City of North Vancouver

Social Plan Development and Approval Process

- Background Research
  - May-August 1997

- City Originated Studies/Policy/Programs

- Other Municipalities Studies/Policy/Programs

- Public Input

DRAFT SOCIAL PLAN
Jan/Feb 1998

- Community/Staff/Council Feedback
  - February 1998

- Revised Social Plan
  - March 1998

- Council Approval
  - September 1998

- Official Community Plan

- Implementation

- City Strategic Plan
Appendix A
Attachment 3
August 1997

SOCIAL PLANNING STAFF NETWORK

City Departmental Liaison
- Inspections – policy development and implementation; residential accessibility; licensing of facilities; housing issues.
- Planning – development reviews from a social perspective; joint planning processes.
- Engineering – policy development; specific issues: Safe City, accessibility, parks, redevelopment.
- Finance – development of budgets and specific funds.

Social Planning Staff
- Social Planners (2)
- Youth Development Worker (Joint position – DNV)

North Shore Municipal Liaison
- Social Planners – Information sharing
- Emergency Social Services planning
- NS Arts Commission support
- NV Recreation Commission
- NS Child Care Planning Committee
- NS Advisory Committee on Disability Issues
- Youth Outreach Services

Social Planning Advisory Committee

Community Services Agencies
- Identification of issues, trends and service provision needs;
- Collaboration on service issues and solutions;
- Funding allocation and monitoring; act as a resource in service planning; information sharing; represent City interests and provide municipal perspective.

Community Committees
Attend networking meetings for info sharing; facilities activities; provide municipal perspective; represent City interests. Ongoing committees:
- Community Services Network
- Services to Seniors Network
- Lionsview Seniors Planning-Housing Committee
- Together Against Violence
- Youth Coalition
- LL Pre-Teen Coalition

Intergovernmental Committee
Information sharing; collaborative activities/projects; represent City.
- GVRD Social Issues Committee
- NS Children & Youth Committee
- Joint Use of Public Facilities
- Joint Police Liaison Committee
- Family Court & Youth Justice Committee

Senior Government
Policy development; funding; new legislation and specific issues.
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
- BC Housing & CMHC
- Human resources Development Canada
- Ministry for Children & Families
- Attorney General
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Education
- School District #44

NS Health Region
- Development of Health Plan
- Planning assistance
- Facilitation of service plans for seniors, children and youth, mental health services.

The Community
Consultation on issues or as part of research leading to policy and program development and implementation.
REFERENCES

November 1997  Taking the Mystery out of Program Evaluation Workshop Notes
North Shore Region Health Board

October 1997  Proposed Development Options for the Lower Lonsdale Planning Study Area
Consultant’s report

October 1997  Planning for Housing, An Overview of Municipal Initiatives in British Columbia
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

January 1997  Lower Lonsdale Community Benefits Review, Final Report
Consultant’s report

January 1997  Lower Lonsdale Community Benefits Review Companion Report
Consultant’s report

October 1996  Integrated Care for the Frail Elderly on the North Shore
North Shore Health Board

April 1996  British Columbia’s Strategy for Affordable Housing
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

January 1996  Health Report for the City of North Vancouver
North Shore Health

June 1995  Capitalizing on Opportunities and Meeting the Bottom Line
North Vancouver Recreation Commission

October 1994  Towards a Vision for Services to Seniors on the North Shore
North Shore Seniors Coalition Report

June 1994  Public Involvement Program Manual
City of North Vancouver

August 1992  Official Community Plan
City of North Vancouver

April 1991  Seniors’ Independence Project Action Plan Update
Lionsview Seniors' Planning Society
TERMS AND MEANINGS

Adaptable Housing

Housing which is designed to be easily adapted to the varying or changing needs of a wide range of persons, including those with moderate disabilities.

Affordable Housing

Housing which is affordable (at 30% of gross annual income) to households of low and moderate incomes, and which is targeted to those whose incomes are below the Lower Mainland Income Ceiling levels established annually by BCHMC (City of North Vancouver Definition of Affordability, February 1995).

Complete Communities

A GVRD Livable Region strategy to reduce the amount of land, resources and infrastructure which regional growth requires, while providing the levels of demand needed to support a greater range of choice within the communities. Complete communities offer a diverse range of jobs, housing, transportation, and social, cultural and recreational facilities.

Community

Groupings of individuals interacting within a geographic area (neighbourhood, municipality). May also include an organized group such as (organization, school, workplace, business).

Community Amenities

A range of publicly funded facilities which provide social, cultural, recreational and leisure activities to local residents.

Community Members

People who live and work in the City of North Vancouver.

Community Development

Process of assisting individuals and a community to recognize and build on their resources in order to develop a greater capacity to act for themselves, rather than be dependent on others. When individuals act on commonly felt problems and needs, other results include improved livability, reduced conflict, strengthened sense of community, and a more positive social environment.
Community Grants

Municipal grants which are allocated to local non-profit organizations and agencies in support of a range of community and social services; applications are reviewed by the City’s Social Planning Advisory Committee.

Community Social Services

Wide range of services provided in the local community to address social needs, such as programs targeted for specific age groups, or services which address issues related to a community or to a specific group. Can be provided by non-profit organizations and agencies, or government bodies.

Core-Funded Agencies

Agencies and organizations which have received more than $10,000 City grants for several years.

Disability

A functional limitation or restriction of an individual's ability to perform an activity. In contrast, a “handicap” is an environmental or attitudinal barrier that limits the opportunity for a person to participate fully.

Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD)

A federation or partnership of 18 municipalities and three electoral areas that make up the metropolitan area of Greater Vancouver.

Inclusiveness

Being open to including the perspectives, ideas and involvement of as many people as possible.

Livable Region (Strategic) Plan

A partnership with member municipalities to create region-wide cooperation for managing growth.

Municipal Act

Provincial legislation which gives the municipalities their powers in specified areas, and also includes the prohibited actions or activities of municipalities.
Municipal Social Planning

Social Planning is the primary way a municipality can respond to community social issues, while developing the well being of its citizens. The basis of Social Planning is a commitment to build the community by strengthening its planning and its design, its social networks and its citizen participation.

Social Planning is a means to organize community response to the social impacts of community life, to determine priorities and to form effective partnerships to manage change. These partnerships involve residents, service agencies, community organizations, business, government services, and the municipality.

Non-Profit Housing

Housing which has been developed through government programs or subsidies from non-profit or not-for-profit groups and organizations; rental rates meet government definitions of affordability, or in the case of non-government funding projects, housing costs are below market rates for comparable units.

North Shore Health Region

The regional body for planning, coordinating and funding health-related services to the North Shore municipalities, Bowen Island and Lions Bay, provided with authority and funding from the provincial government.

North Shore Regional Operating Agency (NSROA)

Branch of the Ministry for Children and Families that promotes the healthy development and functioning of children, youth, adults and families on the North Shore.

Official Community Plan (OCP)

A document which presents the vision for the future development of the land and its uses over a specified period of time; designated uses and zones, and future of the City.

Senior

For many government or business programs and services, recognized as a person aged 65 and over.
**Social Plan**

A Plan which provides overall direction and priorities for the City's response to social concerns facing this community, periodically reviewed and revised to reflect changes in community needs and issues.

**Squamish Nation**

A local Indian band with reserves in the City and District of North Vancouver and coastal lands extending from the North Shore to the Squamish area.

**Sustainability**

Economic development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, 1992). Sustainability in this context seeks to integrate environment, economic and social concerns.

**Transport 2021**

Transportation plan for Greater Vancouver.

**Wellbeing**

Results when an individual, family or a community feels that a wide range of needs (physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, social, cultural, occupational, material, financial and environmental) are being met or addressed. It is based on a sense of strengths and capabilities, and experiencing impact or control in meeting needs or addressing problems. Some of the fundamental outcomes of wellbeing are a safe and supportive community with wide participation in community processes, thriving children, stable supported families and youths with healthy behaviours.

**Wellness**

The active process of becoming aware of and making choices toward a more healthy life.

**Zoning**

A set of municipal regulations which prescribes the use of land, buildings and structures for specific locations.