

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
Regular meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee
Held via WEBEX
On Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Etienne Normandin-Poitras
Anna Boltenko
Kate Galicz
Jolene Kennett
Tina Parbhakar

ABSENT:

Jasreen Janjua

STAFF:

Heather Evans, Community Planner
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

Angela Girard, Councillor

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 6:07 pm.

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. T. Parbhakar was nominated and accepted the nomination. K Galicz was nominated and declined the nomination. There being no further nominations, T. Parbhakar was declared Chair by acclamation.

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

T. Parbhakar 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 January 27, 2021 was moved and seconded and the minutes were adopted as circulated.

5. UPDATES

- Councillor
 - a) Council has been focused on the operating plan for next year and the 10 year capital plan. Some amendments were put forward. Will be coming back to Council in near future.
 - b) Recently approved a funding program for Esplanade Complete Streets.
 - c) UBCM Poverty reduction planning grant application was endorsed.
 - d) 2021 Census coming soon; we encourage everyone to participate.
 - e) Council approved a new rental project on East 4th between Lonsdale and St. Georges; it will double the capacity of rental.
 - f) Council has approved the creation of a Balanced Housing Lab, tri-municipal with the Squamish Nation. We will be looking at ways to adjust the application process and zoning and ways to streamline to cut costs that will result in lower rental pricing.
 - g) Street and traffic bylaws have been adjusted to add fines for cars parking in bike lanes.
 - h) Councillor Bell put forward a Notice of Motion to ask staff to create an Adopt a Street program to keep streets clean.

- Staff
 - a) Staff are working with DNV and DWV on the UBCM Poverty Reduction Grant. This will help create a 10 year action plan to alleviate conditions of poverty. This would also support the provincial poverty reduction plan, which has some ambitious goals to reduce poverty. The grant application is due next week and we expect to hear back by June. We would then create a time limited Task Force.
 - b) The Neighbourhood Grants that are funded through the Vancouver Foundation, opened up for applications yesterday.
 - c) Three new SPAC members have been appointed; they will be at the March meeting.

After discussion, the following motion was moved and seconded:

THAT, the Social Planning Advisory Committee, having received information regarding the creation of a Poverty Reduction Plan, supports the creation of such a plan for the North Shore.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DISCUSSION

Community Grants Review Process and Group Assignments

The Community Planner advised SPAC that the City has received 71 grant applications for a total ask of \$279,670. The budget for Community Grants for 2021 is approximately \$160,000. Only two applications this round are from new applicants.

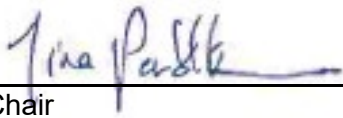
SPAC discussed how the review groups would work this year with having to add new members in after the grant review has already begun. It was decided that the Community Planner will meet with the new members next week and advise them that they will be receiving grant applications and which group they are in. She will also go over the grant review process at that time.

March 12 is the deadline to have any questions for the agencies to the Community Planner.

6. ROUND TABLE

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.



Chair

March 24, 2021

Date