

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 22, 2016 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mary Tasi, Chair
Cassandra Buckley
Arash Ehteshami
Tomoko Ito
Jasreen Janjua
Jullian Kolstee
Joanna Linsangan
Heather Urquhart

ABSENT:

Steve Tornes, Vice Chair
Holly Back, Councillor

STAFF:

Suzanne Smith, Planner 2
Heather Evans, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

9 members – quorum = 5

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

1. WELCOME

The new staff representative, H. Evans and H. Urquhart, new member were introduced and welcomed. A. Ehteshami is a returning member and will be joining the meeting a half hour late due to a previous commitment.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the addition of a 5 minute break added after Discussion Items.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of November 23, 2016 were adopted as circulated.

4. UPDATES

a. Councillor – N/A

b. Staff

- The second annual “Kids in the Hall” event was held in City Hall on Saturday, November 19, 2016. More than 600 people attended and there were 25 tables of activities and service providers. The digger from the Operations Yard was a big hit!
- Tonight (November 23) there is a Fentanyl Forum at Centennial Theatre. Dr. Mark Lysyshyn from Vancouver Coastal Health will be speaking on the potential threats posed by Fentanyl. There will also be a Q & A panel

with representatives from both school districts, RCMP, West Vancouver Police and local youth workers.

- The City took a second intake of applications for the Child & Youth Initiative Fund. A small ad-hoc committee will be meeting next week to discuss the applications and make recommendations.
- H. Evans has been working on the Dementia Friendly North Shore initiative. A Seniors' Health Expo was held in West Vancouver on September 10; there were presentations on cognitive development, speakers, a panel, and a Social Planner from New Westminster spoke about how they developed their plan. There were also resources available from Vancouver Coastal Health, a lived-experience speaker, and a caregiver with lived-experience. The Forum also provided an opportunity to launch a dementia friendly survey in September. The results are being tabulated now. The City, in conjunction with the District of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver, has applied for funding through the Age Friendly Grant.

6:25 p.m. - A. Ehteshami joined the meeting.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (moved to #6)

a. 2016 Round Two Community Grant Recommendations

S. Smith recapped the process followed in the first round of discussions last month and confirmed that, any funds remaining in the Community Grant budget not awarded in 2016 will not be available in 2017. The Evaluation Criteria was also reviewed with SPAC members to refer to it when evaluating applications and determining grant recommendations.

M. Tasi led the discussion and the committee started by going over the applicants' responses to the questions identified at last month's meeting.

After deliberation, the majority of committee members agreed on all grant recommendations. The spreadsheet was filled out. The next step is to prepare a report to Council for their endorsement.

Committee members were reminded to return completed Application Review forms to E. Barker as soon as possible.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS (moved to #5)

- ### a. Child Care in Residential Zones – A report went to Council in July 2016 outlining options to find a greater balance between existing residential neighbourhoods and the child care providers that wish to reside and operate within them. Council directed staff to prepare bylaws to effect a number of changes including: to reduce the number of spots from 17 to 16 in a child care facility that is an Accessory use to a residential building; eliminating child care facilities as a Principal Use in all single-family and duplex zoned areas; permitting staff approval for child care facilities with spots for 9 – 12 children in certain conditions; and requiring early consideration by Council of any child care projects that are subject to a Public Hearing (containing special conditions which include: lot under 5,900 sq. ft, where the block contains one or more child care facilities and the parking is accessed from a collector or arterial road). A Public Hearing

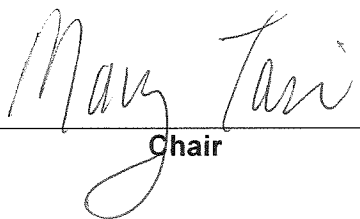
has been held on these changes and these bylaws are now moving forward to final adoption.

- b. North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership (NSIIP) – The NSIIP is a coalition of 20+ community agencies and institutions on the North Shore which are focused on improving the settlement outcomes of newcomers. NSIIP received federal funding to develop this 3-year Strategic plan which is focused on reducing barriers to immigrant inclusion. Some SPAC members will remember the presentation received at SPAC in January 2016. This plan was released on April 2016 and includes 4 strategic priorities: Access to Information & Services, Community Connection & Intercultural Relationships, Employment and Representation. NSIIP came to Council on November 14 to present the North Shore Settlement and Integration Strategic Plan. The NSIIP received Council's endorsement of their plan. Staff will continue to support the implementation of the plan through participation in a number of working groups established to further the strategic priorities.
- c. Early Development Instrument – Wave 6 Results – SPAC members may be familiar with the Early Development Instrument (EDI) as previous waves have been reported to the Committee. The EDI measures patterns and trends in children's development health. The assessments have been completed by kindergarten teachers across BC for the last 15 years. It addresses 5 different areas of development and is measured and reported as vulnerability rates.

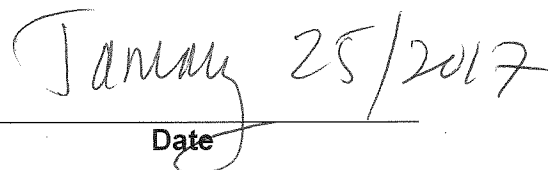
The Information Report to Council identified critical differences between Wave 3 (the first survey that CNV students were part of) and Wave 6 for EDI neighbourhood reporting areas on the North Shore that are all or partly within the City of North Vancouver boundaries. The intention is not to prescribe action or point out solutions but is a starting point to explore the implications and recommend actions.

6. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 p.m.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 25, 2017



Chair



Date