

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, November 26th, 2014 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Chair
Nick Bryant
Tomoko Ito
Ray Moore
Steve Tornes
Donna Zwickel

ABSENT:

Cassandra Buckley
Maria Sponza
Mary Tasi, Vice Chair

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 OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of October 22, 2014 were adopted as circulated.

3. UPDATES

a. Staff

- The inaugural meeting of the newly elected Council will be December 1. At their December 8 meeting, Council appointments to boards and committees will likely be made.
- Council has approved funding for the Friday night market and a Saturday concert series to continue in 2015.
- P. Penner has been participating in the organization of the North Shore Mayors golf tournament to help determine charity that will receive the funds.
- A reminder that SPAC membership terms are for 2 years unless someone has taken over a partial term. All terms expire January 31. A. Wilson's third term will conclude January 31, 2015. R. Moore's first term will conclude January 31 and he will be up for reappointment. The City Clerk's office contacts all members up for reappointment to ask if they wish to continue on the committee.
- The possibility of merging the Community Grants with the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund is still being looked at. The City's Finance department is

currently preparing Financial Plan for next year. P. Penner continues to work with the Director of Finance regarding this.

- Momen7um (the public art created by Studio in the City 7) will be getting a light installed next week.
- The City is hosting a Christmas festival at Shipbuilders' Square on Saturday, December 6, from 5 -8 p.m. Youth from Carson Graham Secondary School will be decorating a tree.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund Round 2 – Final Review

1. Family Services of the North Shore – I hope family centre (ihfc) – Reach Out – Early Years Services for Lower Lonsdale Families – Request for Funding: \$4,000; Recommendation: \$4,000

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- Lower Lonsdale focused.
- Great program that will benefit children in need.
- Well-established program with good expertise.
- Excellent collaboration with other agencies.

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- Perhaps funding should wait until they are established in the new facility.
- Seems to be targeting a small group of people.

2. Hollyburn Family Services Society – Wired 4 Success – Computer Skills Curriculum, Request: \$4,065; Recommendation: \$ 4,000

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- Builds great sense of community.
- Good opportunity for youth.
- They are teaching computer skills which are very important and relevant in the job market.
- Good collaboration with businesses; excellent relationships developed.
- High percentage of Lower Lonsdale residents served.

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- Committee members had a question regarding the salaries paid.
- Committee members questioned how success is measured in a program with only 3 sessions.

3. Lower Lonsdale Community Garden Society – Board Replacement Project Request: \$6,000; Recommendation: \$ 6,000

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- Great use of green space in the Lower Lonsdale area.
- 100% Lower Lonsdale participation.
- Lasting benefit; infrastructure.
- Builds community relationships.
- Good partnerships.

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- Some members wondered if this application would be better suited to the Living City Grant.

4. North Shore Neighbourhood House – Seniors Peer Support & Seniors Outreach Program, Request: \$12,000; Recommendation: \$ 12,000

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- High percentage of Lower Lonsdale participants.
- Good opportunity for seniors to connect.
- Professionally managed program.
- 1-on-1 program is good for volunteers as well as clients.

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- How are isolated seniors identified?
- Isolated seniors should be connected with families.

5. Pacific Bipolar Foundation – Friends of Bipolar Peer Support Program Request: \$25,540; Recommendation: \$12,390

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- Former psychiatrist started foundation.
- Inclusive; could be very helpful for those with bipolar disorder.

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- Low number of volunteers.
- Only 40% served are Lower Lonsdale residents.
- New organization.
- Should be seeking more funding from community.
- Not entirely in line with Lower Lonsdale funding strategy.

6. St. Andrew's United Church – Community Lunch & Dinner Program Request: \$2,400; Recommendation: \$2,400

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- Excellent program as they are feeding people for a small cost and targeting a large group.
- Funds requested are entirely for food purchase.

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- No concerns.

7. Westcoast Family Centres Society – Successful Co-Parenting Program Request: \$15,000; Recommendation: \$15,000

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- Very important service.
- Definitely a response to a need.
- Benefits the children therefore parents have peace of mind.

- Co-parenting has unique issues; this is one of few places to learn how to manage it.

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- Seems to be starting from “scratch”.
- There are similar programs on the North Shore.
- Most of the money requested seems to be going to salaries.
- Committee members wondered how the need was identified; this question was satisfactorily answered by the applicant.

**8. North Shore Neighbourhood House – Grandparent Connections Program
Request: \$10,618, Recommendation: \$3,000**

The following points were made in favour of this application:

- High percentage of Lower Lonsdale residents.
- Taking care of an important, unique group.

The following concerns were raised regarding this application:

- Some members wondered why the program was free to participants.
- High cost per participant.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT, the Social Planning Advisory Committee, having reviewed and discussed the 8 applications for Round 2 of the 2014 Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund, recommends the allocation of funds as noted above.

FURTHER, the Committee recommends carrying over the remaining \$3,000 in the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund to the 2015 Fiscal Year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Future Speakers

P. Penner advised that a presentation from Juliana Buitenhuis, Community Development Worker has been arranged for the January 2015 SPAC meeting. At that time, P. Penner may also give a presentation regarding the City’s core-funded agencies.

The Committee was asked what other agencies they would like to have come to SPAC meetings and give presentations. Some suggestions are Pacific Bipolar Foundation, Westcoast Family Centres Society and Hollyburn Family Services Society.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 28, 2015

Andy Wilson
Chair

Feb 03 2015
Date