

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

**Meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission
Held at City Hall, 141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, B.C.
in Conference Room A on Wednesday, May 8th, 2019**

MINUTES

Present: K. Balcom
A. Rahbar
B. Thorburn
S. Tornes
A. Wilson
S. Huber
D. Marshall

Staff: M. Friesen, Planner 2
R. Fish, Committee Clerk
Larisa Lensink, Environmental Technician - Environmental
Sustainability

Absent: A. Boston
M. McCorkindale
M. Tasi Baker
Councillor Hu
Councillor McIlroy

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:06PM.

In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair S. Tornes chaired the meeting.

1. Acknowledgement of Unceded Territory

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda of May 8th, 2019 was adopted as circulated.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission held April 10th, 2019

It was regularly moved and seconded

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission held April 10th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

4. Business Arising

- There will be a 5 min break between the awards and grants
- There was an update on the request for a joint meeting with ITC and APC

5. Staff Update

M. Friesen reviewed relevant planning development, project and policy items from the previous Council meetings. There was a discussion on brewery accessory lounge use and the M4 Zoning Bylaw Amendment.

6. 2019 Living City Awards

L. Lensink presented and reviewed the Living City Award nominees with Committee members. Five nominations were received this year.

The Living City Award Program recognizes the efforts of individuals, schools, community groups and businesses within the City of North Vancouver that demonstrate outstanding leadership in environmental sustainability. The awards are an important part of the City's environmental sustainability program and provide a means of supporting and fostering environmental leadership in the City of North Vancouver.

This year, the five nominations are as follows:

1. Christine Miller and Luci Cadman

In their respective roles as Executive Director and Education Coordinator with the North Shore Black Bear Society, Christine Miller and Luci Cadman work tirelessly to educate residents about attractant management to reduce human-bear conflict in the North Shore. Under Christine and Luci's leadership, the North Shore Black Bear Society canvasses high conflict areas and responds to inquiries from residents through a hotline and email, increasing awareness of bears and bear proofing in the community. Christine and Luci provide bear and wildlife education to residents at City events, to children and youth through school presentations and to newcomers to Canada through visits to MOSAIC. The outstanding work of Christine and Luci through the North Shore Black Bear Society helps residents and visitors safely enjoy both the urban and natural assets of the North Shore.

2. David Roberts, Kathy Fung and Matt Dowds

Owners of a 1912 craftsman bungalow in Grand Boulevard, David Roberts and Kathy Fung, pursued significant energy efficiency and green building upgrades to their home while preserving its heritage history. North Vancouver builder, Matt Dowds of Dowds Homes, used advanced buildings techniques and systems to realize the owners' vision. The house was the first home in B.C. to achieve Passive House Plus certification with negligible net energy use. The home uses no fossil fuel energy sources and generates renewable energy through photoelectric panels. Green building techniques were also used to repurpose old growth fir from the

heritage structure and integrate water conservation features in the garden and driveway design, reducing its environmental impact. The initiative of Dave and Kathy, and expert work of Matt, to create this high performance and low impact home, while preserving heritage elements, deserve to be recognized.

3. Nicole and Anroe Aseron, O'Canadawg

In addition to providing high quality service at their food truck business, O'Canadawg, Nicole and Anroe Aseron strive to minimize waste, encourage recycling and contribute to their community. Nicole and Anroe aim to serve their hot dogs with premium toppings in recyclable or compostable packaging to reduce the waste generated from their food truck, regularly located at 14th Street and Lonsdale Avenue in the City. With a strong value for community and vision for their neighbourhood, Nicole and Anroe successfully attained a grant from United Way to host a "Clean Up the Neighbourhood" event. On April 28, O'Canadawg rewarded community members who contributed their time to clean the Semisch Park area of Lower Lonsdale of garbage and litter, with free hot dogs. Nicole and Anroe's commitment to reducing waste and initiative in hosting the neighbourhood clean up event warrants recognition.

4. North Shore Community Garden Society

Founded in 2009, the North Shore Community Garden Society oversees the use and management of six community gardens in the City and District of North Vancouver. The Society fosters a sense of community at each of the gardens, where members contribute time and effort towards garden maintenance and learn together about sustainable gardening. The Society encourages members to grow organic produce and share of the abundance with neighbours and the food bank. The gardens are showpieces in the community as greenspace for residents to enjoy and learn about urban agriculture. The Society's garden coordinators are gentle, informative and effective guides and empower members to grow their own food in the City.

5. Sustainable Produce Urban Delivery

Sustainable Produce Urban Delivery (SPUD) goes above and beyond to reduce and reuse packaging in their grocery orders to residents across B.C., including many in the City of North Vancouver. Groceries are delivered in reusable bins with reusable freezer jackets and cold packs, and minimal single-use packaging. SPUD recently piloted a reusable takeout container program where plastic containers were given to members to use for takeout food orders, and returned to SPUD with the reusable grocery bins to be washed before being given back to members to use again. The plastic containers used in the program were made from 50% recycled plastic as a lower-impact alternative to virgin plastic containers. Due its success, SPUD is expanding the program to all members and hopes to inspire other food delivery services to transition to a circular economy model for packaging. SPUD strives to be a leader in sustainability and demonstrate their environmental values through innovative programs that lead by example in the community.

It was regularly moved and seconded

THAT the Advisory Planning Commission has reviewed the 2019 Living City Awards and recommends the following four of the five nominees receive awards:

- Christine Miller and Luci Cadman (North Shore Black Bear Society);
- David Roberts, Kathy Fung and Matt Dowds;
- North Shore Community Garden Society; and
- Sustainable Produce Urban Delivery.

Carried Unanimously

Break 6:43PM - 6:48PM.

3. 2019 Living City Grants

- 1) **Organization:** The Cascadia Society for Social Working
Project: Cascadia Rain Water Collection System
Amount Requested: \$2,500

Project Description:

For over 19 years, the Cascadia Society for Social Working has hosted shared homes and community inclusion day programs for adults with special needs in the City of North Vancouver. Their programs offer a variety of educational, skill-building and cultural experiences, including a daily gardening workshop where community members participate in composting, seeding, weeding and harvesting activities. The Cascadia Society is seeking funding to install a rainwater collection system in each of their two gardens to collect rainwater from roofs on the property and supply water for drip irrigation lines in the gardens.

- 2) **Organization:** Coho Society of the North Shore
Project: Coho Festival 2019 International Year of the Salmon
Amount Requested: \$5,000

Project Description:

Building on its 40-year history, the Coho Society of the North Shore plans to deliver an expanded 40th anniversary Coho Festival 2019 in recognition of the International Year of the Salmon. The Coho Festival will take place on September 8th at Ambleside Park with a line up of musicians on the main stage and a traditional blessing ceremony by the Squamish Nation. The Society's annual public banner project (which received Living City Grant funding in 2014), designed to raise awareness of salmon conservation and the Coho Festival, will be expanded this year and include banners through the three North Shore municipalities, as well as locations in downtown Vancouver. This year's festival also includes a new legacy component which will feature a series of Interpretive Zones along North Shore salmon-bearing

corridors, including a route through the Lower Mackay and Mosquito Creek corridor, to highlight ongoing habitat restoration, remediation and redesign projects alongside permanent art works. Funding received through the Living City Grant program will be directed to the parts of the project that are situated in the City of North Vancouver.

- 3) **Organization:** North Shore Neighbourhood House, Edible Garden Project
Project: Honey Bee Hives at Loutet Farm
Amount Requested: \$5,000

Project Description:

The Edible Garden Project was established by the North Shore Neighbourhood House after food security on the North Shore was identified as a key priority during extensive community and stakeholder consultation. Loutet Farm, an initiative of the Edible Garden Project, produces locally-grown food for the community and provides opportunities for residents to learn about urban agriculture. The Edible Garden Project is seeking funding to establish and maintain two honey bee hives at Loutet Farm after their bee colonies collapsed last season. The new bee hives will offer greater pollination and increased yields in their produce fields and serve as an educational tool for school visits, a workshop series and community events. The funds would be used for the materials required to establish the bee colonies and to support an expert beekeeper to conduct regular inspections of the hives.

- 4) **Organization:** Fresh Air Learning Society
Project: Connecting Families to Nature
Amount Requested: \$2,000

Project Description:

Established in 2011, the Fresh Air Learning Society delivers programs for children and families to foster stronger connections to each other and to nature. This project aims to offer free community-based walks and hands-on programs, working with community groups to encourage families who are lower-income or new to Canada to participate. The focus of the program is hands-on learning about local creeks, habitat restoration, edible plants and pollinator plants. During the school year, one project a month will be hosted in parks within the City of North Vancouver.

- 5) **Organization:** Gerry's Garden Society
Project: Gerry's Garden
Amount Requested: \$5,000

Project Description:

Established in 2008, Gerry's Garden is a half acre community garden that is volunteer created and run. The space was previously covered in concrete, weeds and invasive plants before Gerry MacPherson and volunteers began to transform the area into a vibrant social meeting space that includes benches, paths, trees and

habitats for birds, bees and butterflies. Gerry's Garden has become a much loved asset to the community and is regularly visited by seniors, school children and residents alike. The Society is seeking funding to install shrubs, perennials and bedding plants to provide habitat for bees, butterflies and hummingbirds, and continue to beautify the area for visitors to enjoy.

- 6) **Organization:** Lower Lonsdale Community Gardens
Project: Community Garden Infrastructure Upgrades
Amount Requested: \$5,000

Project Description:

For the past 35 years, Lower Lonsdale Community Gardens has provided green space for residents and visitors to enjoy, and affordable garden plots to enable residents of multifamily buildings in the Lower Lonsdale area to grow their own fruit and vegetables. The Gardens have been at their current location on the corner of St. George's Avenue and East 2nd Street since 2004 and the garden plots are now in need of repair. Funding from the Living City Grant program would be used to contract a carpenter and for materials to repair and replace garden plot boards, signage and the shed roof. Labour for the project would be provided by member volunteers who are committed to improving the safety, aesthetics and function of the gardens.

- 7) **Organization:** Lookout Housing & Health Society
Project: Mosquito Creek Community Cleanup Project
Amount Requested: \$5,000

Project Description:

Since 1971, the Lookout Housing and Health Society has offered a range of housing options, community resources and health services to marginalized individuals in communities across Metro Vancouver. The North Shore Housing Centre provides emergency shelter beds, transitional housing units, weather response mats and an outreach team to serve as a "social safety-net" to community members in need. The proposal is for a peer-run program to monitor and clean up the areas surrounding Mosquito Creek near the Lookout property. Under the supervision of Lookout staff, guests and tenants would be provided with safety gear, supplies and training to pick up garbage, recycling and discarded clothing in the area, and be given small stipends to recognize their contributions of time and commitment.

- 8) **Organization:** Ocean Ambassadors Canada
Project: Plastic Reduction Business Initiative
Amount Requested: \$4,862.50

Project Description:

Ocean Ambassadors Canada is a Vancouver-based organization with a goal of turning the tide on marine pollution through educating community members and empowering them with tools to make real change. In the proposed Plastic Reduction Business Initiative, Ocean Ambassadors will work with three merchant associations in Metro Vancouver, including the Shipyard District in Lower Lonsdale, to reduce single-use plastic containers, cutlery and cups. The Initiative involves providing education sessions and ongoing support to business owners, and developing a plastic reduction initiative toolkit with best practices, a step-by-step roadmap to plastic reduction planning and marketing strategies to highlight plastic reduction efforts. Ocean Ambassadors has received a grant from Vancity towards the Initiative and requires additional funding to activate the grant.

- 9) **Organization:** Ocean Ambassadors Canada
Project: School Certification Program
Amount Requested: \$4,580

Project Description:

Since its launch in 2017, Ocean Ambassadors Canada has engaged more than 3000 students in Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Island schools around the issues of plastic pollution and environmental protection. The School Certification Program provides education and training to students to lead environmental initiatives within their schools that reduce plastic use and raise awareness of sustainable consumption. Participating schools are recognized with a certification plaque for the school entrance and logos for their websites. Ocean Ambassadors Canada is seeking funding for the staff time and promotional materials needed to enroll three schools within the City of North Vancouver in the School Certification Program.

- 10) **Organization:** Simon Fraser University, Pacific Water Research Centre
Project: Mackay Creek – Capilano Mall Rain Garden Project
Amount Requested: \$5,000

Project Description:

SFU's Pacific Water Research Centre in the Faculty of Environment has developed a community-based volunteer Rain Garden Design Advisory Panel as a key component of their work to address complex water issues through community-engaged research. The Panel works with the North Shore municipalities and community groups to support the creation of new rain garden projects. The project proposal is for the development of a rain garden within a parking lot at Capilano Mall, in collaboration with QuadReal Property Group and the City Engineering

Department. The goals of the project are to support the ecology of Mackay Creek, provide a demonstration project for commercial property owners and engage the community in positive, practical and achievable environmental action. Funding from the Living City Grant would be used to produce a short demonstration video, host a public workshop and help support a project coordinator.

- 11) **Organization:** Wild Bird Trust
Project: Coast Salish Plants Gardening Guide
Amount Requested: \$1,500

Project Description:

The Wild Bird Trust operates the Maplewood Flats Bird Conservation Area and the Coast Salish Plant nursery at Maplewood Flats in the District of North Vancouver. The nursery aims to restore a diversity of native plants in residents' properties and provide education about the ecological and Coast Salish cultural significance of the plant species. The Wild Bird Trust is seeking funding to develop a plant guide and deliver two workshops at Maplewood Flats and at the City of North Vancouver Library. The goals of the workshops are to promote the planting of native species, encourage reconciliation by increasing understanding of Coast Salish People's traditional plant use and foster a stronger connection with nature in the community.

- 12) **Organization:** Wildcoast Ecological Society
Project: Social & Ecological Sustainability Improvements on MacKay Creek Spirit Trail
Amount Requested: \$7,350

Project Description:

The Wildcoast Ecological Society is a conservation group that undertakes research, ecological restoration and stewardship activities focused on degraded ecosystems in the South Coast region of B.C. The proposed project aims to restore the Mackay Creek Spirit Trail area in partnership with local schools, First Nations and community groups. Wildcoast would conduct outreach to encourage community involvement in the project, providing educational and volunteer opportunities to First Nations, students, local naturalists and members of the public. The project aims to further habitat protection through the removal of garbage and invasive species, and caging trees to protect from beaver damage, and habitat restoration by planting native species and installing bird, bee and bat boxes. Funding from the Living City Grant program would be used primarily to contract an environmental consulting company that specializes in restoration ecology, and purchase native plants.

It was regularly moved and seconded

THAT the Advisory Planning Commission has reviewed the 2019 Living City Grant applications and recommends that the 2019 grants be awarded as follows:

Grant Applications Recommended:

Name of Applicant	Amount Recommended
The Cascadia Society for Social Working	\$2,266.66
North Shore Neighbourhood House, Edible Garden Project	\$3,000.00
Gerry's Garden Society	\$1,566.66
Lower Lonsdale Community Gardens	\$3,000.00
Lookout Housing & Health Society	\$2,066.67
SFU, Pacific Water Research Centre	\$1,500.00
Wildcoast Ecological Society	\$1,600.00
TOTAL	\$15,000.00

AND THAT The Coho Society of the North Shore, Fresh Air Learning Society, Ocean Ambassadors Canada and Wild Bird Trust be thanked for their applications and be advised that their application for a 2019 Living City Grant has been denied.

Carried Unanimously

4. Announcements

None.

5. Round Table

- There was a round table discussion on which non-profits the Commission members' appreciate and why.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 12th, 2018.

Chair

