth,
Simon Fraser University (SFU)

Also Present:**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Social Policy Advisory Committee Minutes of May 14, 2014 to be approved

It was

Moved by E. Milavic

Seconded by D. Toor

That the Social Policy Advisory

Committee minutes of May 14, 2014 be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. **My Neighbourhood, My Future Initiative**
File No. 5080-01

Joanna Ashworth, Simon Fraser University (SFU) before the Committee presenting on the My Neighbourhood, My Future (MNMF) Initiative. The following comments were made:

- My Neighbourhood, My Future (MNMF) is a place-based project focusing on children age 0-6 in the Guildford West area of Surrey.
- The project is funded by the United Way.
- The project is a 5 year investment at the neighbourhood scale.
- Guildford West has the following characteristics:
 - Guildford West is a fast growing community;
 - Children are approximately 12% of the population;
 - 34% of the children are living in low-income households based on Statistics Canada 2006 data; and

- 41-46% of the children aged 0-6 are considered socially, emotionally and cognitively vulnerable (UBC Human Early Learning Partnership, 2013 data).
- Through collaborative action, the project will impact the conditions that allow children to thrive, families to feel supported and neighbourhood residents to feel that Guildford West is a good place to live.
- Phase 1 of MNMF runs from April to September 2014 with the goal of: identifying issues and opportunities in the community; and designing a 5-year plan for the project.
- The project is a place-based initiative, working on the ground to be responsive to local priorities
- Place-based planning includes:
 - Promotion of local connectedness (social capital and resilience);
 - Connections with local organizations/clusters/networks;
 - Foster local ownership;
 - Be responsive to community priorities;
 - Establish meaningful engagement with local residents;
 - Define clear roles for community; and
 - Facilitate coordination and integration of services and identify the potential in the space between MNMF, partners' plans and activities.
- Activities and participation include:
 - Research and data collection and integration;
 - Stakeholder identification;
 - Establishing a Local Residents Advisory Committee;
 - Key informant interviews;
 - "Family Connections" sessions;
 - Community assets (tangible and intangible) inventory;
 - "Person on the Street" interviews;
 - "Community Dialogue" (connecting communities within community) and
 - Informal "hang-outs" in public parks, events and festivals.
- Collaboration will be through community partnerships.
- A community dialogue will be held next Thursday, July 17, 2014.

The Committee made the following comments:

- It was noted that a successful neighbourhood revitalization project was conducted in Bridgeview approximately 10 years ago.
- It was suggested that the project consider the urban Aboriginal population in West Guildford. Transportation and access to other parts of the City should also be considered.

- In response to the question of a completion date the delegation responded that SFU will have a draft report ready for the project's Executive Committee at the end of August.
 - The delegation agreed to return to the Committee in the fall with a report on the findings prior to appearing before Surrey City Council.
2. **Delegation Request** - Sam Pothier to present on the U-Count project that consulted with former youth in care aged 19 to 24 years on their experience of transitioning out of government care.
- The delegation is a follow up to the interest of the SPAC in foster children aging out of care.

It was

Moved by E. Milavic

Seconded by J. Calbick

That Sam Pothier will be invited to

present on the U-Count project at the September 3, 2014 Social Policy Advisory Committee.

Carried

3. **Delegation Request** - Natalie Wood-Wiens, SFU Surrey, to present on the Aboriginal Bridging Program.

It was

Moved by J. Parmar

Seconded by D. Toor

That Natalie Wood-Wiens of SFU,

will be invited to present on the Aboriginal Bridging Program at the September 3, 2014 Social Policy Advisory Committee.

Carried

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. **Doors Open** – Update

The Planning Technician made the following comments:

- Surrey Doors Open took place on June 21, 2014 in City Centre, Newton, Cloverdale and Bear Creek Park.
- 48 venues participated in this year's event.
- This year, there were 72 volunteers – together contributing 400 volunteer hours. A total of 13,000 people visited Doors Open venues.
- Popular sites included Surrey Museum, Legion, Guru Nanak Temple, City Hall and the Newton Rec centre.

The Committee suggested that a concentrated marketing campaign that highlights the different town centres should be used for Doors Open 2015.

2. **Heart in the City Award** – Update

File No. 0290-20

To be dealt with in the Closed Committee meeting following the regular meeting.

3. Alliance of Service Clubs

The Planning Technician reported that:

- The web page is now ready. To date, five clubs have submitted information. The website will be emailed to SPAC members once it is launched.
- It is expected that the website will be launched in the summer. A corporate report and media release will accompany the launch of the website.
- A Seeing is Believing Tour is scheduled for October 2014. The half-day tour will allow interested service club members to learn firsthand about poverty in Surrey from people living in poverty.
- Committee members noted that confidentiality of those living in poverty should be considered in planning the tour.
- It was suggested that the tour could later be expanded to include members of Surrey's business community.
- The City will provide the service club with an update explaining the progress made since the last meeting with the clubs. The update will include information on the Seeing is Believing tour and the service club website.

4. Refugee Transportation Loan Petition

- The Planning Technician reported that there are currently 600 signatures on the petition.
- The loan issue is complicated and requires people to be educated about the issue.
- Obtaining the petition signatures is a slow process.
- The Committee was reminded that a PowerPoint presentation and speaking notes are available for SPAC members. Each Committee member might consider connecting with two groups.
- It was suggested that the SPAC could contact with MPs to find out about the process of bringing the petition to the House.

5. Termination of ESL Funding

- In follow-up to his presentation to the Committee on May 14, 2014, Don Reddick, Kwantlen Instructor, forwarded a memo on the termination of funding for ESL classes in post-secondary institutions.
- It was noted that Citizenship and Immigration Canada will not be funding ESL classes in post-secondary institutions; ESL will only be offered through non-profits organizations.

The Committee made the following comments:

- It was noted that the Province is providing post-secondary institutions with one year of transition funding. Kwantlen has asked for clarification as to whether ESL can be provided on a fee for service basis.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Surrey Local Immigration Partnership (LIP)** – Olga Shcherbyna, LIP Coordinator provided a presentation on the LIP and made the following comments:
 - LIPs are community-level multi-stakeholder groups that bring together local leaders to improve immigrant settlement and integration outcomes.
 - All LIPs are governed by LIP Councils which represent different sectors.
 - Increased engagement, community support and improved coordination are the three main goals of LIPs.
 - Canadian newcomers face significant challenges in settlement and integration processes which are complex and cannot be resolved by silo agencies or funders. Multi-stakeholder collaborations are better positioned to understand the complex scope of integration problems and to develop solutions that will bring about systemic change.
 - There are over 40 LIPs set up in other provinces with the majority in Ontario. In March 2014, Citizenship & Immigration Canada signed 2-year contracts with 18 communities in British Columbia to set up LIPs. In the Metro Vancouver region the City of Surrey and City of Vancouver are the only municipal governments that are contract holders; elsewhere in the region non-profit organizations are the contract holders.
 - Work to be completed includes:
 - establishing a partnership council;
 - conducting research and consultations; and
 - developing a local immigrant strategic plan and action plan, and a refugee strategic plan.

The Committee made the following comments:

- It was noted that as much as possible, the LIP program should build upon the work completed by the Welcoming Communities Project.
- The Social Planner noted that an informal group has been formed that brings together the LIP contract holders in Metro Vancouver to discuss the transition from the provincial Welcoming Communities program to the federal LIP program.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

There were no items referred by Council.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to receive.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no informational items to present.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **2014 SPAC Fun Schedule – The Committee** reviewed the schedule and agenda for the September meeting.

The updated 2014 SPAC Fund schedule was received by the Committee.

2. **Committee Member Updates**

- D. Chattha reported that Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) will be developing a multicultural long-term care facility in Cloverdale for 150 seniors.
- D. Toor updated the Committee on a series of articles in the Vancouver Sun on non-profit organizations/services in the downtown eastside. He suggested that the SPAC could play a role in examining the duplication/gaps in the provision of social services in Surrey
- The Chair noted that a thorough analysis of social services in Surrey would be a major undertaking. She recommended that the Committee focus on what is within its scope. If Committee members know about gaps, they can bring the issue to this table. The SPAC can play a strong advocacy role in ensuring that Surrey residents have access to services.

3. **Closed Meeting**

It is in order for the Social Policy Advisory Committee members to pass a resolution to close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1)(d) and 90 (1)(j) 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:

- (d) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity.
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*."

It was

Moved by D. Chattha

Seconded by S. Dooley

That the Committee close the

meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1) (d) and (e) and 90 (2)(b) of the *Community Charter*.

Carried

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Social Policy Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2014

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by K. Thiara


Seconded by D. Toor

That the Social Policy Advisory Committee

meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Social Policy Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:55 pm.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Chairperson, Councillor J. Villeneuve
Social Policy Advisory Committee