

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

**November 4, 2014: 5:30 p.m.
Committee Room #2, City Hall (511 Royal Avenue)**

NOTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Norah Andrew	- Community Member
Briana Tomkinson	- Community Member
Judith Hockney	- Fraser Health Representative
Richard Dolmat	- Community Member
Susan Zygmunt	- Community Member

REGRETS:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair
Chinu Das	- Community Member
Lillian Whitmore	- Community Member
Nadine Nakagawa	- Community Member
Patrick Johnstone	- Community Member

GUESTS:

Gabriella Maio	- Community Poverty Reduction Initiative
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STAFF:

John Stark	- Senior Social Planner
Alison Worsfold	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of October 7, 2014

Due to the absence of quorum, the item was tabled to the January 6, 2014 Community and Social Issues Committee meeting.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team

The presentation was tabled to a future Community and Social Issues Committee meeting.

3.2 Community Poverty Reduction Initiative

Gabriella Maio, Community Poverty Reduction Initiative Coordinator, provided a brief overview and update on the City's Community Poverty Reduction initiative, and noted the following additional information:

- The working group is currently studying four local families;
- The working group and the Elizabeth Fry Society completed a pilot project in July 2014 with a study group regarding poverty and family development. Two additional study groups will be investigated in the future;
- The survey utilized in the pilot project is available online; and,
- Findings from the pilot project, as well as information compiled by studying the four local families, will be forwarded to the provincial government for review.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee suggested that a visual map, including infographics to display statistics, of the poverty lifecycle be established.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Family-Friendly Housing Policy Update

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, distributed an on table document regarding a summary of the discussions with respect to the City's Family-Friendly Housing Policy at the October 7, 2014 Community and Social Issues Committee meeting. Mr. Stark also distributed and reviews an on table document regarding the Family-Friendly Housing Policy Survey findings.

4.2 Reducing the Stigma of Poverty Sub-Committee

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, advised that information regarding the sub-committee will be sent out to Committee members via e-mail in the future.

4.3 Child Care Needs Assessment

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, distributed and reviewed an on table document regarding the New Westminster Child Care Strategy existing policy and practice.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Family-Friendly Housing Open House

6.2 Community Poverty Reduction Needs Assessment and Directional Document

6.3 Community Poverty Reduction Literature Review Preliminary Summary

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

January 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in Committee Room #2

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 7:00 p.m.