

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, March 27, 2019 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Arash Ehteshami
Jasreen Janjua
Etienne Normandin, Chair
Tina Parbhakar
Heather Urquhart
Larry O'Grodnik

ABSENT:

Cassandra Buckley
Jolene Kennett
Naz Kohan, Vice Chair
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. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNCEDED TERRITORY

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The adoption of the minutes of the meeting of February 27, 2019 was moved and seconded and the minutes were adopted as circulated.

4. UPDATES

a. Councillor - Unavailable

b. Staff

- In November 2018, Council requested some changes to the Harry Jerome Project. A report was sent to Council in February 2019 with cost containment and risk mitigation strategies. Staff are awaiting the next steps direction from Council and expect to come back to the advisory committees to present this fall.
- Non-profit agencies and organizations in the City can apply for a permission tax exemption to be exempt from property taxation for a specified period of time. These are provided by bylaw, which is updated

every four years. The City's bylaw will be updated this year. Would SPAC like to see and review the permissive tax exemptions from a social planning perspective? It was stated unanimously that SPAC would like to review these applications. H. Evans will ask Finance to come present to SPAC in April or May.

- The North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership (NSIIP) held a photo contest entitled "This is Us: Diverse North Shore". This was an invitation for newcomers to tell their stories of place and belonging through original photography. Selected works are being displayed in City Hall's Atrium until April 4.
- Council's Strategic Plan has been deferred until April 2019.
- Council is looking at bringing back a Playground Enhancements Policy that would provide funds for City schools to upgrade their playgrounds.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) 2018 Annual Report and 2019 Work Plan

E. Normandin will review and make suggestions, then will send to committee members for feedback. He will ask for comments back to him by email. This item will be on the SPAC agenda in May, as E. Normandin will be absent at the April meeting.

b) Community Grants Discussion and First Allocations

Committee members shared their recommendations; H. Evans entered amounts and questions / comments on the matrix spreadsheet.

H. Evans will email the updated matrix to SPAC members for review. E. Normandin suggested members review all applicants (not just the ones assigned to their group) on the spreadsheet and make any further recommendations at the April meeting.

6. ROUND TABLE

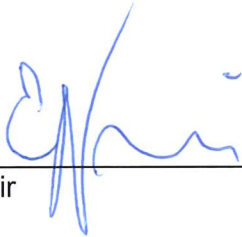
Dates and suggestions for a summer committee get together were discussed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 24, 2019

Chair



Date

22/II/19