

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, May 23, 2012 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Chair
Alison Caldwell Johnson, Vice-Chair
Jessica Aldred
Tomoko Ito
Kenneth Izatt
Nadia Louzado
Chris Nichols
Mary Tasi
Alison Watt

ABSENT:

Rod Clark, Councillor

STAFF:

Paul Penner, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

9 members – quorum = 5

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2012 were adopted as circulated.

3. UPDATES

a. Councillor – N/A

b. Staff –

- **CityShaping** –Currently at the tail end of Stage 2 – going through input and summarizing. A report to Council with summary of input and next steps will be prepared shortly. The next stage will likely involve the preparation of a first draft with a view to rolling it out in the early fall. An open house to share the Stage 2 input is anticipated.
- **City Hall Renovations** – Most of the Community Development Department is moving now, Community Planning will be moving in a week or so. There will be an official grand re-opening of City Hall in June.
- **North Shore Neighbourhood House** – They have recently appointed a new Executive Director, Lisa Hubbard. Lisa has been with NSNH for over 20 years as a Manager of their child care programs.

- Metro Vancouver Rental Study – Final report has not yet been released. Cheryl Kathler has an information report going to Council this coming week, which will be circulated as part of a future SPAC agenda

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Finalize Community Grant Recommendations

The final decisions were made on the allocation amounts to be recommended for the Community Grant applications. The spreadsheet will be updated with new amounts and committee comments. The Committee Clerk will forward a template of the Council report to the Chair who will prepare the report.

b. Review/Discuss Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund Applications

P. Penner gave a brief background on the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund for the benefit of new members. He advised that the amount of money to be distributed this year in both rounds is \$85,807.

The committee then discussed the applications one by one on a round table basis.

1. North Shore Neighbourhood House – Golden Circle – Social Supports for Frail Seniors – Request: \$11,000, Recommendation: \$6,000

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- They have a long funding history with the City.
- It was noted that we will be receiving an evaluation report from them in June, for the last round of funding.

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- Question of need for this service.

2. North Shore Neighbourhood House – Upgrade to Community Kitchen – Request: \$10,000

This application was withdrawn by the applicant.

3. North Shore Women’s Centre Society – Complementary Health & Wellness Clinic – Request: \$5,000, Recommendation: \$4,000

Points in favour:

- Provides supplementary services to low income women that would not be available elsewhere due to ability for service providers to opt-out of the MSP premium assistance.

Concerns raised:

- Some questions not answered in application.
- Does not support men.

It was moved and seconded that SPAC recommend \$5,000 be granted to the North Shore Women's Society – Complementary Health & Wellness Clinic.

The motion was defeated.

It was moved and seconded that SPAC recommend \$4,000 be granted to the North Shore Women's Society – Complementary Health & Wellness Clinic.

The motion was adopted.

4. St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church – Queen Mary Literacy Program – Request: \$13,834, Recommendation: \$12,000

J. Aldred declared a conflict of interest as she works for Capilano University and they are a partner in this program. She left the meeting and was called back after the discussion on this application.

Points in favour:

- Broad range of services
- Intention to expand.
- Non-denominational.

Concerns raised:

- Perhaps a duplication of services.
- Not sure of rationale to support increase in funding.

It was moved and seconded that SPAC recommend \$10,000 be granted to the St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church Queen Mary Literacy Program.

The motion was defeated.

It was moved and seconded that SPAC recommend \$12,000 be granted to the St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church Queen Mary Literacy Program.

The motion was adopted.

5. Vancouver Regiment – Irish Pipes & Drums Society – Youth Drumming – Pilot Project – Phase 4 – Request: \$1,300, Recommendation: \$1,300

It was moved and seconded that SPAC recommend \$1,300 be granted to the Vancouver Regiment – Irish Pipes & Drums Society – Youth Drumming – Pilot Project – Phase 4.

The motion was adopted.

6. North Shore Heritage Preservation Society – Illuminating Electric North Vancouver – Request: \$22,500, Recommendation: \$0 – Re-apply

Points in favour:

- City Engineering & Parks staff are in support of this concept.

- Would commemorate a historic and important transportation mode
- Good idea and concept, would like to see the Society redefine the application and apply again.

Concerns raised:

- Unsure if scope of project could be accomplished within budget.
- The City's Design Panel, Public Art Review Committee and/or Heritage Advisory Committee should be involved and have an opportunity to comment on the design.
- Concerns about energy consumption.
- Does not really fit with Social Plan.
- Not enough details given in application to approve at this time.

7. North Vancouver Urban Forum Society – Common Aspirations: An Open Charrette & Design Competition – Request: \$25,000, Recommendation: \$0

Points in favour:

- Some members were supportive of this new idea.
- Addresses public concerns regarding development in the Lower Lonsdale area and opportunities for input.

Concerns raised:

- Perhaps a duplication of service.
- May conflict with what City is working on this at this time.

It was moved and seconded that SPAC recommends that no funds be granted to the North Vancouver Urban Forum at this time, however the committee encourages the North Vancouver Urban Forum to actively participate in community consultations that evolve around the redevelopment of Lot 5.

The motion was adopted (2 opposed, 7 in favour).

8. Working Class Theatre Society – Summer 2012 Lower Lonsdale Youth Theatre Workshop and Performance – Request: \$4,000, Recommendation: \$4,000

Points in favour:

- May give youth an opportunity to express how they feel about their community.

Concerns raised:

- Does not necessarily fit in Social Plan.
- May be more appropriate for an Arts Office grant.

It was moved and seconded that SPAC recommend \$4,000 be granted to the Working Class Theatre Society for their Summer 2012 Lower Lonsdale Youth Theatre Workshop and Performance.

The motion was adopted.

c. Community Heroes Award

Paul Penner gave a brief background on the Community Heroes award. This award was started in 1999 by the Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC), to recognize volunteers. In 1999, there were 10 award recipients but the trend over the last few years has been few nominees. Over the last 6 years, there has been only 3 awards.

Council discussed this award in camera at a recent meeting and it was felt that the name is detracting from potential applications. The thought is that SPAC strike a sub-committee on redefining this award.

It was decided by unanimous consent to defer this matter to the June SPAC meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT – 9:40 p.m.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 27, 2012

Al Johnson
Chair

June 27, 2012
Date