

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee
Held in City Hall, Atrium Meeting Room
On Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Naz Kohan, Chair
Anna Boltenko
Jasreen Janjua
Jolene Kennett
Etienne Normandin-Poitras, Vice-Chair
Heather Urquhart

ABSENT:

Kate Galicz
Tina Parbhakar
Arash Ehteshami

Angela Girard, Councillor

STAFF:

Heather Evans, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

9 members – quorum = 5

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by the Community Planner at 6:05 p.m.

The approval of the agenda was moved and seconded and the agenda was approved as circulated.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Community Planner commenced the elections. Nominations were called for from the floor for the position of Chair. N. Kohan was nominated and accepted. There being no further nominations, N Kohan was declared Chair by acclamation.

Nominations were then called from the floor for the position of Vice Chair. E. Normandin-Poitras was nominated and accepted. There being no further nominations, E. Normandin-Poitras was declared Vice-Chair by acclamation.

N. Kohan took over as Chair.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNCEDED TERRITORY

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The adoption of the minutes of the meeting of October 23, 2019 moved and seconded and the minutes were adopted as circulated.

5. UPDATES

- Councillor
 - Unavailable.

- Staff
 - The City Clerk's department will be reviewing the Terms of Reference for all City Advisory Bodies.
 - The City Clerks' department is currently drafting Volunteer Agreements that all committee members will be required to sign. These will outline expected conduct, respectful workplace practices, etc. They have also requested that no small group meeting of committee members occur outside of City Hall.
 - An update on the Community Well-Being Strategy will be provided at the March SPAC meeting.
 - Council has directed staff to prepare an application to the province for a child care facility. This facility would be in Mahon Park, near Fen Burdett stadium. The preliminary design for the space is being worked on now then the application will be brought to Council direction.
 - Staff are working on a feasibility study for the North Shore Neighbourhood House site. This is in the preliminary phase.
 - The City is one of six municipalities involved in the Social Purpose Real Estate Collaborative; the collaborative also involves VanCity, BC Housing, the CMHC and others. They will be looking at the needs of non-profits and social enterprises in terms of real estate and how to support them. There will be a survey going out next month.
 - Currently wrapping up a project with Lionsview and Silver Harbour on a grant for age friendly communities. The project looked at integrating multi-cultural seniors; some good preliminary findings came out. There will be a forum in April.
 - As part of the City's partnership with Capilano University's City Studio, the Community Planner is working with a sociology class looking at immigrant integration.
 - The pilot project for child minding during Council meetings (branded "Council Kids") is up and running and started last Monday night. There is also an option for parents to hire an at-home babysitter and be reimbursed for the child care costs.

6. PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

a) Update on Community Grants 2019 Round Two

In December, SPAC's report on the 2019 Round Two Community Grants was approved by Council, however, they referred two applications back to staff for further review and

possible re-allocation. SPAC was shown the minute clip on this discussion and resolution.

Staff reported back to Council in January with recommendations; this report was included in SPAC's agenda package.

After discussion, it was moved and seconded:

THAT, the Social Planning Advisory Committee, having reviewed the Council deliberation and referral to staff regarding the 2019 Round Two Community Grant Applications, wishes to request that, in future, if Council has a question regarding grant allocations, that the matter be referred to the Social Planning Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break – 6:50 – 7:00 pm.

b) Community Grants Review Process & Group Assignments

The Community Planner gave a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation highlighted the timeline and process, tools, teams and next steps. The process will be changing slightly from previous years due to the changes requested by the City Clerk's department.

SPAC discussed each group member doing individual reviews of only half the applications allocated to each group versus both (or all) members reviewing all the applications in depth. The Community Planner stressed the important of having each reviewer make notes on their review, whether on the review sheets, the matrix or another way. These will be collected by staff at the end of the deliberations.

After further discussion, it was moved and seconded:

THAT, the Social Planning Advisory Committee, having received a presentation on and discussed the updated grant review process, resolved that each group shall bring to the next SPAC meeting one completed Grant Review Worksheet (or similar notes regarding the application review) for each application assigned to the group, along with a preliminary grant allocation recommendation for each application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Update on Child Care Action Plan

The Community Planner gave a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the City's Child Care Action Plan.

The City is working with the District of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver on a Child Care Action Plan and a consultant has been hired to assist. This came about as an initiative from the Province and provincial money was given to each municipality to carry this out.

By April or May, we hope to have a draft of a new Child Care Action Plan ready.

Questions/Comments from SPAC

- Why not use school space for after school space? It is very difficult to find before and after school care for a reasonable price.
 - There has been discussion with SD 44 about this but no movement at this time. It can be difficult to find free space in schools as much of it is already programmed for out of school hours.
 - The Province may make it a requirement in the future for school districts to provide child care space.

7. ROUND TABLE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

Save the date for the yearly Volunteer Appreciation Reception which is scheduled for April 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 25, 2020



Chair

April 22, 2020

Date