



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 26, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.
Oak Room, Century House

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colin Donahoe	- Co-Chair
Hannah Block	- Co-Chair
Tay Su-Jeong Kim	- Member at large
Ghazaleh Bazazan Nowghani	- Member at large
Jonathan Tomalty	- Member at large
Olga Radivojevic	- Member at large
Andrea Reyes	- Member at large
Brandon Lee	- Member at large
Raunaq Singh	- Member at large

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Isabella August-McIvor	- Member at large
Lina Dockman	- Member at large

NON VOTING ADVISORS:

Mark Gifford	- School District #40 Trustee
Patrick Johnstone	- City Council
Heather Lynch	- District Parent Advisory Committee

GUESTS:

Constable Nick Ferguson	- New Westminister Police Department
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STAFF:

Lesley Cole	- Manager of Seniors and Youth Services
Biliana Velkova	- Arts Programmer
Ruby Campbell	- Community Projects Coordinator
Alison Worsfold	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of January 22, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the January 22, 2015 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Canada Day Subcommittee

Biliana Velkova, Arts Programmer, provided an overview of New Westminister's Canada Day event, as well as the mandate of the Canada Day Subcommittee. Ms. Volkova advised that the Arts Commission requested that a member from the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) serve on the Canada Day Subcommittee for a one year term. Ms. Velkova noted that the first meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2015.

Andrea Reyes, Member at large, volunteered to serve as the YAC representative to sit on the Canada Day Subcommittee.

3.2 'Wait for Me Daddy' Initiative

Ruby Campbell, Community Projects Coordinator, provided an overview of the history of the Wait for Me Daddy photograph, as well as a clip of the activities that occurred at the Wait for Me Daddy event held in New Westminister on October 2014, whereby a statue depicting the photograph was unveiled. Ms. Campbell advised that the clip can be found on the project's website at www.waitformedaddy.com.

Ms. Campbell provided a summary with respect to the origins of the initiative, as well as the processes involved that contributed to the completion of the project.

Ms. Campbell reported that there will be an additional Wait for Me Daddy event held in the future, which will engage the community and showcase the history of the site.

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 Patrick Johnstone, City Council, provided an overview of the upcoming referendum regarding the Mayors' Council vision and action plan for Metro Vancouver's transportation system. Councillor Johnstone advised that Council is endorsing the plan, suggesting that it will have significant benefits for New Westminster that will reduce congestion, improve transit service, and create a more livable community. Councillor Johnstone advised that, beginning March 16, 2015, ballots will be arriving in the mail whereby residents will have the opportunity to vote on the plan.

6.2 ICBC Representative Report

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

6.3 District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Report

Heather Lynch, DPAC, advised that DPAC is organizing an event for parents of students regarding social media.

Ms. Lynch noted that, at the last DPAC meeting, the Committee discussed the Vote 'Yes' campaign for Metro Vancouver's upcoming transit referendum. Threat assessment protocols utilized to address high-risk individuals entering local schools were also discussed.

6.4 Youth Coordinator's Report

Lesley Cole, Manager of Seniors and Youth Services, reported that there will be expanded programs offered at the youth centre during spring break, including a week long youth community action project. More information regarding the outings can be found online at <http://www.newwestyouth.ca/>.

6.5 School District #40 Trustee Report

Mark Gifford, School District #40 Trustee, provided an overview of the mandate and operation of the School Board, and noted the following information:

- Board meetings are held monthly and are open to the public;
- The Board is endorsing the Mayor's Council vision and action plan for Metro Vancouver's transportation system;
- The Board is currently investigating ways to transform teaching practices to better recognize diverse needs of students; and,
- The community will be provided with input opportunities during the re-design process of School District #40's logo.

6.6 Member Reports

Colin Donahoe, Co-Chair, reported that he has been engaged in Interact Club activities, and that there is a newly elected executive board.

Hannah Block, Co-Chair, reported that she has been busy applying for internal and external scholarships.

Andrea Reyes, Member at large, reported that she has been busy helping her family start a local business.

Ghazaleh Bazazan Nowghani, Member at large, reported that she has been busy applying for internal and external scholarships. Ms. Nowghani advised that she will be applying to volunteer at the Royal Columbian Hospital.

Jonathan Tomalty, Member at large, reported that he has been busy applying for internal and external scholarships.

Olga Radivojevic, Member at large, reported that she was elected as the Secretary for the Interact Club, and that she will be travelling to Palm Springs, California during spring break 2015.

Brandon Lee, Member at large, reported that he has been busy applying for internal and external scholarships. Mr. Lee also advised that track and field season has commenced.

Raunaq Singh, Member at large, reported that the Environmental Club will be engaging in innovative projects in the near future. Mr. Singh encouraged Committee members to attend the next Club meeting, which will feature a presentation from Mark Gifford, School District #40 Trustee.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

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

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**COLIN DONAHOE
CO-CHAIR**

**ALISON WORSFOLD
COMMITTEE CLERK**