

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, March 23, 2016 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mary Tasi, Chair
Steve Tornes, Vice Chair
Nick Bryant
Cassandra Buckley
Tomoko Ito
Jasreen Janjua
Ray Moore

Holly Back, Councillor

ABSENT:

Jullian Kolstee
Stephanie Snowden

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

The agenda was approved with the addition by M. Tasi of item 4 c. "Process and Digital Issues".

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2016 were adopted as circulated.

3. UPDATES

a. Councillor

- Council granted the Carson Graham's Improv Team \$2,000 to go to Ottawa to participate in the Canadian Improv Games National Tournament.
- Council received a second design of gas pump warning labels.
- Funding was appropriated for Green Necklace East Keith Road and Grand Boulevard.
- Council received a report on the management of on-street parking in the Harbourside area.
- A Notice of Motion was made in support of a Cigarette Butt Deposit – Return Program in the City. Staff will be reporting back to Council on this. A letter will also be written to the BC Minister of Environment in support of a province-wide Deposit – Return program for the elimination of cigarette litter.

b. Staff

- The Housing Action Plan (presented to SPAC last year) will go back to Council April 18th. SPAC has scheduled W. Tse to come to the April meeting to present an update.
- P. Penner has been working with several applicants for child care facilities in residential zones. If the child care has more than 8 spaces, applications have to go to Council for approval. There will be 3 separate applications coming to Council within the next few months.
- The North Shore Congress, which consists of elected officials from across the North Shore, will meet on May 25th. The topic for their next meeting will be on Social Isolation.
- The annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception is coming up April 19, 2016 in the Atrium at City Hall.
- The North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership's strategic plan will be going to Citizen and Immigration Canada by March 31st. This plan will set the direction for how this partnership proceeds. SPAC may see Community Grant applications in the future to support some of their initiatives.
- Review of the Living City Grants has been assigned to the Advisory Planning Commission.
- The Moodyville Park Master Plan Task Force is looking for community representatives from a variety of population groups. Staff will look into whether SPAC members could serve.
- A Council report on a Housing Initiative Grant from the Cascadia society is included in the circulation folder. This society works with adults with developmental disabilities in the City. They have requested the City look into different housing models.
- Staff are looking into the possibility of getting the Community Grant forms into a more online format; we are also looking at Google Docs as a way to share information among committee members.
- Salvation Army will be holding a "Dignity Day" on Wednesday, April 6. Free services will be offered such as flu shots, health care, eye exams, etc.
- The Art Box (which was an initiative of Studio in the City a few years ago) has been moved from Shipbuilders' Square to outside Northshore Neighbourhood House. It will display events, activities and art.
- The Piano in the Plaza will be returning this upcoming summer to Civic Plaza as well as the Lonsdale Quay and the Hope Centre.
- The Hope Centre will soon have a Youth Concurrent Disorders Unit which will include youth beds.
- The City is currently holding a movie poll to determine what movies in the plaza the public wishes to see this summer. Anyone can vote online at www.cnv.org.
- The City has received 50 nominations for Youth Awards and 23 applications for the Youth Centennial Scholarship as well as 24 applications for the Child & Youth Initiatives Grant. These will be reviewed by an ad hoc committee in early April.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2016 Round One Community Grants – Preliminary Review of Applications

SPAC did a roundtable initial review of the Community Grant Applications. The spreadsheet was filled out. At the next meeting, the committee will discuss and finalize the grant recommendations.

6:50 pm – 6:55 p.m. - 5 minute break

7:00 pm - Councillor Back left the meeting

P. Penner advised that SPAC needs to consider and discuss how much of the money that is available for Community Grants should be retained for the fall intake of applications. As this is the first year without the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund and the first year that Community Grants will have two intakes, it will be difficult to judge. Committee members discussed options and decided to postpone a decision until the May meeting. At that time staff will be able to report back on the implications of the Financial Plan on two of the Community Grant applications. The discussion suggested that \$25,000 - \$50,000 of the \$187,000 in available funding should be retained for the second round.

P. Penner will discuss the possibility of carrying funds over to 2017 with the Finance department and report back at the next meeting.

Committee members posed questions regarding some of the current Community Grant applications. P. Penner will contact the applicants and report back at the next meeting.

b. 2016 Workplan & 2015 Annual Report

The Chair and Vice Chair met with staff to discuss SPAC's work plan and annual report. The main points moving into 2016 are a presentation on the Social Plan, continue reviewing grants, consideration of policies that pertain to SPAC with an eye to updating and revising the Social Plan and taking more of an advocacy role in forwarding issues to Council. There is a possibility of a "windshield" tour of some of the North Shore non-profit agencies which staff will endeavour to arrange for June.

After discussion, the following motion was moved and seconded:

THAT the Social Planning Advisory Committee approves the 2016 Work Plan and 2015 Annual Report as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Committee Process and Digital Issues

M. Tasi reminded SPAC members that, as a municipal government committee, SPAC needs to be transparent. It is important to meet face-to-face as much as possible when reviewing grants, and to find a good balance between digital discussions and face-to-face meetings.

E. Barker will be checking with the City's I.T. department regarding the possibility of SPAC members using Google Docs and other file share sites. She will report to SPAC at the May meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT – 7:50 p.m.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 27, 2016

Steve Torner

Chair

April, 27th, 2016

Date