

Present:

Chairperson - Mayor Locke
Councillor Annis
Councillor Bains
Councillor Bose
Councillor Elford
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Kooner
Councillor Nagra
Councillor Stutt

Absent:**Staff Present:**

City Manager
City Clerk and Director Legislative Services
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Planning & Development
General Manager, Social Infrastructure & Community Investment
City Solicitor
Chief Development Approvals Officer
Director, Development Planning
Development Planning Manager, Development Planning

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Surinder Bhogal, Chief Librarian, and Jenny Fry, Director of Programs and Partnerships
Surrey Public Libraries**

Councillor Hepner joined the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding mobile library service. The following information was highlighted:

- In 2021 Public Libraries updated its Facilities Master Plan, which outlines the library's capital needs over the next twenty years. Population growth, the geography of the city, transportation barriers, library space for an increasing number of users, and aging library infrastructure are some of the challenges that the library faces. The library expects to face these challenges by expanding library space in underserved areas.
- The Mobile Library Service soft launched in April 2024 and is meant to serve people facing transportation barriers, and to travel to areas in Surrey where there are no branches nearby to deliver basic services. The Mobile Library will have more than 1000 books to borrow, free Wi-Fi, Chromebooks, and library cards.
- The first Mobile Library community visit to New Hope Community Services Society resulted in staff creating new junior library cards, handing out take-and-make rainbow crafts, and providing spring activity packages for kids to take home.

2. **Doug Slater, Vice President, Indigenous Relations & Regulatory Affairs, and Mandy Assi, Senior Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations**
FortisBC

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding supporting the advancement of CleanBC goals and City of Surrey's climate and energy goals. The following information was highlighted:

- FortisBC has a long-term climate strategy named 'Our Clean Growth Pathway to 2050' that guides decarbonization efforts in line with CleanBC. The pillars of this strategy include energy efficiency, renewable gas and hydrogen, zero- and low-carbon transportation, and LNG for marine fueling.
- A case study by FortisBC, using Kelowna as an example, examined the impact of energy transition from a gas system to an electric system. Using data to model peak demand on the electric system, an estimated cost of two billion dollars for electrical heating alone, causes concern for feasibility, cost, and reliability. The study identified the importance of managing the cost and pace of peak capacity growth on the electric system.
- To optimize the route to decarbonization, FortisBC recommends greater integration of gas and electric infrastructure via hybrid systems, increased deliveries of renewable gas, maximizing investments in energy efficiency, and maximizing conversion of passenger vehicles to electric vehicles.

B. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Kooner

Seconded by Councillor Stutt

That the Council-in-Committee meeting be

adjourned.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli
City Clerk and
Director Legislative Services

Mayor Brenda Locke, Chairperson