

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, September 24, 2014 at 7:00pm

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**MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:**

Antje Wilson, Chair  
Nick Bryant  
Cassandra Buckley  
Tomoko Ito  
Maria Sponza  
Steve Tornes  
Donna Zwickel

**ABSENT:**

Ray Moore  
Mary Tasi  
Rod Clark, Councillor

**STAFF:**

Paul Penner, Community Planner  
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

**GUESTS:**

Michelle Dodds, Executive Director, North Shore  
Women's Centre  
Veronica Singer, Board Chair, North Shore  
Women's Centre

9 members – quorum = 5

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

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**1. WELCOME NEW MEMBER!**

Our newest member, Cassandra Buckley, was welcomed and introduced to the Committee.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of June 25, 2014 were adopted with one change. On the last page under Discussion Item 6 a), a bullet point will be added under "Questions/Comments from SPAC"; "Needs to expand on the diversity of the community".

**4. GUEST SPEAKER**

**Michelle Dodds, Executive Director and Veronica Singer, Board Chair**  
**North Shore Women's Centre**

M. Dodds presented a PowerPoint presentation.

**Key points:**

- The North Shore Women's Centre was founded in 1973 by a group of female students from Capilano University.

- This followed Canada's 1970 report on the Royal Commission on the Status of Women and many other community-based women's centres were also started.
- The Centre's mission statement is "To improve the social, economic and political status of women, and to encourage and support self-empowerment by acting as a resource and a catalyst for change, from a feminist perspective."
- The Centre is governed by a Board of Directors which are elected annually; the organization employs 3 part-time staff members consisting of an Executive Director, a Program Coordinator and a Resource Centre Assistant.
- Approximately 40-50 volunteers contribute over 1,500 hours of time annually.
- Their funding is through Provincial Community Gaming Grants, City of North Vancouver and the District of North Vancouver. They also undertake fundraising each year and actively seek donations. There is currently no provincial or federal mandate to fund women's centres.
- Service priorities include supporting women across the North Shore, inclusivity, providing programs and services free of charge and to address current issues facing women today.
- The primary service of the centre is to provide a resource centre to women offering emotional support, information and referrals and peer counselling.
- The Centre runs many programs including a Single Mother's Support Group, a Teen Girls Empowerment Camp, Family Law Clinic, computer training, a Health and Wellness Program, etc.
- The NSWC is the host agency for the North Shore Coordinating Committee to End Violence Against Women in Relationships. This committee meets 6 times per year.
- In terms of organizational barriers, financial resources and physical space are of highest concern.
- Thanks to CNV for providing in-kind rental space, core funding and other grants!

Questions/Comments from SPAC Members:

- Where are your programs held?
  - Most are held in the centre. The Single Mom's group is held at North Shore Neighbourhood House.
- What relationships do you have with other North Shore non-profit agencies?
  - We work closely with North Shore Neighbourhood House, North Vancouver City Library provides with a librarian who is assisting us with revamping our centre library. We have held a number of events at the John Braithwaite Community Centre and have had assistance from staff there in programming and organizing. We receive and give referrals from/to the North Shore Crisis Services Society. North Shore Multicultural Society provides volunteers that assist with computer training. We also work closely with Hollyburn Family Services Society and Victims' Services.
- Would more funding mean more staff?
  - More funding would mean more staff and therefore more programs.
- Do you have a database for lawyer referral?
  - We have a partnership with North Shore Law Society and they provide us with lawyers via a rotating roster. We have one dedicated lawyer that has volunteered with us for 1 day a week since 1999.

**5. UPDATES**

- a. Councillor – N/A

b. Staff

- The CNV photography project which featured homeless individuals is being featured at the "H'Arts for the Homeless Gala" on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Imperial (319 Main Street, Vancouver).
- Culture Days Walknale/Biennale is coming up Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Biennale Pavilion at Shipbuilders' Square.
- The launch of the Studio in the City 7 project "Momen7um" will be held from 4:30-6:30 pm at City Hall. We are putting a giant seesaw outside the front entrance of City Hall!
- "Growing Absolutely Fantastic Teens" is a free talk with Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc and information fair regarding how families, schools and communities can support positive mental health in young people. It is being held October 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at Centennial Theatre.
- The Child & Youth Friendly Strategy, CNV4ME will be released soon.
- The Quest Food Exchange program is looking to come to the North Shore. They made a presentation to Council and staff has been directed to assist them in looking for space.
- The North Shore Family Court & Youth Justice Committee will be undergoing some significant changes in the New Year. CNV has decided to withdraw from the committee at the end of this year. Staff will be reporting to Council as to how some of the initiatives currently run by the committee can be continued.
- A new, simplified staff approval process for group child care facilities has been proposed to Council. This new process has been referred to a public hearing but this will not likely occur until early 2015.
- Fairborne Developments has provided a 1,400 square foot community amenity space to the City as part of their new project across from John Braithwaite Community Centre. This space will be leased to North Vancouver Recreation & Culture.

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a) CityShaping Update

The draft OCP will be going to Public Hearing Monday, September 29. In July Council made two land use changes to the plan at first reading; densities in the East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street area will increase to 0.75 FSR (Floor Space Ratio) and the proposal to allow both a coach house and a secondary suite on a single family detached property was deleted. There have been no social policy changes to the document since April. Metro Vancouver has reviewed the draft OCP and has endorsed it.

b) Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund Status & Upcoming Review

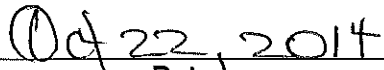
P. Penner has met with the Director of Finance and discussed some options and issues regarding the potential merger of Community Grants and the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund. An information sheet describing some of the issues and options was circulated to the committee. Any changes proposed will be part of the 2015 Financial Plan which will go forward to Council after the election.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 22, 2014

  
Chair

  
Date