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TO: **Mayor & Council**

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FROM: **Deputy City Manager**

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SUBJECT: **City of Surrey Participation in the Healthier Community Partnership Program**

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager's Office recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report as information;
2. Approve the City of Surrey's participation in the Healthier Community Partnership Program with the Fraser Health Authority and others as described in this report; and
3. Appoint a member of Council to co-chair the Healthier Community Partnership Council that is a fundamental element of the Program.

BACKGROUND

Dr. Nigel Murray, Chief Executive Officer of the Fraser Health Authority made appeared before Council in Committee at its meeting on April 12, 2010 to make a presentation regarding the Healthier Community Partnership (HCP) Program and to request that Surrey Council agree to participate as a partner in the Program. The HCP Program was founded by the Fraser Health Municipal Government Advisory Council that includes the mayors and/or their designates from the twenty municipalities served by the Fraser Health Authority.

DISCUSSION

The objective of HCP Program is to improve the health of the community by establishing a formalized partnership between the local government and the Fraser Health Authority and including other agencies and key stakeholders. The Terms of Reference for the HCP Program are attached as Appendix A to this report. The Program is intended to address community health determinants such as social support, housing, education, environmental, economic, cultural and other factors that lie beyond the reach of health care services delivery but which are important to the objective of the HCP, which is to establish a healthier community. Appendix B illustrates the framework for the HCP Partnership that includes a Healthier Community Partnership Council. This Council would be co-chaired by Fraser Health Authority and City of Surrey. The Fraser Health Authority has requested that if Surrey City Council endorses the City's participation in the HCP Program that a member of City Council be designated to co-chair the Partnership Council with the Fraser Health Authority.

Members of the Healthier Community Partnership Council could include representatives from the:

- Ministry of Housing and Social Development;
- Ministry for Children and Family Development;
- School District;
- RCMP;
- Business Community; and
- Chairs of other committees that have an impact on community health.

After hearing a presentation of the Healthier Community Partnership Program the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Health Care Services endorsed the Program and recommended that the presentation and concept be forwarded to Council for favourable consideration. The Mayor's Advisory Committee on Health Care Services would be a resource to HCP Program providing specific support relating to health care service delivery.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The Healthier Community Partnership Program would touch all three pillars of the City's Sustainability Charter by virtue of enhancing the health, social well being and quality of life of Surrey's citizens.

CONCLUSION

There are significant benefits for the City of Surrey and Fraser Health Authority to work together with other key stakeholders toward ensuring the health of the citizens of Surrey. It is recommended that Council approve the City's participation in the Healthier Community Partnership Program and designate a member of Council to co-chair the Healthier Community Partnership Council that is a fundamental element of the Program.

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Appendix A: Terms of Reference for the Healthy Community Partnership Program
Appendix B: Proposed Healthier Community Partnership Framework

Terms of Reference

Healthier Community Partnerships

“Communities and cities are complex organisms that are living, breathing, growing and constantly changing: A healthy city is not a finished product created at one point in time; it is a dynamic place where citizens and government have established relationships and processes that allow them to collaborate in tackling any problems that arise. The healthy city approach calls for collective action, in which all sectors, local government as well as community, religious and other groups as well as individual citizens work together for a common purpose” (Duhl and Hancock 1997.)

The Ottawa charter for health Promotion states “health is created and lived by people within the settings of their everyday life; where they learn, work, play and love” (World Health Organization, (WHO) 1986.)

A healthy community is recognized by WHO as one that works to improve its environments and share its resources so that people can effectively support each other in achieving their highest potential. There are well established key characteristics of healthy communities.

The Fraser Health Municipal Government Advisory Council (a group comprised of the mayors and/or their delegates from the 20 municipalities served by the Fraser Health Authority) and the Fraser Health Authority recognized the need to embrace a population health approach and create formalized partnerships in each community to engage a broad group of community leaders as a collaborative venture to improve the health and well being and quality of life of the entire community population.

In September 2008 Leadership within Fraser Health and each municipality were mandated by the FHMGC to begin the process of establishing a formal healthier communities leadership group (hereafter called the COUNCIL) as well as developing in each community a variety of mechanisms to engage broader community partnerships. Three pilot communities – Chilliwack, Tri Cities and the City of Langley were identified to take the lead on developing these Partnerships as well as the supporting mechanisms and processes that would help move the initiative forward. A decision was made to approach Langley Township in the initial pilot phase.

These Partnerships are designed to address determinants of health including social, economic, environmental, safety, child development, personal health practices individual and community capacity and health care services.

Through a coordinated community engagement process, community stakeholders including the population at large will be invited to provide their input on the issues and challenges they feel are impacting the health of their community. Through their participation in a variety of community processes their view and opinions will also be sought on the type of action that could be undertaken to help improve the health and quality of life in their community.

Primary Objectives

The initial primary objectives for these Healthier Community Partnerships are:

- To gain a better understanding of the health needs of each community
- To identify areas of priority for each community, and
- To collectively develop goals, objectives and strategies to address determinants of health, including social, economic, environmental, and safety factors, as well as improve access to appropriate health care services

Purpose of the Partnerships

To provide broad-based community input and guidance for the development of a comprehensive plan to improve the health of each community.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Partners

- To help identify key priority areas for the community health plans;
- To identify processes for and provide assistance in engaging the broader community in the development of the community health plans;
- To raise local awareness of and appreciation for the need for a comprehensive community health plan and maintain open channels of communication with the broader community;
- To determine the term of each Healthier Community Partnership, as well the future role of the Partnership, in consultation with the municipal governments and the Fraser Health Authority.

Purpose of the Councils

This broad based multi sectoral group, co chaired in each community by the municipality and the Fraser health authority will serve provide leadership in the development of networks and partnerships with stakeholders and the community at large to identify and proactively address population health needs with the goal of achieving a measurable and improved state of health for the entire population of the community.

The Council will seek to fully exploit the potential for positive change, improve collaboration and synergy in community relationships and ensure meaningful community engagement.

Composition

The healthier community council will be comprised of representatives form the Municipal government, Fraser Health authority ,as well as senior representatives from a group of key stakeholders in the community including organizations/institutions..Education, Police, Social service providers, provincial government ministries, business community, chairs of identified municipal task forces and others as determined by the community.

Roles and Responsibilities

- To build a solid understanding of the full spectrum of factors and their interactions known to influence the health of a population. Population health will be understood to include the

health of the population as measured by health status indicators as well those identified to reflect social ,economic and physical environment well being , optimal individual and community capacity ,early childhood development and health services.

- To coordinate the development of a community “health status “ profile and gain agreement upon measurements that will be utilized on a healthier community profile;
- To coordinate a community engagement process to ensure broad base community input and guidance in developing priorities and actions;
- To develop a healthier community action plan that recognizes short ,medium and long term goals;
- To establish formalized linkages that will serve to facilitate the promotion of positive health environments in local government operations ,schools workplaces ,health care and support organizations;
- To provide leadership and champion actions on strategic priorities and areas of need that are key to the achievement of identified goals;
- To facilitate learning and understanding amongst stakeholders groups and the community at large that will result in a more integrated ,evidence based and collaborative approach to the development of a healthier community
- To problem solve and identify ways and means to eliminate barriers in order to achieve the realization of comprehensive community health improvement plans ;
- To secure the necessary resources to support the development of a comprehensive community health plans for each community, including professional expertise and broad community engagement;;
- To function as a clearinghouse for ideas and funding submissions ;
- To develop and implement a communications plan, and oversee communications issues;
- To identify ways to broaden the stakeholder base and reinforce consensus;
- To provide advice and feedback to the municipal governments and the Fraser Health Authority and provincial government ministries
- To monitor ,evaluate progress and report regularly on this to key stakeholders

Reporting

The Council members are accountable to the decision making authorities within their respective organizations.

The council will provide a report semi annually to the Fraser Heath Municipal Government Advisory Council on actions and outcomes.

Regular reporting will be established to the local government.

Meetings

The council will meet monthly or otherwise determined at the times and location as deemed appropriate.

Proposed Healthier Community Partnership Framework

