



Family Court Committee

Wednesday, April 24, 2013 – 1:00 pm
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Councillor Betty McIntosh | - Chair |
| Brian Fiddler | - NW Victim Assistance |
| Molly Jeschke | - Community Member |
| Silvana McNulty | - Community Member |
| Dorothy Shiu | - Community Member |
| Sanda Turner | - Community Member |

REGRETS:

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| Sarah Barone | - NW Law Courts |
| Gertrude Gaviola | - Community Member |
| Lisa Graham | - School Board Trustee |
| Paul Johanssen | - Community Member |
| Ronne Sun | - Family Justice Centre |
| Scott White | - Community Member |

STAFF:

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| Ruby Campbell | - Parks, Culture & Recreation |
| Donna Martin | - Committee Clerk |

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of February 27, 2013

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Family Court Committee meeting held on February 27, 2013 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Elementary/Middle School Community Policing – Constable Carmel Keenan

Constable Carmel Keenan began working as the school liaison officer for elementary and middle school in February 2013. It is her responsibility to circulate through the various schools and make her presence known by interacting with students and being a positive role model. If needed, she assists in the classroom, on the playground and on field trips or at events.

When a behaviour issue arises Constable Keenan will initiate a conversation with the student, the parents and the teachers to come up with a solution. When necessary, Constable Keenan refers students to other judicial authorities.

In the fall when the school year begins again, Constable Keenan will contact each Parent Advisory Committee and offer to make a presentation and answer any questions the parents have but she stressed her first responsibility is to the children.

In response to a question as to how the Family Court Committee could assist her in her job, Constable Keenan indicated more education on how to work with CERA is needed.

Procedural Note: Ruby Campbell joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Family Day

Members reported Family Day 2013 at the Fraser River Discovery Centre was a great success and needs to be an annual event. The next Family Day is February 10, 2014.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- Need strategy for programming;
- Venue should be booked as soon as possible;
- Acts should be determined and booked as soon as possible;

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a letter be drafted to the provincial government seeking funding to assist with hosting Family Day events.

CARRIED.

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

Councillor McIntosh and Ruby Campbell volunteered to confer with the Fraser River Discovery Centre and the Market regarding their availability for Family Day 2014.

The following members volunteered to serve as a subcommittee to work on the Family Day 2014 event: Silvana McNulty, Dorothy Shui, Molly Jeschke, Councillor McIntosh and Ruby Campbell.

It was noted a large number of volunteers will be for the Family Day event.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Family Court Committee request from the City of New Westminster a budget in the amount of \$4,500 for the 2014 Family Day event on February 10, 2014.

CARRIED.

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

Procedural Note: Ruby Campbell left the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 CERA Assessment Report

Sanda Turner reported that she is not a voting member on the CERA Board. After a brief discussion, it was determined a letter should be written to CERA clarifying the mandate of the person representing Family Court Committee.

Procedural Note: Silvana McNulty left the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

6.2 Member's Reports

Molly Jeschke reported on the candlelight vigil at City Hall in honour of women who have formerly experienced domestic violence who have made significant lifestyle changes. She would like to find a venue to do a seminar on recognizing the signs of domestic violence.

Brian Fiddler reported NW Victims Assistance is raffling off a hockey stick signed by Henrik Sedin with the proceeds going to Victim's Services for volunteers.

Councillor McIntosh reported the opening of the Anvil Centre is expected to be mid-year 2014. The opening of the renovated Queensborough Community Centre is planned for June 2013.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 NEXT MEETING

June 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. – Committee Room 2, City Hall

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Councillor Betty McIntosh
Chair

Donna Martin
Committee Clerk