



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 29, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

NOTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ellelan Degife	- Member at large (Chair)
Hannah Block	- Member at large
Hayden Goss	- Member at large
John Cao	- Member at large
Dana Radivojevic	- Member at large
Lily Nikolova	- Member at large

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Veronika Gukova	- Member at large
Brandon Lee	- 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
Tiger Xu	- Member at large
Sadie DeCoste	- Member at large

NON VOTING ADVISORS:

Jonina Campbell	- School District #40
Ashley Currie	- School District #40
Andrea Mears	- District Parent Advisory Committee
Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Representative

STAFF:

Lesley Cole	- Manager of Seniors and Youth Services
Jerry Behl	- Transportation Engineer
Sandon Fraser	- Youth Services Coordinator
Alison Worsfold	- Committee Clerk

GUESTS:

Sandra Alarcon	- Justice Education Society
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The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

5.1 Next Meeting

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 October 2, 2014 Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

2.2 Adoption of the Notes of April 24, 2014

In the absence of quorum, the item was tabled to the October 2, 2014 Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Youth Civic Engagement

Sandra Alarcon, Justice Education Society, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Young Women Civic Leaders Committee, and noted the following information:

- The Committee is comprised of ten young women living and studying in seven target communities, including Burnaby, Surrey and the Tri-Cities;
- The goal of the Committee is to encourage youth involvement with the government;
- The Committee provides presentations to local bodies of government, schools, and organizations with respect to youth and young women as civic leaders;
- The Committee's term is two years and could be renewed depending on funding; and,
- The Youth City webpage can be accessed at www.youthcity.ca, which promotes upcoming community events, and provides information regarding city governance and how youth can be more involved with their cities.

3.2 Crosswalk on Eighth Avenue

Jerry Behl, Transportation Engineer, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Committee's March 27, 2014 recommendation requesting that Council implement a crosswalk on Eighth Avenue. Mr. Behl conducted an exercise outlining the pros and cons of implementing a crosswalk in the area.

In ensuing discussion, Mr. Behl advised that implementing a pedestrian flashing beacon could result in vehicles utilizing an alternate route, such as Sixth or Fourth Street, which could add to the city's traffic issue. Further, the crosswalk would cost the city approximately \$200,000.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Behl advised that he will follow-up with the matter as follows:

- The Committee will be provided with collision statistics for the subject area;
- The lack of a school speed limit zone in the area will be investigated; and,
- Local bus drivers and traffic sergeants will be contacted to provide input regarding the requested crosswalk.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Next Meeting

Members of the Committee agreed to cancel the June 26, 2014 Youth Advisory Committee meeting due to a conflicts with the graduation ceremony.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Councillor's Report (Councillor Chuck Puchmayr)

The item was tabled to the October 2, 2014 Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

6.2 School Board Trustee

Jonina Campbell, School District #40 Trustee, reported that the both the Civic and School Board elections will be held in Fall 2014, and encouraged Committee members to vote and become involved with the process. Ms. Campbell advised that a Fees and Deposits Policy was recently passed by the Board, whereby a refundable \$100 deposit fee is required per each student entering into New Westminster Secondary School. Further, the Student Suspension Policy was reviewed, which will ensure better tracking of suspensions and that elementary school students cannot be suspended for more than five days.

6.3 Community School Coordinator's Report

Ashley Currie, Community School Coordinator, reported the following information:

- Community Schools is currently being restructured, and programming is being established for the next several years;
- Community Schools is providing both technological and outdoor themed summer camps for children;

- “Eco Dig,” run by students from grades five to seven, will be held on Saturday May 31, 2014 at the Quay;
- A Suicide Prevention Curriculum has been established, which is designed for high schools and educators that links depression awareness and suicide prevention. The goal is for the curriculum to be introduced into New Westminster Secondary School by the start of the 2014 school year; and,
- “Grade Nine Day,” which supports kids transitioning from elementary to high school, is being planned for September 2014.

6.4 District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Coordinator Report

Andrea Mears, DPAC, reported that DPAC has been doing advocacy work with respect to encouraging the new high school development to commence. Ms. Mears advised that DPAC has also been supporting students during the teacher’s strike, and suggested that Committee members forward any questions, comments or concerns to MLA Judy Darcy.

6.5 ICBC Representative Report

Karon Trenaman, ICBC, reported that ICBC’s Road Safety Speaker, Kevin Brooks, attended New Westminster Secondary School to present his personal story with respect to drinking and driving. Ms. Trenaman advised that ICBC recently distributed a newsletter regarding youth making smart choices during the grad season.

6.6 Youth Coordinator’s Report

Sandon Fraser, Youth Coordinator, reported that ‘I Stand,’ a youth led mental health summit, will be held on Saturday May 31, 2014 in the Tri-Cities. The goal of the summit is to eliminate the stigma on social health. Mr. Fraser advised that summer movies in Queen’s Park will be held every Friday throughout the summer commencing on July 11, 2014.

6.7 Member Reports

Hannah Block reported that she travelled to Montreal, Quebec, to attend the Canadian climbing championships.

John Cao, Lily Nikolova, and Ellelan Degife reported that The International Baccalaureate program exams have ended, and that the program members are attending Camp Elphinstone from May 30 – June 1, 2014.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

As the June 26, 2014 meeting is cancelled, the next meeting will be held on October 2, 2014.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.