

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, September 23, 2015 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Nick Bryant
Cassandra Buckley
Tomoko Ito
Jasreen Janjua
Ray Moore
Donna Zwickel

ABSENT:

Mary Tasi, Chair
Steve Tornes, Vice Chair
Stephanie Snowden
Holly Back, Councillor

STAFF:

Paul Penner, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

9 members – quorum = 5

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Maria Sponza has resigned from the committee. New member, Jasreen Janjua was introduced.

2. SELECTION OF ACTING CHAIR

Both the Chair and Vice-Chair were unable to attend the meeting. P. Penner asked if any members wished to chair the meeting. There being no volunteers, P. Penner proceeded as Chair.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting of September 23, 2015 was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of June 24, 2015 were adopted as circulated.

5. GUEST SPEAKER

Joy Hayden, Community & Fund Development, Hollyburn Family Services

J. Hayden from Hollyburn Family Services presented a PowerPoint presentation and two videos.

Key points included:

- Hollyburn is a non-profit, charitable organization that was incorporated in 2004.
- Their funding base is diverse with 25% of funding coming from grants and fundraising.

- There are 3 separate entities that comprise Hollyburn: Hollyburn Family Services Ltd. (Est. 1990), Hollyburn Support Services Ltd. (Est. 1992) and Hollyburn Family Services Society (Est. 2004). Each is a distinct legal entity with its own unique programs and separate financial operations.
- The Limiteds start with funding and then address community need. The Society starts with community need and then addresses funding. All 3 work together with a synergy created by commitment and common values.
- The Limiteds are for profit and share one leadership management team. The Society has a Board of Directors.
- Services provided include:
 - Services to address youth and senior homelessness;
 - Emotional & navigational support to children and adults who have experienced domestic violence or abuse;
 - Navigational support to aboriginal people with mental health and addiction issues who are involved in the criminal justice system;
 - Parent support, education and resources to families & caregivers of young children.
- Some of the youth programs include Hollyburn Hockey Heroes, Youth Unedited, Youth Safe House and Housing First for Youth, Life Success and Wired 4 Success.
- For seniors the programs include Supporting Seniors to Remain Housed, Housing First, Seniors Safe House (a brand new program) and Seniors Outreach.
- Services for families include West Vancouver Family Place, Victim Support Services and various parenting classes.

Comments/Questions from SPAC:

- Several SPAC members said that the presentation, including the videos, was very well done, very touching and moving.
- Hollyburn should be recommended to be core funded.
- How many City youth does Hollyburn provide services for?
 - The majority of youth are City residents.
- How does the Youth Safe House work with the federal Housing First funding?
 - The Housing First funding goes toward providing the staffing at the Safe House. Fund raising is relied upon to cover all other costs.
- Hollyburn has applied in the past for funding from the City for West Vancouver Family Place. Can you explain how that program benefits City residents?
 - Because of its unique programs many families from the DNV and CNV attend. Proportionately CNV families make up the smallest percentage of the clientele.

7:05 – 7:10 - Break

6. UPDATES

- Councillor – Councillor Back is attending UBCM this week.
- Staff
 - The new North Shore Youth Mobile friendly website will be launched at the end of September. E. Barker will send the link to this website to SPAC members for feedback.
 - On July 20, Council approved the transfer of affordable housing units at the Onni development at 13th and Lonsdale to the YWCA. The YWCA will use these housing units to support young, single mothers with dependent children.

- SPAC's recommendations for the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund grants were approved by Council at their July 20 meeting.
- J. Buitenhuis is in the process of establishing a Task Force to implement the Child & Family Friendly policy (CNV4ME). The Task Force will include Councillor Buchanan and will have representation from all City departments as well as NVRC and the RCMP.
- Council has directed staff to investigate a bicycle lift for the City.
- At the September 14 Council meeting, there was a Public Hearing for a 140 unit assisted housing complex for seniors at Harbourside. Council gave first reading to the proposal.
- Included in the Committee's information folder is a Council report regarding Permissive Tax Exemptions. Municipalities have the ability to forego the property tax on some properties. In some cases, such as for churches and schools, it is required by the Province. In other instances Council has the discretion to forego property taxes, and many of the City's non-profit agencies benefit in this way. There are no changes proposed to the City's exemptions at this time.
- P. Penner has been working with the Early Years Planning Table (aka Connect for Kids) to develop an application for Early Years Centre funding. This is as a result of the Early Development Instrument survey assessment which indicated that there are five areas of the North Shore where children are unanticipatedly vulnerable when they are entering Kindergarten. The proposal would deliver additional child and family-strengthening programs in those five areas of the North Shore.
- P. Penner has been working with the City's Finance department to make the Harvest Project a core funded agency as per SPAC's recommendation to Council.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2016 Community Grants

The deadline for the final round of applications for the Lower Lonsdale Legacy Fund is coming up October 15. The applications will be distributed to members at the next meeting or perhaps before.

Community Grants will then be moving to 2 rounds starting in the new year. In early 2016, the Committee will have to determine how much to allocate for each round. September 15 has already been agreed upon as the deadline for the 2nd round. It was noted that, unlike the Lower Lonsdale Legacy funds, any Community Grant funds that remain at the end of the year cannot be carried over to the next year.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:40 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Steve Tames

Chair

Oct. 28th, 2015

Date

