



Family Court Committee

Wednesday, January 16, 2013 – 1:00 pm
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Betty McIntosh	- Chair
Paul Johanssen	- Community Member
Silvana McNulty	- Community Member
Dorothy Shiu	- Community Member
Ronne Sun	- Family Justice Centre
Sanda Turner	- Community Member

REGRETS:

Brian Fiddler	- NW Victim Assistance
Gertrude Gaviola	- Community Member
Lisa Graham	- School Board Trustee
Liam O’Flaherty	- NW Law Courts
Lois Smith	- Community Member

STAFF:

Ruby Campbell	- Parks, Culture and Recreation
Sukhwinder Maghera	- Engineering Operations
Nancy Miller	- Engineering Operations
Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Due to the lack of a quorum no action may be taken by the Committee. Councillor McIntosh, moved to Item 3.0 Presentations for discussion of the dog issues raised at the November 7, 2012 meeting.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of November 7, 2012

Deferred to next meeting.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Dog Concerns – Sukhwinder Maghera & Nancy Miller

Sukhwinder Maghera and Nancy Miller from Engineering Operations (Animal Control) fielded questions from committee members regarding disrespect of leash law, bylaw regarding vicious breeds that must be muzzled, and etiquette at off-leash dog parks.

Staff advised only about 35% of the dog population in New Westminster is licensed. Twenty-five dog bites were reported in 2012 (15 dog on human bites and 10 dog bites on other animals). There were no applications for dangerous dogs.

Staff are working to develop a community consultation process. Community education workshops are planned for the spring and fall of this year.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 2013 Recruitment Update

Committee appointments will be made public at the January 21, 2013 Regular Council meeting. Letters of appointment will go out to members on January 25, 2013.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Family Day 2013 Update – Councillor McIntosh

- **Venue**
Family Day 2013 will be held February 11th at the Fraser River Discovery Centre from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The many activities will include a fishing booth, face painting, a clown, five display tables, poetry readings, a variety of music, dancing and more. There will be door prizes and free parking.
- **Budget**
At the January 14, 2013 Regular Council meeting, Council passed a resolution to provide \$4500 for Family Day 2013 activities. The Committee discussed budget issues. No action was taken.

Councillor McIntosh requested members make themselves available to assist with Family Day activities. It was suggested members meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Fraser River Discovery Centre.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 CERA

Sanda Turner reported the functioning of the CERA Board is presently being restructured. Ms. Turner will keep the committee informed of any changes.

6.2 Member's Reports

Ronne Sun reported the new Family Law Act will be implemented mid March. Family Justice Services Division staff is currently in training with respect to the new law.

It was suggested a Family Justice Services Division representative make a presentation in June to update the Committee on the changes to the Family Law Act.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Councillor Betty McIntosh
Chair

Donna Martin
Committee Clerk