

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 25, 2016 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mary Tasi, Chair
Nick Bryant
Cassandra Buckley
Ray Moore
Jasreen Janjua
Holly Back, Councillor

GUESTS:

Joanna Linsangan

ABSENT:

Steve Tornes, Vice Chair
Jullian Kolstee
Tomoko Ito

STAFF:

Paul Penner, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk
Suzanne Smith, Planner

9 members – quorum = 5

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2016 were adopted as circulated.

3. UPDATES

a. Councillor

- Recently attended the LGMA conference in Whistler. There were excellent keynote speakers and presentations highlighting both sides of an issue such as Uber vs. taxi companies.

b. Staff

- The Alzheimer Society of BC has presented to all 3 North Shore governments. They have provided the municipalities with a Dementia Friendly Communities Toolkit for local governments. All 3 Councils are in support. A kick-off event for “Dementia-Friendly North Shore” is planned for September 10, 2016 at the Seniors’ Health Expo, in West Vancouver. More information can be found at www.westvancouver.ca/seniors.
- The North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership (NSIIP) has released their 3-year strategic plan and are establishing working groups based on each of their priorities. P. Penner will be working on Representation; this

involves immigrants playing a representative role in guiding the development of the communities of the North Shore.

- Quest Food Exchange has secured a North Shore location in the Lower Lonsdale area.
- At SPAC's next meeting there will be a presentation on the Social Plan by Larry Orr and also a presentation from Finance on reading financial statements. Finance has asked what specific information SPAC is looking for.
 - SPAC members advised they would like to learn more about 1) what a good non-profit balance sheet should look like, i.e. what represents best practices from a non-profit perspective 2) how to determine net loss and net profit of an organization and 3) general accounting terminology.
- P. Penner has spoken to the Harvest Project and they have a standard 90 minute tour and presentation that includes an experiential component. Would SPAC like to do this or tour 2-3 non-profits in one afternoon/evening?
 - SPAC discussed and it was unanimously decided to take advantage of the opportunity to see Harvest Project. Another tour can be arranged in the fall where the committee can visit 2 or 3 small agencies. Staff will send out a poll to determine which date in June works for the majority.
- CityFEST had 4,500 people attend on Saturday, May 7.
- Justice Day occurred at City Hall on Saturday, May 14 and was well attended and a positive experience for all.
- The Psychology of Summer, part of the Community Conversation series, is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 7 p.m. at the West Vancouver Community Centre. This will be focused on creating and maintaining a positive connection for parents and children through the summer months.
- Tickets will be going on sale June 1 for Slide the City. This year it will be part of the 2 day "Fun City Festival" on August 13 and 14. More information can found at www.cnv.org/FunCityFestival.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. OCP Monitoring Strategy – Suzanne Smith, Planner

S. Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Official Community Plan monitoring system. She advised that the monitoring system is a way to track the progress of the OCP and determine where changes may need to be considered for the City's goals to be achieved. The 2014 OCP's monitoring system is currently being determined; input from Advisory Bodies is being gathered. S. Smith will return to SPAC in June to report back.

Key points included:

- The criteria to track progress: is it measurable, meaningful, readily available / easily set up, reliable and comparable and influencable.
- An example of the 2002 OCP's indicator list was shown and compared to the proposed 2014 OCP indicator list.
- Lessons learned from previous monitoring: available data, reliable data sources, City's ability to influence, corporate buy-in and community awareness.

- How other municipalities such as Whistler and Victoria are approaching this was looked at.
- 28 new annual indicators are suggested. Please give feedback to Paul or Suzanne June 15, 2016.

Questions/Comments from SPAC:

- Great to see that Victoria tracks OCP amendments. A lot of amendments could indicate how well the plan was prepared in the first place.
 - Yes, it could show changing trends or things that were not identified. However, OCP's are intended to change as things in the community change.
- You could look at the number of Business Licences that have been renewed or have moved.
- Good to look at child care spaces.
- What about earthquake planning? We are due for a big one.
 - The North Shore Emergency Management office has plans that are in place. In the new OCP, there is wording along the lines of doing more to ensure that vulnerable people supported.
 - NSEM was included in the OCP planning for the first time; police and fire as well. Perhaps we could have NSEM track the number of training hours delivered.
- It is important to have places in the City to pause and reflect; not sure where that would fit. Views are important as well.
- What about doing a satisfaction survey?
 - The City used to do one almost every year; it was discontinued because results were quite consistent. This is something we could look at again.
- Thank you for the presentation; it was very well done and puts things into perspective. The City has done very well in the planning of high rises; have created a strong City centre, high rises go one block east and west of Lonsdale.

7:05 – 5 minute break

b. Child Care in the City – Paul Penner, Community Planner

P. Penner showed a PowerPoint presentation on the City's child care policies and practices. He also explained how the application process works for a new operator wanting to open child care in the City.

Key points included:

- North Shore Neighbourhood House was one of the first group child care sites in the City during World War II.
- A Child Care Policy & Plan was adopted in 1995 and revised in 2009 after extensive public engagement.
- Licensing is provincially regulated under the *Community Care & Assisted Living Act*. Municipalities regulate through zoning and business licence bylaws.
- Priority areas in the City are Lower and Central Lonsdale; unfortunately it is very difficult for operators to find space in the central core, there are very few

in the core of the City. This is due to commercial lease rates and the need for adequate outdoor play space which must be 7 square metres per child.

- A priority program is group child care under 36 months.
- The provincial act protects child cares of a certain size; when there are 8 spaces or fewer, municipal enactments do not apply. When 9 spaces or above, discretionary processes apply.
- A license is not required if taking care of two children unrelated by blood or marriage. OWLs (Operating Without License) are increasingly prevalent due to high costs of regulated child care. If found, immediate Vancouver Coastal Health and CNV enforcement action would apply.
- Child Care is permissible in all zones of the City; there are certain criteria that apply.
- Council has asked staff to look at what other municipalities are doing in terms of numbers and principal use provisions in residential areas.
- Challenges to operators of child care include:
 - Space as institutional space is limited, commercial space often has a high lease cost and no outdoor space and residential is subject to Council's approval and potentially high upgrade costs.
- Despite challenges, all of the North Shore municipalities are leaders in child care. All three recently received the BC Provincial Excellence in Child Care award for local government.

Questions/Comments from SPAC:

- How long is the new space in 1308 Lonsdale regulated to be a child care space?
 - In perpetuity.
- Has the City ever looked at child care space on the Waterfront?
 - This would likely have to be negotiated with potential developers. Any chance to expand child care would be taken advantage of. This would be a good location for parents traveling by SeaBus to work downtown.

6. ADJOURNMENT – 7:50 p.m.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 22, 2016

Steve Torner Steve Torner
Chair

October 5th, 2016
Date