

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee
Held via WEBEX
On Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Tina Parbhakar, Chair
Raashi Ahluwalia
Anna Boltenko
Kate Galicz
Jasreen Janjua
June Maynard
Martyna Purchla
Etienne Normandin-Poitras

Angela Girard, Councillor

ABSENT:

STAFF:

Cristina Rucci, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk / Admin
Coordinator II
Larisa Lensink, Planner 1, Environmental
Sustainability

9 members – quorum = 5

1 Councillor (non-voting) 2 staff (non-voting)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by the Chair.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNCEDED TERRITORY

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2021 was moved and seconded and the minutes were adopted as circulated.

4. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

a) **Update on Climate and Environment Strategy**

L. Lensink presented.

Key points included:

- Guide to cutting carbon pollution and protecting natural environment
- Climate change is front of mind these days for many.

- The strategy is shaped by five principles.
- We are currently in the middle of the public input period; we will then be building out the draft strategies and will have more in depth information available in 2022.
- As part of the consultation, you can share your voice or host a listening session.
- The new strategy will serve as a playbook to cut carbon pollution and promote a healthy environment over the next 10 years.
- Will be a guide to cutting carbon pollution.
- Are also looking at actions outside of City boundaries; goods and materials we use, etc.
- The strategy is high level now and will identify actions and implementation later.

Questions & Comments from the Committee:

- Does the Tree Protection Bylaw play into this strategy?
 - Urban forest management is a large part of that; we will be developing an Urban Forest Management Plan and the tree bylaw will feed into that work
- Regarding building retrofits, will there be provincial or federal grants or anything to support moving those upgrades along?
 - There is a big focus on retrofits so there is lots of support; Clean BC program rebates, Better Homes BC, etc. and the City provides top up rebates as well.
- Is Step Code 3 the common benchmark for all future developments?
 - The City's goal is Step Code 5 by 2032 and CNV has been ahead of that timeline; we are figuring out next steps now.
- Are cooling systems in new developments part of those discussions?
 - That is something we need to consider in the resilient development section of the strategy. VCH would like us to look at that as well.
- I have heard that the objective is that the City would be carbon neutral by 2050. Given objectives of other countries that are pledging 2040, why are we setting on 2050?
- My husband and I spent two years building a completely carbon neutral house and trying to get all the subsidies available but we had a hard time at every step. It is difficult relying on other levels of government. The City needs to take our own responsibilities.
- Can you clarify the “resilient development and citizen resilience”?
 - This is about new developments and incentives we can put in place to have the new development contributing to eco systems. On the citizen side, regarding extreme weather and heat, this speaks to having the social infrastructure to keep vulnerable people safe.
- How does sustainable transportation fit with all this? Is the City going to look at cutting parking spaces to encourage other modes of transportation?
 - Yes we are but that doesn't show up in this strategy; it is mostly in our mobility strategy. We can do a better job of drawing that connection.

L. Lensink left the meeting at 6:29 pm.

5. UPDATES

a) Councillor

- Council received a presentation on CNV4ME action items. We are now at a place of implementing those action items that were on hold due to the pandemic.
- We appropriated funding from the Civic Amenity Reserve to advance the Harry Jerome construction. Council has decided to keep the current centre open until the new one is built.

- We held a public hearing on the Duplex Special Study area; we received a zoning bylaw and OCP amendments to deal with the northern part of the special study area of the City, St. Andrews and Ridgeway, 13th and 19th. This is to look at changing the zoning from RS 1 to RS 2 to allow 88 lots to be able to put duplexing. Council has approved unanimously. Fourth reading to come.
- Council considered the noise control bylaw; this will help find ways to deal with noise impacts in the community and reduce impacts in slow ways.

b) Staff

- We have concluded the public consultation for the Community Well Being Strategy and are analyzing the input. Will provide an update to Council soon and will move to creating the second piece around the actions as well as talking to stakeholder groups.
- For the Poverty Reduction Strategy, we have consultant and they will be starting that work for the North Shore. Will be having a partner meeting in December.
- We are working with non-profit partners on child care and after school care to create spaces and find more providers.
- We have hired a project coordinator for the Strengthening Communities Grant and the work started last week.

6. DISCUSSION

a) 2021 Round 2 Community Grants Discussions & Recommendations

Committee members discussed the grant amount and final decisions were made.

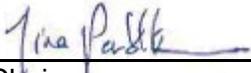
It was unanimously agreed to disperse the Community Grants funded as outlined on the matrix spreadsheet.

7. ROUND TABLE

- The new museum will be opening December 4.
- There has been an increase in the activity in the water lately.
 - The Port lands are federally regulated so the City has no jurisdiction over what goes on there. Seaspan has applied to expand their shipbuilding to the west of St. Georges. CNV has raised concerns and submitted them to the Port. Any further concerns should be forwarded to MLA J. Wilkinson.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.



 Chair

January 26, 2022

 Date