

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, February 25, 2015 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mary Tasi, Chair
Steve Tornes, Vice Chair
Nick Bryant
Cassandra Buckley
Ray Moore
Stephanie Snowden
Maria Sponza
Donna Zwickel

ABSENT:

Tomoko Ito

STAFF:

Paul Penner, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

Holly Back, Councillor

GUESTS:

Renee Strong, Executive Director,
Capilano Community Services
Dominique Pouliotte, Youth Outreach Worker,
Capilano Community Services

9 members – quorum = 5

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR

P. Penner assumed the position of Chair. The committee chose to have the elections by ballot. Nominations were called for from the floor.

M. Tasi was nominated for the position of Chair and accepted the nomination. As there were no other nominations made, Ms. Tasi was declared Chair by acclamation.

C. Buckley and S. Tornes were nominated for the position of Vice Chair. A vote was held by ballot and Mr. Tornes was elected.

M. Tasi then assumed the position of Chair.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2015 were adopted as circulated.

4. GUEST PRESENTATION

Renee Strong, Executive Director and

Dominique Pouliotte, Youth Outreach Worker, Capilano Community Services (CCSS)

R. Strong gave a PowerPoint presentation on her agency's services and programs.

Key points included:

- CCSS have been serving the community since 1970. They have 8 staff and 180 volunteers which includes 3 youth workers. Their main focus includes:
 - Youth Outreach Worker Services
 - Seniors' Hub Bus and Outreach Program
 - Red Cross Medical Equipment Program
 - Volunteer Program
 - Administration services for 5 other non-profits.
- The youth outreach staff provide service to youth aged 10 – 24 who are potentially at risk. Approximately 5,400 City youth were served in 2013/14. The youth workers work with youth at Carson Graham, Mountainside and Handsworth high schools.
- The Seniors' Hub Outreach includes Doris Too (the Bus); which is famous for its grocery shopping program. There are 12 senior programs in all which include peer groups, tele friends, individual medical rides, etc. 190 City seniors were served in 2013/14.
- The Red Cross Medical Equipment Program is by donation. They are the busiest depot in the Lower Mainland. It is a short term 3-month term loan. 613 City residents were served in 2013/14.
- Society volunteers put in a total of 16,700 volunteer hours last year. 75 of CCSS's 180 volunteers live in the City.
- Administration support is provided to other non-profits in the building:
 - Canadian Hard of Hearing North Shore Branch
 - Lionsview Seniors Planning Society
 - North Shore Community Foundation
 - North Shore Keep Well Society
 - North Shore Restorative Justice Society
- CCSS is grateful for the ongoing funding from the CNV!

D. Pouliotte spoke about her role as a Youth Outreach Worker. CCSS has 3 youth outreach workers who all do a variety of different things. They run two after school programs at Capilano Elementary and Norgate Elementary. These programs are essential for establishing relationships with the youth that will be moving into a City high school. At Carson Graham and Mountainside Secondary Schools, the youth workers have set office hours, hold drop-ins, attend school events, run Monday lunchtime events, facilitate discussions and activities, as well as meet one-to-one with students. Each youth worker assists 10 – 12 students at a time. They meet regularly to work on what is most important to the student, and to help them get access to resources, counselling, etc. The youth workers liaise with a clinical counsellor weekly.

Current trends with youth include conflict at home, mental health concerns such as anxiety, drug use and issues attending school. They are generally referred to them youth worker by self-referral or a support person such as a teacher or mentor.

Questions from SPAC:

- What kind of drug use are you seeing in the youth community?
 - Marijuana and alcohol are prevalent, a year or two ago we saw some heroin on the North Shore, not sure if that is still happening.
 - What is your approach if someone tells you that they are using drugs?
 - We come from a non-judgemental stance; youth may not come back and talk to us if they are told “don’t do that”. We help them explore their own experience and talk about how they feel when they do it, what triggers their substance use, and to help them to gain a greater understanding of what is going on for them. Drug use at a younger age usually has underlying reasons.
- You receive funding from DNV and CNV. Where else do you get funding from?
 - We also receive gaming money, money from Vancouver Coastal Health, other service groups; we also fundraise.
- Do you provide any kind of job search support to youth past high school age?
 - We connect them with other resources such as WorkBC. We also provide assist with resume writing and assistance in getting to places to apply for jobs.
- Do you have any thoughts on the higher trend of anxiety and parent conflict in youth?
 - It could be that mental health is talked about and recognized more now rather than having a stigma attached to it. There are a lot of pressures on youth these days; the technology barrage is overwhelming.
- Is your programming designed on community needs that you’ve noticed over the years?
 - The activities of the youth outreach workers are established through service agreements with CNV and DNV; there is some flexibility in terms of emerging trends. We have more flexibility with seniors’ programming but it can be hard to bring in change with seniors. We hold youth forums and work with youth on what they want/need.

5. UPDATES

a. Councillor

- Council received a presentation from Cargill Monday night. They will be embarking on a terminal improvement and expansion project in May 2015 which will result in many benefits to the City’s residents such as a significant noise reduction and future employment opportunities.
- Council also received a delegation from My Own Space Housing Society. They are looking to partner with a developer to find affordable housing in the City for a group of developmentally disabled young adults.

b. Staff

- The Public Hearing for the OCP is scheduled for Tuesday March 3rd.
- A Public Information Meeting scheduled last week for a men’s residential recovery home in the District of North Vancouver has been rescheduled to March 4 as the venue was not large enough.
- Queen Mary Elementary School will be holding a Centennial Celebration on May 22. Please save the date and plan to attend. If you are an alumni, the school is looking for stories, photos, etc.

- On March 28th, there will be an event at City Hall called “Kids in the Hall”. There will be a bike rodeo, speakers and activities for all ages.
- The deadline for the nominations for youth awards and Child & Youth Initiative Grants is Wednesday, March 25, 2015.
- A new, online Youth Services Directory will be launched in March.
- At the February 23 Council meeting, P. Penner had 3 reports go to Council. One was related to the delegation from My Own Space; they are not alone in seeking the City’s assistance in finding land, buildings, or space in buildings. Staff will be reporting back to Council in the near future to establish the preferred method of prioritizing and allocating community amenity spaces.
- The second report was on the Socio-Economic Impacts of Gaming; this arose out of a Council delegation in December 2013 from an operator who wanted to set up a gaming facility on the North Shore. Gaming is currently prohibited in the City’s Zoning Bylaw. Council resolved to hold a meeting of the Policy Committee, likely in April.
- The third report was on the merging of Community Grants & the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund; referenced in a memo and discussed below.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Process Review and Distribution of Community Grants Applications

E. Barker went over the Community Grant Application Review form. The importance of having a form completed for **each** application was noted as well as the importance giving clear, constructive comments under each priority in the Evaluation Criteria.

P. Penner drew the Committee’s attention to the memo he passed around at the start of the meeting. The memo contains preliminary thoughts and things that stood out upon an initial review of the applications.

He also noted the reference to the merger of the Community Grants and the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund which Council has approved. This merger will occur in 2016. Staff are interested in hearing SPAC’s thoughts on some of the points mentioned in the memo; i.e. if the committee would prefer one intake or two and if the committee wishes to implement a multi-year funding cycle. Another point for consideration is whether or not the City should have a formal Accountability Form.

SPAC members had a preliminary discussion on these topics. Preliminary discussions indicate that, in addition to the traditional January 31 Community Grants deadline, a second intake of grant applications should be scheduled for mid-September. Members were asked to think further about these issues over the next month and come to the March meeting prepared to discuss in further detail.

The sub-groups for the review of the grant applications were announced and members received their application at the end of the meeting.

b. Eli Mina Workshops

The City-sponsored workshops by Parliamentarian Eli Mina are coming up March 24 and March 31. This information was previously forwarded to SPAC members. The workshops are currently full but members that are interested and have not signed up can be put on a wait list.

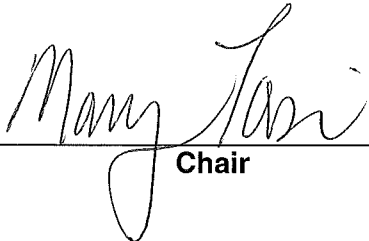
M. Tasi requested that members that attend the workshops give a short report at the next meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

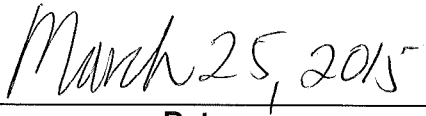
At the March meeting, the Committee wishes to discuss plans for the upcoming year and the Committee's work plan.

8. ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 25, 2015



Chair



Date

