
Present:

Chair, Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor LeFranc
A. Begalka
A. Keitlah
D. Jimeno
K. Thiara
M. Bains
M. Dhillon
S. Dooley
W. Al-Jabiri
Y. Guo

Absent:

C. Mohr
M. Shaw
M. Tutt (Youth Representative)

Staff Present:

A. Murphy, Senior Social Planner
K. Patten, Associate Planner
L. Luaifofo, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Social Policy Advisory Committee Minutes of July 5, 2017 to be adopted.

It was

Moved by K. Thiara

Seconded by A. Begalka

That the Social Policy Advisory Committee Minutes

of July 5, 2017, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. **C2U Expo 2017: Community Jam Event**

Stephen Dooley and Nav Chima, Simon Fraser University (SFU) Surrey, provided an update on the C2U Expo Community Jam event held in Surrey on May 1 and 2, 2017.

- Stephen Dooley, Co-Chair, C2U Expo noted that the intent of the C2U Expo conference was to showcase and promote the development of community-campus partnerships in addressing social, environmental and community issues. The conference was hosted by SFU. The C2U Expo Community Jam was held at SFU Surrey on May 1-2, 2017; and the C2U Expo "Walk the Talk" conference was held in Vancouver on May 3-5, 2017.
- Highlights of the Community Jam event included:
 - Opening Ceremony – The Opening Ceremony of the Community Jam included an Aboriginal blessing and the honouring (blanketing) of three Indigenous youth leaders. The welcome ceremony was a transformative experience for the attendees.
 - Open Space – Open Space sessions provided a chance for delegations/existing community partnerships to share stories and receive feedback on the issues/challenges they were tackling.

- Ambassadors Program – C2UExpo worked with non-profit organizations to recruit ambassadors or workers for the conference. The ambassadors were all people that experience some type of employment barrier.
 - Community Journeys – Community journeys were site visits that focused on a specific theme. For example, one community journey focused on homelessness. It included a walk along 135A Street and a visit to the Surrey Business Improvement Association (BIA).
- The model of the conference was cutting edge – it was an “un-conference”.
 - Attendees were 50% from the community and 50% academics and students.

1. Delegation Request

The Committee approved the delegation request from Amanee Elchehimi, Pacific Community Resources Society (PCRS), to present on the Pathways to Education program at the November SPAC meeting.

The agenda was varied.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Surrey Poverty Reduction Coalition (SPRC) – Update

a) Low Income Transit Fares Dialogue – May, 2017

File: 0250-20

- Staff noted that transportation is one of the 4 priorities of the Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan. TransLink is currently undertaking a fare review process. Translink staff agreed to participate in a workshop on transit fares for low income people that was organized by the Surrey Poverty Reduction Coalition and the City of Surrey (Social Planning & Engineering) in May 2017.

b) Connecting Community to Surrey Youth Leaving Care: VIBE Youth Retreat

- The Connecting Community to Surrey Youth Leaving Care is a project of the Surrey Poverty Reduction Coalition. VIBE is a youth leadership group that has been created as part of the project; it is composed of young people in/from government care. Staff advised that VIBE is planning a weekend retreat for youth aging out of care in Surrey in mid-October. The intent of the retreat is to help identify priorities for action. The venue for the event is to be confirmed.

2. Surrey Urban Indigenous Leadership Committee – Update

- Staff advised that the Orange Shirt Day ceremony will take place on September 26, 2017 at 12:00 to 12:30 pm at City Hall.
- It was noted that the “Walk for Reconciliation” in Vancouver is on September 24. This event will feature musical performances, cultural demonstrations and educational exhibits, food trucks and more.

3. Surrey Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) – Update

- a) Staff noted that S.U.C.C.E.S.S is hosting a dialogue in September at the Surrey Library titled, “All Our Neighbours: Surrey”. This forum is about exploring meaningful connections with our neighbours and discussing the impact of immigration on neighbourhoods. It was further noted that registration is required to attend the session.
- b) Newcomer Employment Week – October 21-27, 2017. The Surrey LIP is coordinating a Newcomer Employment Week. During the week, various agencies, businesses and groups in Surrey will host different events related to newcomer employment. Information will be sent out as it emerges.

It was further noted that a campaign will be launched called “Tell Your Story” where Surrey employers can share stories of hiring newcomers and newcomers can share their stories of seeking/securing employment. There is a call out for organizations to get involved.

4. Surrey City Awards: October 25, 2017.

5. **Social Innovation Summit** – November 15, 2017. The keynote speaker has been confirmed (Doug Saunders, author and Globe & Mail journalist) and the SPAC will receive “save the date” invitations.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**1. SPAC Planning Session Part II – Developing a work plan for 2017-2018**

- As a follow-up to the SPAC July planning session, staff divided the feedback received into various themes to be used as a starting point in developing a 2017-2018 work plan for SPAC. Themes included:
 - Social innovation;
 - Affordable housing;
 - Immigrant and refugees;
 - Social Planning in Surrey;
 - Community connections; and
 - SPAC member profiles.
- SPAC members discussed possible actions that the SPAC could undertake related to each theme. These will be reviewed and finalized at the November meeting.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**F. CORRESPONDENCE****G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

H. OTHER BUSINESS**1. Committee Member Updates**

- Yvette Guo provided some general information about the “Core Information Program.” This program eliminates language and culture barriers by providing information to witnesses or parties involved in a civil suit. The information is provided in the following languages: English, Mandarin, French, Spanish, Hindi and Punjabi. This program is helpful for people who are not familiar with the court system.
- Councillor LeFranc noted that the Community Leaders Igniting Change course has space in the September intake. The deadline to sign up is September 15.
- Upcoming dates to note:
 - Oral cancer screening event – Sunday, September 24 in South Surrey at the Pacific Oral Health Centre.
 - Guiding Youth Home Gala event (Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association) – November 18

2. 2017 SPAC Fun Schedule – Review of agenda for November meeting

- Pathways to Education delegation
- Fraser Health re: Opioid Crisis

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Social Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **November 1, 2017** in 1E Committee Room B.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by K. Thiara


Seconded by A. Begalka

That the Social Policy Advisory Committee meeting

do now adjourn.

Carried

The Social Policy Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:00 pm.


Jane Sullivan, City Clerk


Chairperson, Councillor Villeneuve
Social Policy Advisory Committee