

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, October 25, 2017 at 6:00pm

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MINUTES

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**PRESENT:**

Steve Tornes, Chair  
Arash Ehteshami, Vice Chair  
Cassandra Buckley  
Naz Kohan  
Etienne Normandin  
Mary Tasi  
Heather Urquhart

Holly Back, Councillor

**ABSENT:**

Jasreen Janjua  
Tina Parbhakar

**STAFF:**

Heather Evans, Community Planner  
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

**GUESTS:**

9 members – quorum = 5

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

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**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

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

The minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2017 were adopted as circulated.

**3. UPDATES**

a. Councillor

Councillor Back is unable to attend this evening.

b. Staff

- The North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership Board Diversity Project is going well. The consultant has interviewed and recruited around 30 people who are recent immigrants and offered them the 2 day training put on at no cost to them; 21 out of 28 scheduled attended. In November, some of the recipient boards will be doing a training session.
- Immigration census data came out today. Overall, there has been a drop in immigration in BC between the 2 census periods. The North Shore remained attractive compared to other locations in BC. The proportion of

total immigrants increased in each muni on the North Shore with the CNV having the highest. The top 3 source countries are Iran, China and the Philippines.

- We will be soon launching 2 surveys on the Child Care Strategy Project; 1 will be going to child care providers in the City, one going to parents.
- Juliana is working on the School the City project; an RFP has gone out for a consultant to develop and deliver a school and community based curriculum that encourages community stewardship, enhance child, youth and family consultation on City projects, and provides opportunities for young people to develop innovative City and community projects. The RFP is available on the City websites and responses will be received until November 16, 2017.
- Kids in the Hall, a family friendly event, will be happening at City Hall again on November 18. This year's theme is "Welcome to the City" and will be focused on newcomers to the City.
- The North Shore Middle Years Planning Table (which supports children ages 6 – 12) is concerned there is not enough before and after school care or activities for this age group. They are currently running a survey to find out what kids this age are currently doing after school.

#### 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### a. Round Two Community Grant Allocations – Finalize

S. Tornes began by suggesting that we do a round table and find out everyone's preliminary numbers. This was agreed to unanimously and discussions commenced. The spreadsheet was populated.

Decisions on allocations were reached and agreed upon unanimously.

##### b. Future Planning - Tours

With a view to planning future meetings, H. Evans followed up on SPAC's interest in going on tours of service providers. She advised that she had recently gone to an event at the Quest Food Exchange and wondered if members were interested. SPAC members expressed interest in going to the Foundry and Quest Food Exchange.

It was decided that a tour would be planned for a non-SPAC meeting night and speakers would be brought in for the November and January meetings. Other ideas mentioned for speakers/presentations were Canadian Mental Health Association, North Shore Multicultural Society, Lionsview Seniors Planning and North Shore Stroke Foundation. S. Tornes requested that before a speaker comes to SPAC, members receive an email with the funding amounts for the last few years.

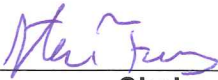
#### 5. ROUND TABLE

S. Tornes thanked everyone for respectfully and smoothly making tough decisions on this round of Community Grant applications. The atmosphere was great.

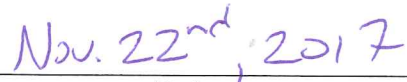
M. Tasi advised that she has been invited to attend the Adverse Childhood Experiences Summit next month. This is a very interesting initiative through the BC Medical Association. She would like to give a 5 minute synopsis at the next SPAC meeting.

6. **ADJOURNMENT – 7:46 pm**

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 22, 2017**



Chair



Date