



**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(YAC)**

**February 27, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.  
Oak Room, Century House**

**MINUTES**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor Nakagawa	- City Council Representative
Amir Rezaei	- Co-Chair, NWSS Representative
Shawn Lichtmann	- Co-Chair, NWSS Representative
Helen Guan	- NWSS Representative
Tony Jiang	- NWSS Representative
Jacky Liao	- NWSS Representative
Rahul Patel	- NWSS Representative
Roshaad Rodney	- NWSS Representative
Nelson Roy	- NWSS Representative
Mark Tabangay	- NWSS Representative
Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Representative
Philia Zhang	- NWSS Representative

**VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:**

Julia Mosi	- NWSS Representative
Olivia Smith	- NWSS Representative

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:**

Bruce Cunnings	- SD#40 Representative
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**GUESTS:**

Garey Carlson	- Co-Chair, HUB New Westminster
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**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jay Young	- Manager, Recreation Services
Rob McCullough	- Manager, Museums and Heritage Services
Silisha Ali	- Youth Services Coordinator
Carilyn Cook	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

## **1.0 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

### **1.1 Additions to and adoption of the Agenda of February 27, 2020**

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT the agenda of the February 27, 2020 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated noting that, in order to accommodate Councillor Nakagawa's schedule, she would provide her Council report prior to other agenda items.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

**Procedural note:** Item 6.1 – Council Report was provided by Councillor Nakagawa as the first item of business.

## **2.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

### **2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of November 28, 2019**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the November 28, 2019 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

### **3.1 Ice Breaker**

Tony Jiang, NWSS Representative, selected a conversation card and Committee members provided the following responses to the question, "How have you changed in the last year?" Answers included:

- Venturing out of my comfort zone and speaking my mind more often;
- Learning to drive;
- Becoming more accepting and friendlier;
- Re-organizing priorities;
- Volunteering more often;
- Better time management;
- Working on a better sense of community;
- Working at Century House and getting to know more people;
- Completed rescue training to be a sailing instructor; and,
- Dietary changes and continued working on wellness.

### 3.2 HUB Presentation – Garey Carlson, Co-Chair, HUB New Westminster

Garey Carlson, Co-Chair, HUB New Westminster, provided a presentation to the Committee. Mr. Carlson advised that HUB is a non-profit, charitable cycling advocacy group which advocates for safe cycling routes and infrastructure in the belief that cycling builds strong and healthy communities.

Mr. Carlson advised that he was attending the meeting to request that the Youth Advisory Committee support HUB's efforts in the development of a safer community by ensuring that the new high school has safe cycling and micro mobility (skateboards, scooters, etc.) routes to and from the 6<sup>th</sup> Street entrance of the New Westminster Secondary School site. Mr. Carlson also noted:

- Once the school opens in September of 2020, the site will become one of the busiest community properties in the City with a number of opportunities to be connected to existing active transportation networks;
- HUB has strongly advocated for safe cycling paths to the new school over the past year, including the request for end of trip facilities such as bike racks, showers, etc.;
- Once demolition of the old school begins, the route from the London/Dublin Greenway across 8<sup>th</sup> Street will be unusable necessitating access to the site via the 6<sup>th</sup> Street entrance; and,
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Street connection aligns with the City's Master Transportation Plan, the Safe Routes to School Initiative, and Council's Strategic Plan priorities of Sustainable Transportation, Climate Action, and Road Space Re-allocation.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Carlson provided the following comments:

- A pedestrian controlled light will be installed near the 6<sup>th</sup> street entrance; however, HUB has proposed a bi-directional multi-use path on the east side of the road, up to the crosswalk; and,
- The total cost of building the 6<sup>th</sup> Street entrance infrastructure is currently unknown. The level of standard that the pathway is built to will determine the cost and building it to an AAA standard will increase it.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee provided the following comments:

- Bike racks could be placed in plain view of the front office, possibly with a security camera viewing them, to deter theft of bicycles; and,
- With the new construction, parking has become, and will continue to be an issue; therefore, anything that encourages cycling and getting to public transportation would be helpful.

## **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT the Youth Advisory Committee requests that staff embark upon the design of a safe cycling connection between the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Rotary Crosstown Greenway and the New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) entrance on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

## **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT the Youth Advisory Committee request that Council direct staff to make the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Rotary Crosstown Greenway to New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) connection the City's top cycling infrastructure priority and to have it ready for the NWSS opening day on September 8, 2020.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no items.

## **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Discussion with School Board Representative**

As no representative was present, this item was not addressed.

### **5.2 Culture and Reconciliation**

Rob McCullough, Manager, Museums & Heritage Services, asked Committee members to share the kinds of conversations they have had about reconciliation and received the following replies:

- In school, reading books by Indigenous authors and discussing them;
- Discussion of how to save First Nations languages which are being lost from disuse and as older generations pass on; and,
- Every three to four months Indigenous culture awareness is raised with events such as Louis Riel Day and the Moose Hide campaign where speaker Colin Bird visited the school.

Mr. McCullough shared information regarding the Witness Blanket exhibition that the museum presented, which was meant to start a conversation of truth and reconciliation in the City.

Mr. McCullough also provided background information regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action which was brought to Council at the

April 29, 2019 meeting by Councillor Nakagawa, noting that the Calls to Action include education on the impacts of colonization for both City staff and residents. A follow up report was provided by staff at the May 6, 2019 Council meeting outlining work the City will be undertaking to develop a framework to lead the City through the truth and reconciliation process.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. McCullough provided the following comments:

- Council members have attended workshops, higher-level staff have received medicine wheel training, and the City will ensure that all employees, including auxiliary and newly hired staff, receive appropriate training;
- The City has offered free workshops to the community and plans to offer more in the future; and,
- The City must be respectful of each nation's unique perspective and forge relationships with them before we can tell their stories.

Mr. McCullough shared that the City is also talking about decolonization, focussing on the way the City does business and how things are reflected in the community, which may include developing new names for streets, etc. He noted that currently the City is working with Indigenous Nations on a name for the new aquatic centre.

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT the Youth Advisory Committee request that Council approve the planning of an Indigenous workshop for the City's Committee members to attend.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

### **5.3 Representative for the Museum Advisory Group**

Rob McCullough, Manager, Museums & Heritage Services, advised Committee members of a vacant seat for a youth member on the Museum Advisory Group which meets approximately four times a year to assist museum staff in understanding which topics are relevant to the community as a whole.

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT Tony Jiang and Philia Zhang represent the Youth Advisory Committee on the New Westminster Museum and Archives Community Advisory Group.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

## REPORTS AND INFORMATION

### 6.1 Council Report

Councillor Nakagawa shared that Council's current priority is the City budget and looking at both the operating budget and capital budget through the climate crisis lens. She added that there were two budget-based Council meetings this week and a budget open house was held in January in conjunction with an online survey to receive public feedback.

Councillor Nakagawa complimented Committee members who attended Monday's Council meeting to speak about the anti-bullying campaign stating that they did a great job addressing Council and others attending the meeting.

### 6.2 ICBC Representative Report

Karon Trenaman, ICBC Representative, provided the following updates:

- ICBC's featured speaker this year is Kevin Brooks who will be visiting various high schools to talk with students about preventable accidents, resilience, and working through guilt and shame;
- The distracted driving campaign will launch in March;
- Recent changes to insurance coverage includes no fault based insurance; and,
- Members were advised that they could register their bikes with the Police Department through the Garage 529 initiative.

### 6.3 SD40 Representative Report

No report was provided.

### 6.4 Youth Coordinator's Report

Silisha Ali, Youth Program Coordinator, provided the following updates:

- Youth attended a recent Council meeting for the Anti-Bullying Day Proclamation and there will be another Proclamation for Youth Week in the near future;
- Emcees are being sought for the Youth Awards. Please contact Ms. Ali if you are interested; and,
- A number of things are being planned for spring break including camps.

## 6.5 Member Reports

Members provided the following announcements:

- The NWSS Environment Club is working on an art installation about plastic pollution;
- Members shared their experiences attending the Council meeting in support of the Anti-Bullying Campaign Proclamation; and,
- Canadian Blood Services will be holding a blood drive on May 21<sup>st</sup> in Moody Park Arena.

## 7.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. – Oak Room, Century House

## 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Original Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amir Rezaei**  
Co-Chair

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**Shawn Lichtmann**  
Co-Chair

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**Carilyn Cook**  
Committee Clerk