



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at City Hall in Conference Room A and Virtually,
141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC on Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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

Charles Pan
Chidalu Utojiuba
Kathy McGrenera
Massoud Karimaei
Zeyus Spenta*

Absent

Councillor Tony Valente

Edward Booker
Farnoosh Fallah
Liza Feris
Victoria Nwabuisi

*Participated virtually

Staff Present

Heather Evans, Community Planner
Jasleen Parmar, Committee Clerk

Staff Absent

Mike Friesen, Acting Director, Planning and Development

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Members and staff shared brief introductions.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Social Planning Advisory Committee approve the February 25, 2026 agenda.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Social Planning Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the January 22, 2026 meeting.

THAT the Social Planning Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the November 26, 2025 meeting.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

5. ANNUAL MEMBER ORIENTATION

H. Evans presented the Annual Orientation slides to the committee to welcome new member and help committee members understand the Community Grants Review timelines and spread awareness on the responsibilities of the social planning in the City. Discussion ensued about Reconciliation, social isolation and child care.

6. ANNUAL ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

It was moved and seconded.

THAT the Social Planning Advisory Committee elect Charles Pan as the Chair and Zeyus Spenta as the Vice-Chair of the Committee for the February 2026 to January 2027 term.

CARRIED

7. COMMUNITY GRANTS UPDATE

H. Evans presented the timeline and the purpose of the Community Grants program to the committee members. Discussion ensued regarding the timeline, 2025 experience and upcoming projects.

8. PROVINCIAL UPDATE

Deferred to the next meeting.

9. SPAC 2026 WORK PLAN

H. Evans drafted a work plan for 2026-2027 term which includes Community Grants Program and child and youth related grant programs. This will be included in the forthcoming report to the City Council.

There were no points to add. It reached general agreement.

7. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Councillor Valente provided an update via video about the City Council's unanimous support to the Community Grants Program and Repair Cafes. Councillor Valente informed the members about the upcoming public engagement regarding Bill 25.

8. STAFF UPDATE

J. Parmar shared event details about the Volunteer Appreciation Reception organized by the City of North Vancouver. The event will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

9. ROUND TABLE

Discussion ensued about committee's topics of interests, including immigrants, visible minorities, housing climate strategies and social isolation.

10. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Certified Correct by the Chair

Charles Pan, Chair

*Certified Correct by the Committee
Clerk*

Jasleen Parmar, Committee Clerk