



Corporation of the City of
NEW WESTMINSTER

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YAC)

**April 25, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.
Oak Room, Century House
MINUTES**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nelson Roy, Co-Chair	- NWSS Representative
Danielle Go	- Fraser River Middle School Representative
Tony Xiutong Jiang	- NWSS Representative
Shawn Lichtmann	- NWSS Representative
Keona Lighthall	- NWSS Representative
Chris Sharma	- NWSS Representative
Mark Tabangay	- Glenbrook Middle School Representative

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Maggie Chen, Co-Chair	- NWSS Representative
Julie Mosi	- NWSS Representative
Selena Uppal	- NWSS Representative

NON-VOTING ADVISORS PRESENT:

Councillor Nakagawa (arrived at 5:53 p.m.)	- City Council Representative
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NON-VOTING ADVISORS REGRETS:

Bruce Cunnings	- SD#40 Representative
Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Leblanc (left at 6:24 p.m.)	- Manager, Transportation
Robyn McGuinness	- Manager, Seniors & Youth Services
Jennifer Lukianchuk (left at 6:49 p.m.)	- Environmental Coordinator
Dustin Ray-Wilks (left at 7:22 p.m.)	- Manager, Aquatics
Silisha Ali	- Youth Services Coordinator
Carilyn Cook	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

A short roundtable introduction took place for new committee members Danielle Go and Tony Jiang.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1.1 Additions to and adoption of the Agenda of April 25, 2019

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the agenda of the April 25, 2019 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated, noting that as Curtis Bremner, Assistant Deputy Chief of NWFRS, was unable to attend the meeting, Item 3.4: NWFRS Youth Firefighter Program would not be addressed.

CARRIED.

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of February 28, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the February 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 – Silisha Ali, Youth Services Coordinator

Silisha Ali, Youth Services Coordinator, commenced with the Ice Breaker, and a conversation card was selected by Chris Sharma, NWSS Representative, which asked the question, “If you could pick one super hero, Captain America, Ironman, or Captain Marvel, to come to New Westminster, who would it be?” The group provided a variety of answers based on the superpower, personality, etc., with some members opting for Superman or Wonder Woman instead.

3.2 Transportation in the City – Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation

Ms. Leblanc commenced with her presentation outlining, amongst other things, the City’s Master Transportation Plan and the City’s transportation team.

In response to concerns voiced by a Committee member regarding various issues along Ewen Avenue, Ms. Leblanc advised that staff continue to monitor the area, and are working with horticulture services to keep trees, shrubs and other planting, to a safe height.

A Committee member suggested the placement of a rubber bumper on the Q to Q Ferry dock to stop the wood from splintering.

3.3 Environment Strategy and Action Plan – Jennifer Lukianchuk, Environmental Coordinator

Ms. Lukianchuk commenced with her presentation which outlined highlights from the City's Environment Strategy and Action Plan.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Lukianchuk provided the following information:

- The upcoming Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy may address incentives for people to install charging stations in their homes that could include linking to grant programs;
- TD Tree Days usually takes place in the fall when there is ample rainwater to facilitate the survival of newly planted trees. As this is an initiative that youth can get involved in, the Committee will be advised closer to the time of the event so they can participate, if desired. Ms. McGuiness shared that information would also be available through Youth Services and at Century House;
- Staff will be working on a sustainable purchasing policy to maximize waste diversion at city events;
- The next ravine invasive plant pull will take place on Saturday, April 27th at Glenbrook Ravine between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Ravine restoration events generally take place on a monthly basis, and youth wishing to participate in the event will require a waiver form signed by a parent (Jennifer offered to send a copy of this year's waiver form to Carilyn for distribution to the Committee); and,
- New Westminster's shoreline cleanups usually take place in the fall along South Dyke Road with participants walking the shoreline and collecting garbage; however, an additional clean up may be held this spring to address garbage and invasive species.

Discussion ensued and Committee members provided the following comments:

- More advertising is needed for the ravine cleanups; and,
- A Meeting in the Middle project included reducing food waste and educating people on how to reuse food.

3.4 New Westminster Fire & Rescue Services Youth Firefighter Program – Assistant Deputy Curtis Bremner – This item was not addressed.

3.5 New Westminster Aquatic Centre – Dustin Ray-Wilks, Manager, Aquatics

Mr. Ray-Wilks commenced with his presentation consisting of a project update on the schematic design of the New Westminster Aquatic & Community Centre.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Ray-Wilks provided the following information:

- The architect would have to determine whether lowering the aquatic centre’s ceilings would make the facility more energy efficient;
- The Engineering Department will be addressing the new location of the recycling depot; however, it was noted by Councillor Nakagawa that moving the depot to Braid Street and partnering with other municipalities is currently under consultation;
- Having the fitness area on two floors may allow for some climate control with respect to humidity from the pool area;
- Construction is expected to take between 24 to 36 months including the new facility being built, followed by deconstruction of the old facility;
- It is still to be determined if older youths will be permitted in the adult hot tub; and,
- EV charging stations and bike storage will be provided on site.

Committee members shared that the outdoor activities and features of most value to them include bocce ball, basketball, archery, an outdoor stage, parkour, frisbee ball, picnic tables, ping pong tables, and a chess table.

Mr. Ray-Wilks circulated “The Future New West Aquatics & Community Centre” brochures which includes a link to an online survey.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Council Report – Councillor Nakagawa

Councillor Nakagawa shared that the City passed an emergency motion with respect to climate change at the March Council meeting. The motion included a number of ways for the City to update its climate targets. Once the follow up report comes back from staff, it will go out for public consultation.

6.2 ICBC Representative Report – No report was provided.

6.3 SD40 Representative Report – No report was provided.

6.4 Youth Coordinator’s Report – Silisha Ali, Youth Coordinator

Ms. Ali shared that the Youth Week proclamation took place at a recent Council meeting adding that for next year’s proclamation the goal is to have Committee members more involved and interactive in presenting the event to Council. She handed out a brochure and advised that Youth Week will take place from Wednesday, May 1st to Tuesday, May 7th with events taking place throughout the week.

6.5 Youth Engagement Program – No report was provided.

6.6 Member Reports – Committee

A roundtable update took place with members sharing their various goings on that included getting braces, refereeing for the BC Soccer Premier League, participating in a field training exercise with the police and search and rescue, a blood drive being held in May that is looking for 10 more donors, being accepted into the political science program at Capilano University, preparing for end-of-year IB exams, seeing the Avengers End Game movie, being accepted into the IB program, and travelling to Whistler for an upcoming school band competition.

7.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. – Council Chamber, City Hall

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Original Signed
Nelson Roy
Co-Chair

Original Signed
Carilyn Cook
Committee Clerk