

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 26, 2014 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Antje Wilson, Chair
Nick Bryant
Rod Clark, Councillor
Tomoko Ito
Ray Moore
Maria Sponza
Steve Tornes
Mary Tasi, Vice-Chair

ABSENT:

Arash Ehteshami

STAFF:

Paul Penner, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

GUESTS:

Mark Lynch, Manager, Development Planning

9 members – quorum = 5

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

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

P. Penner introduced new member, Maria Sponza. Mark Lynch, the City's new Manager, Development Planning was also introduced.

The Committee was advised that member Dhaneva Skogstad has resigned due to responsibilities associated with her new job.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for March 26, 2014 was approved with Item 5 e Work Plan moved to 5 a.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2014 were adopted as circulated.

4. UPDATES

a. Councillor

- The stern of the Flamborough Head is going to be disposed of due to costs.
- There are 3 additional Town Hall meetings coming up on the Draft OCP. The target for the final draft is June.
- Council has recently approved a re-structuring study. A report will be coming to Council from staff.

- Council recently adopted The North Shore Food Charter in cooperation with DNV, DWV and others.
- Council has adopted a plan to develop a AAA (All Ages & Abilities) Bike Network. Portions of the network will be established over time.

b. Staff

- The three additional Town Hall meetings on the draft OCP will be dedicated to proposed growth areas in the draft plan. These are upcoming on April 3 (Central Lonsdale) and 15 (two suites) at Queen Mary School and April 22 (Lower Lonsdale) at the Pinnacle hotel.
- North Shore Crisis Services Society have received funding to expand their second stage housing at SAGE House in the District of North Vancouver. CNV is going to rent them a City-owned house for the time that their reconstruction is taking place so that their capacity to assist women in need is not affected.
- The formal opening of Queen Mary Community Elementary School will be taking place on Friday, April 11.
- On March 3, the CNV received a designation of "Official Solar City". This is because our building inspectors are trained in the installation of solar panels, and because solar panels have been installed on the roof of the Library.
- Councillor Bell introduced a Notice of Motion recently asking staff to look into a Lonsdale corridor shuttle bus. Staff will report back to Council on this matter.
- The Child, Youth and Family Friendly Strategy is underway. A consultant has been hired to consult on and write the Strategy, and a communications firm has been hired to design it. CNV will be holding an event in late May or early June to launch the Strategy.
- The CNV's youth will be celebrated at the Youth Awards evening in the Atrium at City Hall on Thursday, May 8. Food will be catered by the HAVE Café. HAVE Café is a social enterprise café and catering company out of the Downtown East Side. HAVE has recently begun working and training people out of the kitchen at the NS Lookout Shelter.
- HAVE Café will also be providing food for the North Shore Family Court and Youth Justice Committee's monthly meetings. HAVE will be filling a large gap left by the Salvation Army's cancellation of the New Hope Cuisine catering program. New Hope Cuisine will continue to sell low-cost frozen meals. The catering portion of their program has been cancelled as the Salvation Army did not feel it aligned with their purpose and ministry.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2014 Work Plan

A. Wilson referred the committee to the report on SPAC's Draft Work Plan. The committee discussed the 2014 work plan. Key points/suggestions were as follows:

- Suggest to Council the possibility of merging the Community Grants and the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund. It was agreed by the committee to

include this suggestion in the report as long as a certain amount of funds were ear-marked for the Lower Lonsdale area.

- Regarding “Goals” of the committee, in reference to having non-profit societies come to present to the committee, the wording was suggested “To inform by inviting speakers....”.
- The report should be changed to a regular Council Report with a recommendation rather than an Information Report in order to have Council direct staff to take action.
- Include the recommendation to bring the Change the World Foundation (Harvest Project) into core funding.

Councillor Clark left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

M. Lynch left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

a. Vulnerabilities of North Vancouver Children

SPAC members received an Information Report to Council which addressed the Early Development Instrument issues and how Early Childhood Educators are planning to respond to those issues. Council has now passed a motion to endorse the North Shore Child & Family Friendly Charter and its associated Right to Play Initiative and for staff to pursue the development of family hubs in the City. The Province has recently opened an Early Year’s Centre office in Victoria and are planning to fund 5 pilot centres next year.

b. Draft OCP – SPAC Comments & Resolution

SPAC members were in agreement with the Draft memo previously circulated. Most members would like to stress the importance of adding affordable, family sized rental stock to the City. The points discussed at March’s SPAC meeting which were included in the memo were approved by SPAC with the addition of “affordable rental stock”.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Social Planning Advisory Committee supports the recommendations going forward regarding the City of North Vancouver’s Draft Official Community Plan with changes, as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Community Grants – Initial Review

P. Penner provided comments several of the applications. The committee then discussed the grants and members gave their initial recommendations. The spreadsheet was populated.

The committee members had questions about several applications. P. Penner will follow up with the applicants and report to SPAC at the next meeting.

The Committee Clerk will update the matrix and send it to SPAC members via email.

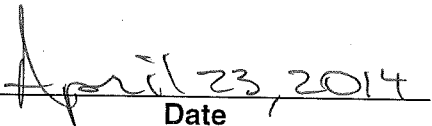
d. Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund Round One 2014

P. Penner advised the committee that the City has \$118,695 to disburse this year. The application deadline for Round 1 is the 31st of March. The applications will be distributed at the next meeting.

6. **ADJOURNMENT – 8:55 p.m.**

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 23, 2014**


Chair


Date