

Present:

Councillor Villeneuve, Chairperson
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hayne
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Steele

Absent:

Mayor Watts

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
Acting General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance & Technology
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Human Resources

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Craig East, Director of Board Voice Society of BC and Director of Options
Community Services Society**

File: 4710-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council as a delegation to present on the Social Policy Framework of British Columbia.

The following comments were made:

- The delegation was accompanied by Anita Huberman of the Surrey Board of Trade (SBOT) who advised that the SBOT supports the Board Voice resolution calling on the BC Government to begin consultation to design a social policy framework.
- By Grade Four, 30% of BC students aren't reading at the expected level and 32% are falling short in math. Thirty percent of children starting kindergarten aren't ready to learn. The best way to help our kids is to help support at risk families with infants and toddlers; to address family poverty and increase access to quality childcare.
- The delegation then gave a brief overview on Board Voice, a society that focuses on advocacy for social policy, and is made up of 77 community based organizations around the Province.
- Board Voice is seeking Council's support of their resolution going to UBCM in October.
- In 2013, Alberta passed the Alberta Social Policy Framework, the principles of which are for their citizens to feel safe, healthy, and secure; to have a commitment to learning; to be active and engaged; and to feel welcome in the communities where they live. These are the same principles behind the City of Surrey initiatives.

- One of the most important initiatives is to eliminate child poverty within five years. Overall, we want our communities to be stronger; new Canadians to feel welcome; and our children to be safer, and come to school fed and ready to learn.
- Board Voice will be meeting with the Burnaby Chamber of Commerce as well as with the Vancouver Board of Trade.

Council advised that the Social Policy Advisory Committee received this presentation and unanimously supported it.

2. Martin Rooney, Gay Lesbian Bi-Sexual Transgender (GLBT) Alliance
File: 4870-01; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council as a delegation to discuss the 15th Annual Pride Celebrations.

The following comments were made:

- The delegation is requesting three things:
 1. That the City of Surrey (CoS) set aside Federal flag protocol and fly the Pride flag at City Hall;
 2. That City Hall host a display from June 27 to July 7 in the Foyer exhibit area at City Hall which would include the flag and literature on the history of the GLBT in Surrey.
 3. That the City of Surrey co-sponsor Pride Festival.

Upon an inquiry from Council, the City Manager noted that the next Council meeting is June 23, and his office will discuss the display with the delegation.

Council pointed out that, aside from the Olympic flag being flown in 2010, only Government flags are flown at City Hall. The City Manager advised that potential locations would be explored inside City Hall to accommodate the Pride flag or banners.

Council also asked staff to look at what other regions and cities have done in terms of flag protocol.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Hepner

Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Villeneuve, Acting Mayor