



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**January 22, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.
Spruce Room, Century House**

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colin Donahoe	- Co-Chair
Hannah Block	- Co-Chair
Andrea Reyes	- Member at large
Ghazaleh Bazazan Nowghani	- Member at large
Jonathan Tomalty	- Member at large
Lina Dockman	- Member at large
Olga Radivojevic	- Member at large
Brandon Lee	- Member at large
Raunaq Singh	- Member at large

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Isabella August-McIvor	- Member at large
Tay Su-Jeong Kim	- Member at large

NON VOTING ADVISORS:

Chuck Puchmayr	- City Council
Patrick Johnstone	- City Council
Karon Trenaman	- ICBC
Heather Lynch	- District Parent Advisory Committee

STAFF:

Inspector Phil Eastwood	- New Westminister Police Department
Lesley Cole	- Manager of Seniors and Youth Services
Ashley Currie	- Youth Services Coordinator
Ryan Weber	- Recreation Leader
Liz Twaites	- Volunteer Coordinator
Corbin Murdoch	- Arts Programmer
Alison Worsfold	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of November 27, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held November 27, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Police Department Strategic Plan

Inspector Phil Eastwood, New Westminster Police Department, distributed and reviewed the 2012 - 2016 New Westminster Police Department Strategic Plan, noting that the current plan is currently being amended and will be replaced in February 2015. Inspector Eastwood advised that community consultation opportunities will be provided as the new plan develops.

Discussion ensued, and it was suggested that the following issues be addressed in the new plan:

- An increased police officer presence at parties involving underage alcohol consumption;
- An increased police officer presence, specifically during evening hours, at Moody Park and other civic properties to help eliminate suspicious activities;
- An increase in transit safety at local SkyTrain stations;
- How to provide a safer connection from youth travelling to school via the SkyTrain;
- An increase in mental health and drug use awareness through providing educational opportunities to youth; and,
- Maintaining the Police Department's high level of community engagement.

In response to questions from the Committee, Inspector Eastwood advised that Crime Prevention Services will soon be launching MobilePD, which is a mobile application aimed to increase communication and awareness for residents.

Inspector Eastwood thanked Committee members for their feedback, and noted that their comments may be utilized to guide the development of the new plan.

3.2 Department of Parks, Culture & Recreation Volunteer Opportunities

Corbin Murdoch, Arts Programmer, advised that there are various Arts programs and activities currently offered at the Anvil Centre. Mr. Murdoch noted that he is currently designing an Arts program aimed to attract youth who are passionate about the Arts and would like to transform the city. The pilot program, designed for both theatre and visual artists, is volunteer based and will commence in spring 2015.

Liz Twaites, Volunteer Coordinator, distributed the City's youth volunteer pamphlet, and noted the following information:

- There are office administration volunteer opportunities for youth within the City;
- The City is hosting a youth volunteer orientation on March 21, 2015 from 10 a.m. to noon at Century House;
- The City is hosting a *Play It Fair!* workshop on February 5, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Century House. The workshop aims to prepare children, youth and communities to embrace diversity; and,
- The City is looking for volunteers for the Family Day event on February 9, 2015.

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 Chuck Puchmayr, City Council, advised that he will no longer be the Council representative on the Youth Advisory Committee, and that Councillor Patrick Johnstone would be filling the position commencing February 1, 2015. Councillor Puchmayr commended members of the Youth Advisory Committee for their work to date, and wished them future success.

Councillor Puchmayr noted that, following the Youth Advisory Committee meeting, the City will be hosting a Town Hall meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Anvil Centre regarding its opposition to the Kinder Morgan Pipeline. Councillor Puchmayr encouraged Committee members to attend.

Councillor Puchmayr advised that Council supports the TransLink referendum regarding a new 0.5% Metro Vancouver Congestion Improvement Tax, to be dedicated to the Mayors' Transportation and Transit Plan.

6.2 School Board Trustee Report

The item was tabled to the February 26, 2015 Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

6.3 ICBC Representative Report

Karon Trenaman, ICBC, reminded Committee members to wear visible reflectors at night to increase pedestrian safety. Ms. Trenaman advised that ICBC will once again be launching a distracted driving campaign.

6.4 District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Report

Heather Lynch, DPAC, noted that the District Parent Advisory Committee is currently educating parents with respect to social media.

6.5 Youth Coordinator's Report

Ashley Currie, Youth Services Coordinator, reported the following:

- There will be an open house at Century House on Family Day, February 9, 2015, for youth to show their parents the facility;
- The City will be offering various spring break youth outings at a reduced cost, including go-karts, the trampoline park, and the escape room;
- The City has introduced a new program, Junior Leaders in Training, which is aimed to create youth volunteer opportunities;
- There will be an intergenerational pickleball tournament on February 21, 2015 at Century House; and,
- Youth Week (May 1 - 7, 2015) and the Youth Awards are currently being planned.

6.6 Member Reports

Colin Donahoe, Co-Chair, reported that he has been accepted to Queen's University.

Hannah Block, Co-Chair, reported that she is busy applying to university and studying for finals.

Andrea Reyes, Member at large, reported that the University of British Columbia application deadline is January 30, 2015.

Ghazaleh Bazazan Nowghani, Member at large, reported that she is busy studying for finals. In addition, Ms. Nowghani joined an advisory group at the library, which fundraises to provide a suitable library environment for children, as well as for children's events.

Jonathan Tomalty, Member at large, reported that he is busy applying to university and studying for finals.

Lina Dockman, Member at large, reported that she is working on the high school production, *Footloose*, which will run from February 25 to 28, 2015.

Olga Radivojevic, Member at large, reported that she joined the program, *French Reading Buddies*, whereby she helps kids aged six to nine read in French. Ms. Radivojevic noted that she is also busy studying for finals.

Brandon Lee, Member at large, reported that he is busy studying for finals.

Raunaq Singh, Member at large, reported that he attended a Council meeting in December 2014 as an ambassador, which was a rewarding experience. Mr. Singh advised that there will be a Volunteer Festival at Royal City Centre on January 31, 2015.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 26 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Oak Room, Century House

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**HANNAH BLOCK
CO-CHAIR**

**ALISON WORSFOLD
COMMITTEE CLERK**