

CORPORATE REPORT

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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: February 24, 2010

FROM: Deputy City Manager FILE: 0510-20

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Surrey and Kwantlen

Polytechnic University (Surrey Campus)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

- 1. Receive this report as information; and
- 2. Authorize the Mayor to sign, on behalf of the City of Surrey, the Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") with Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) that is attached as Appendix "A" to this report.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to inform Council about an MOU between the City of Surrey and KPU that has been drafted and to seek Council authorization for the Mayor to sign the MOU on behalf of the City.

BACKGROUND

The City is home to two KPU campuses (the main campus in Newton and the Trades campus in Cloverdale) and is interested in working with KPU in ensuring the success of the University and in leveraging the programs and services provided by KPU in continuing to build a great city.

The City of Surrey and KPU have common goals aimed at enriching the development of a vibrant City. The draft MOU is intended to focus both parties on working together in developing plans and formulating strategies to achieve these goals.

DISCUSSION

To formally recognize the mutual benefits of working together, City staff and senior officials of KPU have drafted the MOU that is attached as Appendix A to this report. The MOU articulates the common goals of the parties (Part 1) and charts a course of work for the parties over the next 24 months to achieve the goals (Part 2).

In addition to articulating the goals and charting a course of work for the next 24 months, the MOU also documents an intended strategy for communications between the City and KPU (Part 3) as the work contemplated by the MOU is undertaken. As a minimum, an annual report will be forwarded to City Council and to KPU's senior executive and formal presentations will be made on a semi-annual basis to the City's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. The report and presentations will provide an opportunity to review priorities and issues, assess the success of joint strategies and discuss partnership opportunities. Additional reports and communications will be provided on an "as needed" basis.

This MOU with KPU is similar in form to the MOU that the City has executed with SFU Surrey. The draft MOU was considered and endorsed by the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee at its meeting on January 11, 2010. The Committee recommended that it be forwarded to Council for approval.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed MOU supports the following Charter Scope Actions:

- EC17: Educating the Work Force, which speaks to promoting local career training opportunities and working with the City's universities to develop them as world class institutions with a variety of programs that serve the future of the region and City, and build on the City's strengths;
- SC15: *Literacy, Education and Training*, which notes that the City will champion the expansion of KPU's Surrey campus in programs and research areas critical to Surrey's socio-cultural, economic and environmental development; and
- SC6: *Accessible and Appropriately Located Services*, which speaks to promoting additional opportunities for post-secondary education within Surrey.

The MOU's goal of establishing the City and KPU as leaders in sustainability policy and practice will facilitate implementation of the Charter and sustainability more broadly within the community, while the specific elements focusing on health sciences and joint amenities and facilities are also supportive of the Charter objectives.

CONCLUSION

There are significant benefits to both the City and KPU, in working together toward the achievement of goals related to the future of KPU and of the City. Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that City Council authorize the Mayor to sign, on behalf of the City of Surrey, the Memorandum of Understanding with KPU that is attached as Appendix "A" to this report.

Dan Bottrill Deputy City Manager

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Attachment – Appendix "A"

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SURREY AND KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

- 1. The City of Surrey (the "City") and Kwantlen Polytechnic University ("KPU"), together referenced as "the Partners", have some common goals aimed at fostering the growth and development of a rich and vibrant City. These include:
 - 1.1. The expansion and development of the Surrey campus of KPU in support of a well educated Surrey workforce to enhance opportunities for business development in Surrey; and
 - 1.2. The joint development and use of amenities and facilities that will enhance the quality of life of both KPU students and the City residents.
- 2. In support of the above goals, the Partners will work together over the next twenty four months (progress to be reviewed after the first twelve months with amendments as necessary) to accomplish the following:
 - 2.1 Develop a plan for a new Health Science Centre enabling further expansion of associated education programs including the potential for a new nursing school. Other partners in this initiative could include Simon Fraser University and Fraser Health Authority. In support of this objective, the Partners will meet with all parties to develop the strategy including a communication plan for the provincial and federal governments regarding the importance to Surrey and the South Fraser Region of additional undergraduate and graduate programs in Science and Health Sciences:
 - 2.2 Establish a Business Incubator Area to foster new and innovative businesses with some linked to the commercialization of ideas emanating from KPU and SFU. Surrey KPU land holdings on the Trades and Technology Campus is one potential location. Other partners in this initiative could include Simon Fraser University, federal and provincial government agencies, and private sector companies. The Business Incubator Area would support start-up or early-stage businesses as a foundation of a more vibrant business community in Surrey with more knowledge-based jobs;
 - 2.3 Expedite the further expansion of the Cloverdale, Surrey KPU campus to facilitate the introduction of an Architecture/Engineering School. In support of this objective, the Partners will liaise with other potential industrial / business partners and develop a communication plan for the provincial and federal government regarding the importance of additional undergraduate and graduate programs in Architecture and Engineering;
 - 2.4 To further KPU student athletics and additional recreation opportunities for the City's residents, install an artificial turf field at Newton Athletic Park. To this end, the Partners will negotiate an agreement in relation to the construction and operation of such a field and will complete construction of the field;
 - 2.5 Explore other opportunities for the joint development and use of recreation and library facilities and for the support of athletics and recreation;
 - 2.6 Develop and support community-based initiatives that address economic, social, and cultural issues with a view to establishing both the City and Kwantlen Polytechnic University as leaders in sustainability policy and practice; and

- 2.7 Develop initiatives targeted at retaining and growing Surrey businesses and attracting new businesses to Surrey and the South Fraser region, such as participating in trade missions to the Asia-Pacific sponsored by the provincial and federal governments with other business leaders from Surrey.
- To ensure on-going communication and the sharing of plans and activities, the Partners agree to the following:
 - 3.1 The General Manager, Investment and Intergovernmental Relations for the City of Surrey and the Executive Director, External Relations for Kwantlen Polytechnic University will provide an annual report of activities and accomplishments to each of City Council and KPU's senior executive;
 - 3.2 KPU will make a formal presentation to the City's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee each year. This will provide an opportunity to review priorities and issues, assess the success of joint strategies and projects and discuss new partnership opportunities; and
 - 3.3 The Partners will provide other reports and communications to City Council, the KPU senior executive and Board of Governors, the City's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee and others where such reports and communications are considered necessary or expedient in relation to accomplishing the objectives of this MOU.

The above is in addition to existing collaboration between KPU's administration, the City Manager's Office, the City's Economic Development Division, the City's Planning and Development Department and, the City's Parks, Recreation and Culture Department.

Dated this	day of	, 2010.
Signed on bel	half of the City	of Surrey by:
Dianne L. Wa Mayor	atts	
Signed on bel	half of Kwantle	n Polytechnic University by:
David W. Atk	inson l Vice-Chancel	lor