

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee
Held in City Hall, Atrium Meeting Room
On Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Etienne Normandin, Chair
Cassandra Buckley (arrived 6:30 pm)
Arash Ehteshami
Jasreen Janjua
Naz Kohan, Vice Chair
Heather Urquhart
Larry O'Grodnik
Tina Parbhakar

Angela Girard, Councillor

ABSENT:

Jolene Kennett

STAFF:

Heather Evans, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

9 members – quorum = 5

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

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNCEDED TERRITORY

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The approval of the agenda was moved and seconded and the agenda was approved as circulated.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The adoption of the minutes of the meeting of May 22, 2019 was moved and seconded and the minutes were adopted as circulated.

4. UPDATES

- Councillor
 - Council approved the appropriation of funds for a significant non-profit housing opportunity on City-owned land. The City will be working with Hollyburn Family Services, Catalyst Community House and Care BC.
 - A rental housing project at 210-230 East 2nd Street was also approved.
 - Lot 5 was officially named “Shipyard Common”.
 - Pier 7 restaurant had their application for extended hours approved.

- The hiring of a third party traffic consulting firm was approved to review and assist with the Cloverley Traffic Calming Plan.
 - The 2019 winners of the Cool It! Climate Leadership Training Program were a Grade 3/4 class at Larson Elementary who reduced their GHG emissions by 22 tonnes. They were honoured at Council on June 17.
 - The Living City awards were presented at Council on June 17.
 - Council received a delegation from “Cycling Without Age, North Shore” and has directed staff to identify sites suitable for operating bases, investigate trishaws as mobility aids and to investigate a route to allow trishaws to navigate around steep sections of the Green Necklace.
 - Council approved a funding reallocation for the Mosquito Creek Bridge replacement project. This project has now been divided into two phases.
 - A public hearing for two rental infill buildings at 151 East Keith Road was held and Third Reading was given. This was previously not given due to concerns regarding setbacks.
 - A rezoning for 132 West Esplanade was approved. This is to allow for a broader range of businesses to occupy the commercial unit.
- Staff
 - Sheets with suggested resolutions fro SPAC were passed around. These can be used at future meetings to assist committee members to form resolutions to Council.
 - The work on the Community Well-Being Strategy is ongoing. H. Evans will bring it back to SPAC when nearing completion.
 - At the June 10 Council meeting, a Notice of Motion was put forward directing staff to report back to Council on the feasibility and cost of child minding services being available at City Hall during regular council meetings. Research has now begun on this topic.
 - H. Evans will be providing feedback to organizations whose community grants were denied. Members discussed and confirmed what they would like each agency to be made aware of.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) SPAC 2018 Annual Report and 2019 Work Plan
 SPAC members discussed the report.

Some suggested changes to the annual report include:

- Including committee members’ occupations with names might be intimidating for future potential members.
 - The sentence will be changed to reflect the range of occupations of members at the table.
- Would like more focus on SPAC advocating for non-profits that include environmental responsibility in their work.
- Would be good to expand the explanation of 98 grants and how much work that involved.
- Highlight the dedication of committee members that put in hours of work outside of meetings, individually and together.

Suggested changes to the Work Plan included:

- Want to convey a sense of who SPAC would like to hear from and learn from; other committees as well as education about our community.
- Ensure we are saying that work will continue into 2020.
- Would like to brainstorm with other SPAC member outside of meetings.
- Members would like to continue to be engaged in broader aspects of the community.

A way to convey to City residents the types of organizations the City funds and the work they do was discussed.

Committee members asked staff to look at the historic gap in funding between what is requested and what is available. This information will be provided to the Chair. The Chair will work with staff to prepare a suggested recommendation regarding increasing Community Grants funding that will be discussed at the September meeting.

The Chair will share a final draft of this report with members within one week from tonight and will ask for comments back within one week.

b) Community Facilities Policy

H. Evans referred to the current Community Facilities Policy, which was included in members' agenda package.

There have been recent discussions at Council regarding ensuring that the City is getting maximum use and benefit out of these facilities. Changes to the policy are being considered which may require non-profits that are leasing City space to partner with other agencies. This would be to ensure more groups are involved. Discussions are currently ongoing to amend the policy.

H. Evans will be bring an update to SPAC in the fall.

6. ROUND TABLE

- Reminder that July 20th is the official opening of the Shipyards.
- North Van Arts is celebrating their 50th anniversary. A 50th Anniversary exhibit in the Cityscape Community Artspace will be open July 26 – September 7. The opening reception and celebration will be held Thursday, July 25, from 7 – 9 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- The Polygon Gallery currently has an interesting exhibition called “The Clock” that will be there through to September 15.
- Cassandra Buckley will be leaving SPAC as she is moving out of the City. Cassandra was thanked for her many years of volunteer service to the City and for her years as a dedicated and valued SPAC member.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 25, 2019



Chair

September 25, 2019

Date