



The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver
Social Planning Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at City Hall in Conference Room A
141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC on October 29, 2025

The City of North Vancouver respectfully acknowledges that this meeting is held on the traditional and unceded territories of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlílwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

Members Present

Anahita Naeini
Charles Pan
Edward Booker
Liza Feris
Massoud Karimaei
Zeyus Spenta

Absent

Councillor Tony Valente
Victoria Nwabuisi
Farnoosh Fallah
Kathy McGrenera

Staff Present

Heather Evans, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Administrative Coordinator
Leah Herman, Coordinator, Community
Development
Nina Lindemere, Administrative Coordinator

Guests

Neil Chowdhury, Youth Representative

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair advised that, due to the review of Child & Youth Grants, the agenda would be reversed to have the Staff Update after the review session. There were no objections.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 2025 were approved as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

4. CHILD AND YOUTH INITIATIVES GRANTS – DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

H. Evans thanked members for taking on this additional grant review. She stated that, once we have gone through this review, thoughts on how to make this process better will be welcomed.

L. Herman explained that, as part of the youth portfolio, she oversees the Child and Youth Initiatives Grant program. The purpose of these grants is to support youth that may be otherwise disengaged, face barriers or have been marginalized. N. Chowdhury is present at this meeting as a youth representative and a non-voting resource for SPAC.

L. Herman and N. Lindemere provided a PowerPoint presentation explaining the grant streams and how the prescreening was done and initial rankings were made by staff.

SPAC members expressed that this would be a very different way of grant review for them. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the committee would review the youth grants the way it has been done in the past and then revisit the process for future. Members communicated that they would like to have more input into the decision making from the beginning of the review process.

Members then went through the grants as a group and allocations were made and agreed upon.

**8:35 pm - C. Pan left the meeting.*

5. STAFF UPDATE

St. Andrews United Church will be hosting the Emergency Weather Response shelter for the North Shore for the upcoming 2025-2026 season. They will be open on nights when an extreme weather alert is issued by the provincial coordinating organization.

6. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Councillor Valente was unavailable and sent a video update. Due to the lateness of the meeting, it was decided that the video update would be sent to the members via email.

7. COMMUNITY GRANTS UPDATE

The City received approximately 58 community grant applications. Staff are reviewing the applications to ensure they meet eligibility and submission requirements. The applications will be sent to members for review in the first week of November. SPAC will review the applications at their November meeting. The review groups will be the same as Round One.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2025.

9. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm.

"Certified Correct by the Chair"

Liza Feris, Chair

November 26, 2025

Date