

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 25, 2013 at 7:00pm

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MINUTES

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**PRESENT:**

Antje Wilson, Chair  
Kenneth Izatt, Vice-Chair  
Nick Bryant  
Arash Ehteshami  
Ray Moore  
Mary Tasi  
Steve Tornes

**ABSENT:**

Greg Geub  
Tomoko Ito  
Rod Clark, Councillor

**STAFF:**

Paul Penner, Community Planner  
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

**GUESTS:**

Nancy Hollstedt, Manager, Information and  
Volunteer Programs, North Shore Community  
Resources Society  
June Maynard, Manager, Child Care Resource  
Program, North Shore Community Resources  
Society

9 members – quorum = 5  
1 Councillor (non-voting) 2 staff (non-voting)

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**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of June 26, 2013 were adopted with one change. On page 4 under Item 7 – “A. Ehteshami feels...” will be changed to “A. Ehteshami believes...”.

**3. GUEST SPEAKERS**

Nancy Hollstedt and June Maynard, North Shore Community Resources Society  
N. Hollstedt gave a Powerpoint Presentation on North Shore Community Resources Society. Key highlights included:

- The history of the NSCR
- Overview of their programs and services which include:
  - Hosting of Community Planning Tables
  - Legal Information & Advocacy
  - Parent & Child Resource Programs
  - Seniors & Caregiver Support Programs

- Database of volunteer opportunities on the North Shore.
- Are part of North Shore Community Collaboration which is a unique partnership amongst non-profit organizations. The purpose of this is to reduce duplication and to find the best agency fit for the client.
- Some of the main issues facing clients on the North Shore are:
  - High cost of housing
  - High cost & availability of child care
  - Growing seniors population
  - Growing caregiver population
  - Law issues focused on tenancy & employment
- WHEELS is one of their main approaches to outreach. Provides information for parents of children age 0 – 5 as well as information for seniors. The focus is on hard to reach clients and clients that fall into the “eligibility gap”. They are currently running WHEELS 3 days a week due to current funding restraints but hope to be able to run 5 days a week and expand to general agency information in the near future.

Questions from SPAC:

- Is hard to reach the same as homeless?
  - Not necessarily. Can be vice versa.
- How do you identify a need and how urgent it is if you are not doing pre planning?
  - We use research by universities and health authorities, the United Way and SPARC. We also look at emerging issues and demographics. Inter-agency collaboration allows us to share information to identify growing needs and gaps in service.
- Do you have a matrix for measuring success?
  - We keep statistics to see if a program is growing in use. We also survey participants. Resources and money are tight so we keep a close eye on it. Funders require reporting. If we see something that isn't working, we will ask our funder if funds could be transferred to another program.
- What kinds of programs are available for immigrants?
  - All are welcome. We are very fortunate to have Farsi speakers, Cantonese speakers, etc. that work in the organization. We also refer to the Multicultural Society and we hold workshops and training in other languages.
- Do you have people on site to provide legal services? Are they lawyers?
  - They are considered legal advocates – some are lawyers, some are students or paralegals supervised by lawyers. This program is funded by the Law Society.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

a. CityShaping

i. Current Status & Timeline

- There will be a report going to Council on October 7 regarding Density Bonusing which will include the consultant's report. The staff report will be sent to SPAC members via email once it has gone to Council.
- Staff have been working on a draft OCP.
- The target date for the new OCP is now spring 2014.

- ii. Input on Select Draft Chapter(s)
  - Chapter 4 of the new OCP, Community Wellbeing is what most closely represents the work of this committee.
  - P. Penner/E. Barker will email a copy of Chapter 4 to committee members.
  - Committee members are asked to review Chapter 4 and forward their input to P. Penner by October 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Committee members commended staff on a very well done process.
- b. Community Grants Forms & Forum
  - New community grant forms were sent around. This is as a result of the Tri-municipal meeting held in June. Changes and suggestions have now been incorporated.
  - A workshop will be held November 20, 2013 called "**How to Write and Apply for North Shore Municipal Community Grants**". This will be a two hour interactive session with staff from each municipality. Any non-profit organizations that may apply for Community Grants are welcome to attend. Committee members are invited to attend as observers.

## 5. UPDATES

### a. Councillor

### b. Staff

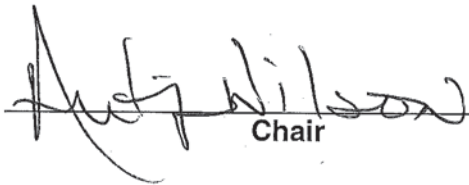
- Council received a Confidential Report September 23 regarding potential operators of the affordable housing and child care community amenity spaces at 1308 Lonsdale. The decision was deferred for 2 weeks.
- The Studio in the City 6 project is now complete. The Art Box is a public digital art piece designed and created by 12 North Vancouver youth. It is a converted shipping container with a wall of screens that run quarterly exhibitions of local youth artwork. The Art Box is interactive in that it provides the audience with the opportunity to "erase" a black and white image, revealing the colourful artwork or film underneath. More information can be found at [www.theartbox.ca](http://www.theartbox.ca).
- The City is currently undertaking a huge mural project on the wall of the Lookout Shelter. The mural is coordinated by Kate Declerck of Creativa Cultural Association ([www.creativainternational.com](http://www.creativainternational.com)) and will be part of the 'Word to Your Motherland' project. The co-creation of an outdoor mural will celebrate the multiculturalism of North Vancouver. The 4 lead artists engaged 10-15 youth and emerging artists from the City of North Vancouver, along with shelter residents to design a unique piece that integrates cultural elements from the participants' countries and cultures of origin and cultural elements that represent and reflect the spirit of North Vancouver. The mural will be unveiled on Monday, September 30, 2013. More information can be found at [www.cnv.org/motherlandmural](http://www.cnv.org/motherlandmural).
- As part of Studio in the City 6, over 600 unique feet of youth-designed fencing that has been mounted around the Flamsborough Head Ship was unveiled in late September.
- The results of the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) Community Summary are now available. The purpose of this summary was to assess

the vulnerability of children when they begin school. The results for the North Vancouver School District will be sent as a PDF to SPAC members.

- A consultant's report on Child & Family Friendliness on the North Shore has also been released. This will also be emailed to SPAC members. City staff will soon be reporting to Council on the City's action plans regarding several recommendations.

7. **ADJOURNMENT – 8:55 pm**

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 23, 2013**

  
Chair

  
Date