

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee
Held in City Hall, Conference Room 'A'
On Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mary Tasi, Chair
Steve Tornes, Vice Chair
Nick Bryant
Cassandra Buckley
Tomoko Ito
Jullian Kolstee
Ray Moore
Stephanie Snowden

Holly Back, Councillor

ABSENT:

Jasreen Janjua

Paul Penner, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

9 members – quorum = 5

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

P. Penner chaired the meeting and commenced elections for Chair. Nominations were called for from the floor. M. Tasi was nominated and accepted the nomination. N. Bryant was nominated and declined the nomination. M. Tasi was named Chair by acclamation.

Elections for Vice Chair commenced. Nominations were called for from the floor. S. Tornes was nominated and accepted the nomination. S. Snowden was nominated and declined the nomination. S. Tornes was named Vice Chair by acclamation.

M. Tasi then took over as Chair of the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a 5 minute break, if and when required.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of January 27, 2016 were adopted as circulated.

4. UPDATES

a. Councillor

- The North Shore Museum and Archives will not be in the Pipe Shop, but will be re-located elsewhere.
- A new pumper truck has been approved for the Fire department.

- Council approved demolition of the Lions Gate Hospital Activation building (heritage building) and retention of some portions of it.

b. Staff

- Youth Pocket Cards associated with the online youth directory were passed out to members.
- The booklet entitled “Far & Wide”, which was published by the CNV in 2000 was passed out to members. This was produced in association with the North Shore Multicultural Society and tells stories of families of different ethnicities that have moved to North Vancouver.
- Council has approved Slide the City/Car Free Day for 2 days in August 2016.
- The North Shore News published an article about the North Shore Youth Directory Website recently. Connect 4 Kids will now be creating a sister site for children using the same framework.
- A Child Friendly Map of the City is being created; the intention is to have it ready it time to put in children’s report cards at the end of the school year this June. It will highlight parks, wildlife, playgrounds and bike lanes.
- CityFEST auditions are occurring Friday, February 26 and Monday, March 7th at the North Shore Alliance Church, 3 – 5 pm each day.
- The upcoming “Youth and Marijuana Forum” will be held in the Pipe Shop at Shipbuilders’ Square on April 19th.
- Nominations for the Civic Youth Awards as well as applications for Child & Youth Grants and Youth Centennial Scholarships are due Friday, March 11.
- The City has hired the Society of Children and Youth of BC to develop a Child, Youth and Family friendly toolkit to help all City departments create programs, parks, development and policies that are child, youth and family friendly.
- Council has given the Financial Plan preliminary approval. It includes funding for Studio in the City, the implementation of CNV4ME, the renovation of Harry Jerome Recreation Centre and a contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund.
- There is approximately \$13,000 in the preliminary Financial Plan for new core funding. The Harvest Project is being considered for \$10,000 of this. SPAC is also in receipt of a Community Grant application from the Harvest Project, and is advised to continue to process this application until it is known for sure if they will receive core funding or not.
- One of the City’s advisory committees, the Parks & Environment Committee (PEAC) has been dissolved by Council. What has been proposed instead is to form task forces for specific projects; the first one under consideration is for Moodyville Park. SPAC may be asked to review the Living City Grants this year as an interim measure as this was one of PEAC’s tasks.
- Question from member: How much money has been set aside for Harry Jerome?
 - i. Staff: We don’t know the exact figure. The City has been building a reserve fund for many years for Harry Jerome.
 - ii. Councillor: William Griffin’s renovation came out at about \$50 million.

- P. Penner recently attended the Vancouver Coastal Healthy Communities Forum. Included in the Circulation Folder is presentation from the North Shore's Medical Health Officer with an interesting slide "What Makes Canadians Sick?"
 - **Action item:** P. Penner to send information from the forum to SPAC members.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2016 Workplan & 2015 Annual Report

P. Penner introduced the topic, advising that this is a report that SPAC produces annually for Council. It is a look back at what was accomplished in the previous year and a look forward to what the committee wishes to accomplish in the coming year.

M. Tasi suggested that the committee break into small groups and discuss what SPAC would like to do this year. The committee broke into groups of 3 for approximately 15 minutes.

Points/ideas from the groups included:

- A presentation on the Social Plan and, following that, create an "Executive Summary" of the Social Plan.
- A workshop on how to read financial statements.
- The grant review process could be more efficient; it would be good to revisit the process and how deliberations are discussed.
- Stay the course. 80 – 90% of SPAC's time is spent reviewing grants and this does not leave a lot of time for other things.
- Investigate how SPAC could become more of an advocate for affordable housing.
- Is there is an operational budget for this committee to go out on tours or to invite speakers from outside the City? It would be helpful to have more information so that SPAC could give more informed comments on grant applications.
- Go on tours to explore new grant applications as well as existing funded applicants to see how they are spending their grant money.
- Investigate "Google Docs" as a way to for the committee to network and share documents online.
- Explore social inclusion in the community.
- It is not clear in the description of this committee on the City's website that the committee is mostly grant oriented.

The Chair and Vice Chair will meet with the Community Planner within the next month and will bring a draft 2016 work plan to the next meeting.

7:10pm – 7:15 p.m. - Break

a. 2016 Round One Community Grants

P. Penner referred to the memo and the Community Grant matrix that were sent to members in the agenda package. Subsequently, more information has been received from some applicants and another memo was distributed to members.

The review groups were advised to take the grant applications allocated to them and to take a few minutes to get together with their partner(s) to decide how they wish to split up the applications.

The Committee Clerk will email the fillable review form to all members as well as a copy of the matrix.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. SAVE THE DATE – The Volunteer Appreciation Reception has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2016. Members will be receiving an email invitation soon.

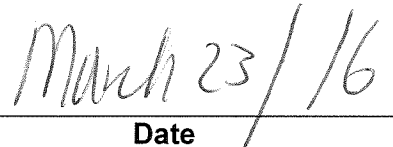
7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 23, 2016



Chair



Date