

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 26, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.
Committee Room #2- City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yolanda Calderon	- Co-Chair
Christine Mendoza	- Co-Chair
Yasmeen Alghreibawi	- NWSS Representative
Bianca Blackwell	- NWSS Representative
Lina Dockman	- NWSS Representative
Lindsay Gesner	- NWSS Representative
Kayoko Mayede	- NWSS Representative
Raunaq Singh	- Member at large
Marissa Smith	- NWSS Representative
Giselle Whittaker	- NWSS Representative
Ian Zhou	- Connaught Heights Elementary School

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Simran Jagpal	- NWSS Representative
Tyller Cordoviz	- NWSS Representative
Amy Frost	- NWSS Representative
Alex Hatch	- NWSS Representative
Elena Kuzma	- NWSS Representative

NON VOTING ADVISORS PRESENT:

Patrick Johnstone	- City Council
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STAFF:

Jan Gibson	- City Clerk
Robyn McGuinness	- Manager, Seniors & Youth Services
Ryan Weber	- Youth Services Coordinator
Debbie Johnstone	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

1.0 Run for H2O Charity Event

Christine Mendoza, Co-Chair, reported that the Run for H2O charity event is scheduled for June 4th in East Vancouver. Run for H2O is a fundraising event that provides water to people in need in Guatemala. The event is looking for volunteers and runners, and Ms. Mendoza requested that Committee members interested in the event contact her following the meeting.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of April 28, 2016

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the April 28, 2016 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Ice Breaker

Ryan Weber, Youth Services Coordinator, provided the following 'ice breaker' question to the Committee:

“What is everyone looking forward to this summer?”

Discussion ensued, and the Committee indicated an interest in the events surrounding grad, volunteer opportunities, working at summer camps, hiking, biking, travelling and relaxing with friends.

3.2 Local Government Overview

Jan Gibson, City Clerk, provided an overview of local government and summarized the on-table handout regarding New Westminster's 2015-2018 Strategic Priorities.

Following questions from the Committee, Ms. Gibson provided the following information:

- The School Board makes decisions regarding New Westminster Secondary School, and is legislated by the Provincial government;
- The Massey Theatre is owned by the school and not the City;
- The City has both an operational budget and a capital budget;
- In order to reach the City's objectives, each department has specific priorities in their work plan. It is their responsibility to bring reports to Council to update them regarding their progress and to acquire feedback; and,
- Delays regarding timelines for projects would need to be brought to Council for their information, and reports would need to be provided to the public.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Council Representative Report

Councillor Patrick Johnstone, Council representative, reported the following information:

- May 30th is the next scheduled Public Hearing, with eleven items up for discussion;
- The Pier 2 Landing event has been scheduled for June 19th with events taking place from Pier Park to Sapperton;
- The pedestrian crosswalk program would be part of the Master Transportation Plan due to increased traffic and a need for pedestrian and bike safety; and,
- New Westminster is currently seeking funds for the transportation system in order to find alternative solutions to the increase in traffic.

6.2 ICBC Representative Report

As Ms. Trenaman was not in attendance, there was no report.

6.3 District Parent Advisory Committee Report

Heather Lynch, DPAC Representative, was out of town therefore she was unable to attend the meeting; however, on behalf of the District Parent Advisory Committee she wished the grads the best of luck on their future endeavors, and those returning back next year an enjoyable summer break.

6.4 Youth Coordinator's Report

Ryan Weber, Youth Coordinator, reported the following information:

- Staffing changes at the Youth Centre would be taking place in the coming months;
- Youth Week was held during the first week of May, and all scheduled events were successful; and,
- Recruitment for the Youth Advisory Committee would be taking place in August/ September, with the first meeting for the new term taking place in October, 2016.

6.5 Report for Kids Day in Moody Park Sub-Committee

Ryan Weber, Youth Coordinator, reported that the subcommittee would be meeting throughout the summer, with the Kids Day in Moody Park event being scheduled for August, 2016.

6.6 Member Reports

There were no reports.

6.7 Tour of Council Chambers

Councillor Patrick Johnstone, Council Representative, provided the Committee with a tour of Council Chambers and the Mayor's office.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

TBD

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Christine Mendoza
Co-Chair

Debbie Johnstone
Committee Clerk