



COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

**Thursday, May 23, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
City Hall, Committee Room #2**

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaime McEvoy	- Chair, City Council Member
Norah Andrew	- Community Member
Giuliana Graves	- Community Member
Meredith Haaf	- Community Member
Tasha Henderson	- Community Member
Alex McGowan	- Community Member
Nadine Nakagawa	- Community Member
Pam Ralston	- Community Member

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Dee Beattie	- Community Member
John Hooker	- Community Member

GUESTS PRESENT:

- Chief Constable Dave Jones, New Westminster
Police Department

STAFF PRESENT:

John Stark	- Community and Social Planner
Jamie Brovold	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no items.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of March 21, 2017

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the March 21, 2017 Community and Social Issues Committee meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 A Perspective on the Opioid Situation in New Westminster

Chief Constable Dave Jones, New Westminster Police Department, provided the following presentation regarding opioid use in New Westminster:

- Numbers are not as high as in the remainder of the Province
- No longer solely a street level issue
- Some medical and emergency crews now carry naloxone
- To achieve the greatest effect, Chief Constable Jones recommends:
 - An integrated approach, with a community perspective or insight
 - The use of city resources

In response to questions from the Committee, Chief Constable Jones provided the following information:

- Focus on the issue within New Westminster to achieve an integrated approach
- Strive to achieve the best possible outcome with commitment and resources
- Utilize educational programs

Discussion ensued, and the Committee noted the following suggestions:

- Establish a working group to research case studies and establish best practice, that include:
 - Fraserside Community Services Society
 - New Westminster Mental Health Centre
 - Addictions groups
 - Other nonprofit agencies

In response to questions from the Committee, Chief Constable Jones provided the following information:

- The New Westminster Mental Health Centre is limited to assist due to their budget allowance and lack of space
- The Royal Columbian Hospital can provide:
 - Treatment on demand
 - Available space

Discussion ensued and the Committee noted the following suggestions:

- Education, prevention and a softer approach could be delivered through a partnership with the City of New Westminster's Committee, Healthy Community
- Open a city wide education and conversation forum that includes both adults and youth

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Municipal Responses to Fentanyl Crisis

This item was discussed in conjunction with item 3.1.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 2017 24-Hour Homeless Count Results for New Westminster

John Stark, Acting Manager of Planning, presented the 2017 24-Hour Homeless Count Results for New Westminster to the Committee.

5.2 Child Care Proposal at 232 Lawrence Street

John Stark, Acting Manager of Planning, provided the following presentation regarding the Child Care Proposal at 232 Lawrence Street:

- There is a need for additional daycare resources within the city of New Westminster
- Implementing additional daycare resources is estimated to cost \$150,000.00 and would be paid for with City grants

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

- A public hearing will take place on this issue
- The need for and implementation of child care resources is supported by parent groups
- Further support is anticipated from other groups and individuals
- The implementation of child care resources will be used primarily for the care of infants and toddlers
- Existing school age spaces will see no reduction in space or availability

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Community and Social Issues Committee support the child care proposal as described at 232 Lawrence Street.

CARRIED.

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

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

There were no items.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

October 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Committee Room #2

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Councillor Jaime McEvoy
Chair

Jamie Brovold
Committee Clerk