



COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

**March 1, 2015: 5:30 p.m.
Committee Room 2, City Hall**

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Councillor Jaimie McEvoy | - Chair |
| Norah Andrew | - Community Member |
| Jason Campbell | - Community Member |
| Tammy Dewar | - Community Member |
| Michael Folka | - Community Member |
| John Hooker | - Community Member |
| Jason Lesage | - Community Member |
| Nadine Nakagawa | - Community Member |
| Deanna Tan | - Fraser Health Representative (Alternate) |
| Lisa Zetes-Zanattas | - Fraser Health Representative |

REGRETS:

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| Brynn Bourke | - Community Member |
| Peter Rautenbach | - Community Member |
| Jeremy Perry | - Community Member |
| Pamela Ralston | - Community Member |

STAFF:

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| John Stark | - Senior Social Planner |
| Tristan Johnson | - Planning Analyst |
| Lauren Blake | - Committee Clerk |

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

1.0 ANNUAL HOUSEKEEPING

1.1 Orientation

Lauren Blake, Committee Clerk, distributed and reviewed the following documents with the Committee members:

- Rules of Conduct: Advisory Committees & Bodies of Council
- Social Media Policy
- Terms of Reference
- Permission Forms

Members are to contact Ms. Blake regarding attendance at each meeting. If a member is unable to fulfill their duties, they are asked to notify staff as soon as possible so the position can be refilled.

1.2 Oaths of Office

Lauren Blake, Committee Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to the Committee members.

1.3 Introductions

Committee members provided an introduction and brief overview of their background.

1.4 Selection of Vice Chair for 2016

This item was deferred to the May 3, 2016 meeting.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Adoption of the Minutes of January 5, 2016

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the January 5, 2016 Community and Social Issues Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

4.1 CSI Orientation Presentation

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, provided a PowerPoint orientation regarding the role and mandate of the Community and Social Issues Committee.

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Child and Youth Friendly Community Strategy Update

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, advised that the Child and Youth Friendly Community Strategy will be brought forward for adoption at the March 2, 2016 Regular meeting. A copy of the strategy will be distributed to Committee members once it has been adopted.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Stark provided the following information:

- Securing incentives, such as park space in new developments, is typically achieved through rezonings, where the City has negotiation rights;
- The City is requesting more challenging and dynamic park spaces that can evolve over time;
- A City landscaper reviews all development plans;
- Feedback and statistics to determine the success of the City's Family Friendly Housing Policy could be available in approximately 14 to 18 months, and the policy is scheduled to be reviewed in two years;
- Guidelines are provided for the third bedroom that is required as per the Family Friendly Housing Policy, and require that the room should be at least 70 square feet, be able to accommodate a single bed, have a closet, and is not required to have a window, however, there must be two indirect sources of natural light; and,

- Three bedroom units are less expensive to build, however, they generally take longer to sell compared to one or two bedroom units.

5.2 Integrated (Bed Bug) Pest Management Strategy Update

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, reported that the City will be developing preventative information guidelines regarding pest management, including information with respect to minimizing the opportunity of getting bed bugs, how to address infestations in the early stages, and how tenants can report infestations.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Stark advised that if one unit is affected in a building, nine units would require treatment, including three units above, below and one unit to each side.

Discussion ensued and the Committee suggested that bed bug stigma could be addressed in a similar manner to lice. It was also noted that there could be cost savings to a building in implementing preventative measures compared to addressing an infestation after the fact.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Areas of Focus or Interest for 2016

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy, Chair, reported that the Committee may review the City's various social policies, discuss inclusion, specifically with respect to refugees and individuals with hidden disabilities, housing, and the relationship between bridges and suicides.

In response to Councillor McEvoy's request for topics of discussion for the 2016 term, the Committee expressed interest in discussing the Royal Columbian Hospital redevelopment. It was suggested that a variety of affordable housing near the hospital, as well as near SkyTrain stations, would be required in order to attract qualified staff. In addition, it was suggested that the Committee could discuss diversity on City Committees.

6.2 Social Equity Policy

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, summarized the on-table document regarding the Social Equity Policy.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Stark advised that Council directed staff to create a Social Equity Policy, from which all Departments could

work from. Councillor Jaimie McEvoy, Chair, noted that Council wants to create holistic approach to addressing issues.

Discussion ensued and the Committee provided the following comments:

Definitions

- The definition from Boulder, Colorado is good at addressing the fairness of individuals receiving what they need;
- The definitions provided by the University of Melbourne Social Equity Institute and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development suggests that the opportunity to access should be expanded;
- Services that are provided should be made widely available;
- Issues such as social stratification may need to be addressed prior to inclusion policies; and,
- The term social equality may be preferable.

Possible Areas of Focus

- Perceptions regarding a lack of equity, equality and welcoming can affect how and if individuals engage; and,
- It was suggested that the policy could include communications from the City.

General discussion regarding inclusion ensued, and the Committee noted the following comments:

- The policy seems to support the mission statement from the Official Community Plan (OCP);
- It was suggested that the City consider implementing tours of civic facilities in Arabic languages, in anticipation of refugees that may be arriving in New Westminster;
- It was suggested that the City could investigate the Neighbourhood House program to compensate for the lack of community centres;
- It was suggested that the community could organize events in place of community centres; and,
- It was suggested that the service culture of the library be exported to other civic facilities.

Councillor McEvoy advised that there would be roundtable discussion at the next meeting.

6.3 Child Care Strategy

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Child Care Strategy.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Stark advised that up to eight child care spaces are permitted in all single detached dwelling districts.

Mr. Stark noted that usually the caregiver lives in the home; however, this is not required as per the Zoning Bylaw.

Discussion ensued and the Committee noted the following comments:

- Adequate, affordable childcare would be required as part of the Royal Columbian Hospital expansion in order to attract young, dynamic staff;
- Traffic can be a factor when choosing a child care provider;
- Child care facilities located in single family homes without permanent residents living in the home may be out of place in residential neighbourhoods;
- Child care facilities located in single family neighbourhoods may cause increased traffic issues and congestion.

7.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

7.1 Child Care Needs Assessment (Fall 2015)

This item was distributed for information.

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

9.0 NEXT MEETING

May 3, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Committee Room 2

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting concluded at 7:37 p.m.

Certified correct,

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair

Lauren Blake
Committee Clerk