

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee
Held via WEBEX
On Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Etienne Normandin-Postras, Chair
Timothy Hinkson
Catherine Kingfisher
Kate Galicz, Vice Chair
Tina Parbhakar
Raashi Ahluwalia
June Maynard

Angela Girard, Councillor

ABSENT:

Anna Boltenko
Martyna Purchla

STAFF:

Cristina Rucci, Community Planner
Dawn-Louise Wiens, Admin. Coordinator I

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 6:07 pm by the Chair.

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

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNCEDED TERRITORY

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2022 was moved and seconded and the minutes were adopted as circulated.

4. PRESENTATION

a) *Immigrant Link Centre Society – From Pollution to Solution – Igor Bjelac*

- Moved here from Serbia and in 2016 formed the Immigrant Link Centre Society after determining there was a lot of food waste in Canada. Felt he wanted to stop food waste and give that food to those who were in need.
- Seven years later, they now have 175 volunteers, many of whom are beneficiaries who want to help and give back.
- They are making a pushing effort for zero carbon.
- Won Not-for-Profit of the Year award from Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce.

- Have created a social enterprise called Soul Bite Food and have a goal of becoming an independent organization (not reliant on grants)

Comments and Questions from Committee:

- Tell us about how you connect the food with the people who need it.
 - We obtain contacts through local charities.
- Is there anything you need from SPAC to promote your organization?
 - Appreciates SPAC's time and for the opportunity to work.

5. UPDATES

a) *Councillor*

- The City has renewed its commitment with the Province and BC Hydro with the CleanBC Better Homes Rebate Program.
- 114-132 West 15th strata residential/commercial has been approved & comes with contributions.
- 115 East Keith is a pilot project for alternative approval process.

b) *Staff*

- Working on the Community well being strategy and poverty reduction.

6. DISCUSSION

a) *Poverty Reduction Strategy*

The Community Planner gave a presentation on the Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Comments and Questions from Committee:


- Very different between Alberta & BC. Alberta does not interact with people in these situations. Very effective & great to see here in BC.
- How do you feed this data into a strategy or policy?
 - Part of the work will be to determine actions that the municipality has control over – recognition that many of the actions are the responsibility of the Federal and Provincial Governments.
 - A draft report of the strategy is expected to be ready soon and will be provided to the committee for their review.
- Are there any numbers on poverty rates in NV?
 - Census numbers are being released in in stages and all data should be available by the end of the year. Last census was 2016.
- When we move to next phase where are we expecting the funding to come from?
 - Grants are the main source at this time.

7. ROUND TABLE

- Next census release date is July 13, 2022 – this will include income profiles..The population for North Vancouver is now 58,120.
- June 1 is Intergenerational Day.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.



Chair

June 28, 2022

Date