



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**March 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
Andrea Reyes	- Member at large
Isabella August-McIvor	- Member at large
Lina Dockman	- Member at large
Brandon Lee	- Member at large
Raunaq Singh	- Member at large

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Ghazaleh Bazazan Nowghani	- Member at large
Olga Radivojevic	- Member at large
Jonathan Tomalty	- Member at large

NON VOTING ADVISORS:

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

GUESTS:

Constable Nick Ferguson	- New Westminister Police Department
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STAFF:

Lesley Cole	- Manager of Seniors and Youth Services
Erika Mashig	- Parks/Open Space Planner
Ryan Weber	- Youth Services Coordinator
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 February 26, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the February 26, 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 Urban Forest Master Strategy

Erika Mashig, Parks/Open Space Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Urban Forest Master Strategy.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Mashig noted the following information:

- The City does not currently provide incentives to individuals for planting trees on private land;
- Although the City encourages developers to plant trees within their developments, the foundation of which developments reside often provide challenges to do so. As such, trees may be planted on raised planters and/or cement slabs;
- If a developer removes a tree from a property during construction, the tree is required to be salvaged and replanted once construction concludes;
- A portion of funds acquired by the City from a developer are allocated towards Street Trees;
- A key component of the strategy includes educating individuals with respect to proper methods of planting trees;
- The desire is to increase community involvement and participation as the strategy moves forward;
- An agreement between School District #40 and the City would require to be executed should additional trees be planted on school property; and,
- The City is currently establishing a central median comprised of trees on Ewen Avenue.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee advised that the New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) Environment Club educated middle school students in 2014 with respect to creating seed bombs. It was also noted that the club raised funds to acquire the Carbon Farmer, who recently planted 23 trees on NWSS grounds.

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, reiterated the importance of the presentation provided by Erika Mashig, Parks/Open Space Planner, and expressed concerns regarding the level of tree removal occurring by developers throughout the city. Councillor Johnstone suggested that Bylaws be established to ensure tree retention.

Councillor Johnstone noted that Council is continuing work regarding the Family Friendly Housing Policy, which, upon adoption, will require developers to establish additional two and three bedroom units within their developments. In addition, it was noted that Council is currently updating the Five Year Financial Plan, and that residents will be provided with the opportunity to provide input regarding the plan at the March 30, 2015 Council meeting.

Councillor Johnstone also advised that the plebiscite regarding the Mayors' Council Vision and Action Plan for Metro Vancouver's transportation system has been circulated via post mail, and encouraged all entitled individuals to vote.

Councillor Johnstone invited Committee members to attend the Intelligent City forum on March 31, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Anvil Centre. The forum will investigate how the City's fibre optic broadband network will transform New Westminster.

6.2 Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) Representative Report

Karon Trenaman, ICBC, reported that March 2015 is ICBC's Distracted Driving Month. Ms. Trenaman advised that there are three points deducted from a driving record, as well as a \$167 fine associated with distracted driving, and that approximately 88 individuals are killed annually in British Columbia as a result of the infraction.

Ms. Trenaman advised that ICBC will maintain a booth at the Vancouver International Autoshow from March 24 to 29, 2015. The booth, which will aim to address distracted driving, will include a walking course, as well as a computer simulator providing practical situations and how distractions may affect individuals' motorist skills.

6.3 District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Report

Heather Lynch, DPAC, reported that the March 2015 DPAC meeting was cancelled, and that she will provide an update following the next scheduled DPAC meeting.

6.4 Youth Coordinator's Report

Ryan Weber, Youth Services Coordinator, reported the following information:

- The New Westminister Youth Centre was attended by approximately 200 new individuals during spring break 2015;
- Two of the four spring break outings provided by the City were at full capacity;
- Youth counselling hours at the centre have been expanded to include Wednesdays;
- The Canadian Mental Health Association will be hosting a course, Living Life to the Full, for New Westminister youth. The course aims to lower anxiety and enhance life coping skills;
- In light of BC Youth Week, held from May 1 to 7, 2015, the City will be hosting a three on three basketball tournament, a patio band show on May 9, 2015, and an intergenerational pickle ball tournament; and,
- The New Westminister Youth Awards will be held on May 6, 2015 at Century House. Award nominations will be circulated throughout New Westminister Secondary School starting on March 30, 2015.

6.5 School District #40 Trustee Report

The item was tabled to the April 23, 2015 Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

6.6 New Westminister Police Department Report

Constable Nick Ferguson, New Westminister Police Department, reported that there were minimal incidents reported to the New Westminister Police Department during spring break 2015.

Constable Ferguson expressed concerns regarding the lack of a designated crossing area near the Moody Park Arena on Eighth Avenue, suggesting that youth regularly jaywalk at the location, ultimately putting their safety in jeopardy.

6.7 Member Reports

Colin Donahoe, Co-Chair, reported that he visited a friend at the University of California, Berkley, during spring break 2015.

Hannah Block, Co-Chair, reported that she has been busy engaging in extracurricular activities, grad duties, and finalizing scholarship applications.

Tay Su-Jeong Kim, Member at large, reported that she will be graduating from her culinary studies at the British Columbia Institution of Technology in the near future, and will be apprenticing upon completion.

Andrea Reyes, Member at large, reported that she has attended two Canada Day Subcommittee meetings.

Isabella August-McIvor, Member at large, reported that she is preparing for graduation.

Lina Dockman, Member at large, reported that she is currently undertaking volunteer training for the Fraser River Discovery Centre. Ms. Dockman's first volunteer experience with the centre was during the Gold Fever held on March 21, 2015.

Raunaq Singh, Member at large, reported that he was accepted to both the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 23 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Oak Room, Century House

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**HANNAH BLOCK
CO-CHAIR**

**ALISON WORSFOLD
COMMITTEE CLERK**