



## **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**April 24, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chamber, City Hall**

### **NOTES**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Cao	- Member at large (Interim Chair)
Brandon Lee	- Member at large
Hannah Block	- Member at large
Sadie DeCoste	- Member at large
Dana Radivojevic	- Member at large
Tiger Xu	- Member at large
Lily Nikolova	- Member at large

#### **VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:**

Veronika Gukova	- Member at large
Ellelan Degife	- Member at large
Hayden Goss	- Member at large
Caitlin Nault	- Member at large
Simar Saini	- Member at large
Tay Su-Jeong Kim	- Member at large
Valeria Nandayapa	- Member at large
Jelena Mitrovic	- Member at large

#### **NON VOTING ADVISORS:**

Chuck Puchmayr	- City Council
Ashley Currie	- School District #40
Andrea Mears	- District Parent Advisory Committee

#### **STAFF:**

Vali Marling	- General Manager of the Anvil Centre
Lesey Cole	- Manager of Seniors and Youth Services
Alison Worsfold	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

### **1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions.

## **2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of March 27, 2014**

In the absence of quorum, the item was tabled to the May 29, 2014 Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Wright commended the Youth Advisory Committee for positively representing New Westminster and thanked the Committee for their work to date. Mayor Wright advised that although City Council has very little authority and decision making powers with respect to School District #40, Council remains committed to improving local educational opportunities, specifically with the allocation of \$12.5 million towards building the new Massey Theatre.

Committee members spoke to the March 27, 2014 recommendation to implement a crosswalk on Eighth Avenue, noting that it would be a safety benefit to the city, as pedestrians frequently jaywalk at the location. Mayor Wright advised that Council has investigated the viability of implementing a crosswalk at the location in the past, and that a final decision will be made whether or not to implement the crosswalk once staff investigation is complete.

Committee members spoke to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program, and questioned why New Westminster has only met three of the five program milestones. Mayor Wright advised that once Council receives further details pertaining to the PCP program, the information will be forwarded to staff for investigation.

### **3.1 Anvil Centre**

Vali Marling, General Manager of the Anvil Centre, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Anvil Conference Centre and noted the following information:

- The conference centre is accepting bookings into 2016;
- The centre will feature onsite world class catering;
- If a hotel is established, it was suggested that the \$2.3 million projected revenue for 2015 could increase in the following years, as it could provide accommodation to those who do not reside in the lower mainland; and,
- It is estimated that approximately \$250,000 in Anvil Centre revenues will be allocated to the City in 2015.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Marling advised that the Anvil Conference Centre will be available for use by School District #40, and that both youth and Massey Theatre staff will have the opportunity to seek employment at the centre at a certified living wage rate. Ms. Marling added that the building is a recognized Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) building.

#### **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no items.

#### **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items.

#### **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

##### **6.1 Councillor's Report**

Councillor Puchmayr, Council Liaison, announced that he will be running for President of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) at the LMLGA conference in Whistler from May 7 – 9, 2014.

Councillor Puchmayr commended the Youth Advisory Committee for their March 27, 2014 recommendation to implement a crosswalk on Eighth Avenue, noting that Council forwarded it to staff for investigation at the April 14, 2014 Regular Council meeting. Councillor Puchmayr requested that staff contact Karon Trenaman, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC), to provide the Committee with a web link to the New Westminster ICBC crash map and statistics with respect to the proposed crosswalk location on Eighth Avenue.

##### **6.2 School Board Trustee**

The item was deferred to the May 29, 2014 meeting.

##### **6.3 Community School Coordinator's Report**

Ashley Currie, Community School Coordinator, reported the following:

- Students from Byrne Creek Secondary School and New Westminister Secondary School (NWSS) are holding a youth led mental health awareness summit on May 8, 2014;
- Construction has commenced for the following schools:
  - Qayqayt Elementary School, which will open in September 2014;
  - Neighbourhood Learning Centre, which will open in January 2015; and,
  - A middle school, which will open in September 2015.

- The final school district budget will be voted on at the April 29, 2014 School Board meeting, and suggested that Committee members attend to express their comments and concerns.

#### **6.4 DPAC Coordinator Report**

Andrea Mears, District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC), requested that the Committee provide DPAC with ideas with respect to increasing youth involvement in the district planning process. In response, the Committee suggested that a student trustee position be opened on School District #40's School Board, similar to the position created on the Vancouver School Board. The Committee further suggested that a student Council be formed to provide students with a voice in the community.

#### **6.5 ICBC Representative Report**

The item was deferred to the May 29, 2014 meeting.

#### **6.6 Youth Coordinator's Report**

Lesley Cole, Manager of Seniors and Youth Services, advised that swim nights and outdoor basketball accompanied by live DJ's will be held every Wednesday evening commencing in June 2014.

#### **6.7 Member Reports**

**Brandon Lee** reported that he attended the 2014 Oregon Relays.

**Sadie DeCoste** reported the following:

- The environment club has organized an 'Earth Week,' which will raise awareness with respect to environmental issues;
- Members of Renew Crew have provided presentations to elementary school students, noting that the program will commence on May 8, 2014; and,
- Ms. DeCoste advised that she is interested in learning more regarding FCM's Partners for Climate Protection program and how it relates to New Westminster.

**John Cao** announced that 'I Stand,' a youth led mental health summit, will be held on May 31, 2014 in Coquitlam.

**Dana Radivojevic** announced that she provided presentations to Lord Calvin and John Robson Elementary Schools on behalf of Renew Crew, noting that it was a great experience reaching out to the children.

**Tiger Xu** reported that he is involved in the production of the upcoming NWSS play, running from May 1 – 3, 2014. Tickets are a minimum \$5 donation, with all proceeds going towards the NWSS drama department.

**Lily Nikolova** advised that she is designing the set for the NWSS play. Ms. Nikolova questioned why motorists are unable to turn left off the Pattullo Bridge at the McBride Street and Sixth Avenue intersection.

In response to Ms. Nikolova's question, Councillor Puchmayr advised that turning left at the location is not permitted, as it would draw additional traffic into the city. Councillor Puchmayr reiterated that traffic is a major issue for the city, noting that Council is requesting a tolled four-lane bridge replacement for the Pattullo Bridge rather than a six-lane un-tolled bridge as proposed by the City of Surrey.

## **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items.

## **8.0 NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 5:00pm at Council Chamber, City Hall**

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.