



## **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**April 23, 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
Isabella August-McIvor	- Member at large
Jonathan Tomalty	- Member at large
Brandon Lee	- Member at large
Raunaq Singh	- Member at large

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

Lina Dockman	- Member at large
Olga Radivojevic	- Member at large
Andrea Reyes	- Member at large

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

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

#### **GUESTS:**

Anique Ross	- Society for Children & Youth of BC
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#### **STAFF:**

Diane Perry	- Manager, Community Development
Ryan Weber	- Youth Services Coordinator
Alison Worsfold	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

#### **1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions.

## 2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### 2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of March 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 Sports and Sport Facility Upgrades (Process and Community Consultation)

**Diane Perry, Manager of Community Development**, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding sports, sporting facility upgrades, special events, and capital planning for the City's Parks, Culture and Recreation department.

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

- The City receives requests for space from sports organizations after the organization has completed the advertising process. A schedule is then created after all requests are received;
- Youth groups are given priority over adult groups at specific times of each day, such as in the early evening;
- Staff from other City departments have been assigned to organize City events that are unrelated to the Parks and Recreation department, such as the Santa Claus Parade; and,
- If a group would like to serve liquor at an event held at a civic location, they are required to successfully complete the City's beer garden process.

### 3.2 Child and Youth Friendly Community Strategy

**Anique Ross, Society for Children and Youth of BC**, provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled 'Child and Youth Friendly Communities Strategy and Youth Survey Update.'

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Ross suggested that the most alarming statistic displayed by the survey was that only 26% of youth respondents felt that they are viewed positively within the city. Ms. Ross noted that 48% of youth respondents indicated that they did not have time to engage with the city due to their demanding scheduled of educational and extracurricular activities.

## **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**, reported the following information:

- Preliminary discussions regarding the future of the Canada Games Pool have commenced with Council;
- Council received a presentation from representatives of the Blue Dot Campaign, which maintains the goal of amending the Canadian constitution to include the right to a healthy environment. The constitution would be amended if seven of the 10 provinces express support for the campaign;
- Citizens have expressed concerns to Council regarding the upcoming demolition of the eastern portion of the Front Street Parkade, suggesting that it remain in situ and be refurbished;
- Council will be re-addressing the recent amendments applied to the historical Royal Lancers Dance at the May Day banquet; and,
- There will be a Public Hearing for the Urban Academy expansion proposal on May 4, 2015.

### **6.2 ICBC Representative Report**

**Karon Trenaman, ICBC**, reported that ICBC will soon be launching their high risk driver campaign, and encouraged Committee members to engage in safe and responsible driving during graduation festivities.

### **6.3 District Parent Advisory Committee Report**

**Heather Lynch, District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC)**, reported that DPAC provided a social media presentation to parents of students at Glenbrook Middle School. Ms. Lynch advised that DPAC will be providing an additional presentation in September 2015 and requested that Committee members provide her with topics of discussion.

Discussion ensued, and Committee members suggested that the following topics be addressed at DPAC's September 2015 presentation:

- Personal safety issues and privacy, specifically related to posting personal information and pictures;
- The perpetuity of posting on social media;
- Awareness of cyber bullying;
- Maintaining a healthy parent-child relationship; and,
- The importance of social media and how prohibiting it could negatively affect social development.

#### **6.4 Youth Coordinator's Report**

**Ryan Weber, Youth Services Coordinator**, reported that over 30 youth nominations have been received for the Youth Awards, which will be held on May 6, 2015. Mr. Weber also noted that the Youth Centre will soon be updated, which will include the establishment of new lounging zones, a youth designed mural, and an expanded DJ program.

#### **6.5 School District #40 Trustee Report**

**Mark Gifford, School District #40 Trustee**, reported the following information:

- The annual school budget process will conclude on Tuesday April 28, 2015 at the School District #40 Board meeting;
- The 2015 budget has improved from previous years, noting that there will be no cutbacks this year;
- There has been an allocation of funds for additional teaching and support staff positions, as well as for technology and supplies; and,
- A project definition report for the New Westminster Secondary School replacement project has been submitted to the Ministry of Education.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Gifford advised that the Board approved a policy to allow for sports academies to be created within the district. Mr. Gifford noted that although there has been initial interest for lacrosse and hockey academies, there have been no formal proposals received to date.

#### **6.6 New Westminster Police Department Report**

The item was tabled to the May 28, 2015 Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

#### **6.7 Member Reports**

**Colin Donahoe, Co-Chair**, reported that he was awarded a bursary to study French at the Université de Montréal for summer 2015.

**Hannah Block, Co-Chair**, reported that she is busy completing the last month of school and extracurricular activities.

**Tay Su-Jeong Kim, Member at large**, reported that she finished her final school project and that the last day of her program is on April 24, 2015. Ms. Su-Jeong Kim noted that she has been offered an interview with one of the architectural firms she applied for work with.

**Ghazaleh Bazazan Nowghani, Member at large**, reported that her and other members of the New Westminster Public Library Youth Advisory Group were provided with a small budget to purchase books for the children's section of the library. Ms. Bazazan Nowghani announced that various events are being planned for the library's 150th operating anniversary on August 15, 2015.

**Isabella August-McIvor, Member at large**, reported that she is busy applying for summer jobs so that she can save money for post-secondary education.

**Jonathan Tomalty, Member at large**, reported the following information:

- That he is busy with the start of baseball season;
- That he will be attending the University of British Columbia in September 2015; and,
- That his family has been very involved with, and have expressed opposition to the proposed expansion of Urban Academy.

**Brandon Lee, Member at large**, reported that he recently attended a track and field meet in Oregon.

**Raunaq Singh, Member at large**, reported that the Youth Ambassadors visited the legislature on April 14, 2015 upon invitation from Judy Darcy, MLA. Mr. Singh noted that it was a positive and informative experience, as they witnessed the question and answer period and were also provided with a tour of building.

## **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items.

## **8.0 NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, May 28 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chamber, City Hall**

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION,** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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**COLIN DONAHOE  
CO-CHAIR**

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**ALISON WORSFOLD  
COMMITTEE CLERK**