

**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 22, 2017 at 6:00pm**

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**MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:**

Steve Tornes, Chair  
Arash Ehteshami, Vice Chair  
Cassandra Buckley  
Jasreen Janjua  
Joanna Linsangan  
Mary Tasi  
Heather Urquhart

**ABSENT:**

Tina Parbhakar  
Holly Back, Councillor

**STAFF:**

Heather Evans, Community Planner  
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

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 February 22, 2017 were adopted as circulated.

**3. UPDATES**

a. Councillor

b. Staff

- The improvements to Jack Loucks Court and Rogers Plaza have been approved by Council. Implementation has begun. Lights, playground rubber flooring and mobile furniture will soon be added. If SPAC members have any other thoughts or ideas, please forward to H. Evans or J. Buitenhuis.
- Council received a presentation from the CityFEST organizers. Auditions for the music at CityFEST are currently underway for the May 6<sup>th</sup> event.
- Tickets for Slide the City 2017 are now on sale. There is also a new City event coming this year, Colour Me Rad. More information can be found at [www.colourmerad.com](http://www.colourmerad.com).
- There is an event coming up on April 11 at the Blue Shore Theatre at Capilano University on the \$10aday Child Care plan. This is a plan designed by the Coalition of Childcare Advocates of BC and the early

Childhood Educators of BC. The public presentation is free of charge but registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/public-presentation-of-the-10-a-day-childcare-plan-tickets-32989841504>.

- There is also an event happening at SFU downtown this Friday, March 24 called Aging, Design and the City. This will be a panel of speakers examining the roles of urban and architectural design, public policy, research, community engagement and development in the understanding and creating of cities that are responsive to the needs of older adults.
- H. Evans recently attended a workshop at the North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership (NSIIP). There are a large number of agencies across the North Shore working on immigrant inclusion. Interesting information was received about where immigrants are coming from and the types of services they are seeking.
- The regional homeless count has occurred but the figures are not yet available. The general sense is that it went well.
- H. Evans also attended “Squeezed Out? Squeezed In?” the community conversation about housing challenges on the North Shore. M. Tasi also attended and felt it was very well done. There were a variety of people and some mindful discussions occurred. H. Evans will be speaking with M. Mollard from North Shore Community Resources and will report back to SPAC about next steps.

#### 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2016 Annual Report and 2017 Work Plan - Finalize

S. Tornes advised that 2016 Annual Report and 2017 Work Plan is largely the same as last year. One new item being added is that staff and members are reviewing the grants review process with a view to making it easier and more efficient for all. He stressed that no big changes will occur right away; rather he would like to see small changes made experimentally.

H. Evans reminded SPAC members that, as they are reviewing grants for Round One to be mindful and observant of the process. Make notes on ideas for ways to improve or how things could be done more smoothly and how those ideas could be implemented.

6:25 – 6:30 – 5 minute break.

b. 2017 Round One Community Grants Initial Review

S. Tornes led the discussion and members submitted their initial funding recommendations. The spreadsheet was populated.

H. Evans will contact the agencies for whom there are questions and report to SPAC via email before the next meeting. Staff will send the updated matrix to members.

Members mentioned that they would like future presentations from Big Brothers, North Shore ConneXions and the Queen Mary Literacy program.

6. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 pm

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 26, 2017

*Steve Taylor*

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Chair

*April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

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Date

