



Family Court Committee

Wednesday, October 29, 2014 – 1:00 pm
Committee Room #2
City Hall

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Betty McIntosh
Bruce Clark

John Gaipman
Mychael Gleeson
Molly Jeschke
Alana McIntyre
Silvana McNulty
Dorothy Shiu
Ronne Sun

- Chair
- Community Member (arrived 1:03 p.m.; exited at 2:02 p.m.)
- School District #40 Representative
- Community Member
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- Community Member
- Community Member
- Family Justice Centre Representative

REGRETS:

Sarah Barone
Brian Fiddler
Paul Johansen

- NW Law Courts Representative
- NW Victim Assistance Representative
- Community Member

GUESTS:

Gurinder Mann

- Executive Director, CERA

STAFF:

Lauren Blake

- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of June 18, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the June 18, 2014 meeting of the Family Court Committee be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no items.

4.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

4.1 Communities Embracing Restorative Action (CERA) Update

Procedural note: Bruce Clarke and Alana McIntyre entered the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Gurinder Mann, Executive Director, CERA, provided an update regarding CERA and reported the following information:

- 35 referrals have been received for 2014, with five of the referrals coming from New Westminster;
- There are plans to expand crime preventative measures to include social media;
- CERA is working with a conflict resolution practitioner to provide education for students regarding restorative justice;
- CERA's services are provided free of charge to the school district;
- CERA would like to provide an event regarding social media for parents;
- CERA is working on reinforcing its relationship with local municipalities and the provincial government.

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Family Day 2015

Councillor Betty McIntosh, Chair, provided an update regarding Family Day 2015 and reported the following information:

- The venues have not yet been programmed;
- There will be a Parent Zone and a Youth Zone at the River Market;

- The Anvil Centre will have an Arts and Culture theme, and the Fraser River Discovery Center will have a Science and Exploration theme;
- Volunteers will be needed to help manage the event;

Discussion ensued and the Committee suggested that the Family Day Sub-Committee request feedback from the planners of the Seniors Day Festival with respect to the Anvil Centre. It was further suggested that a Family Day Sub-Committee representative attend a School Trustee Committee meeting to personally invite School Trustees to attend Family Day.

5.2 Give My Life Back: Follow-up and Questions

Mychael Gleeson, Committee Member, reviewed her paper titled “Give My Life Back: 100 Kids Telling Their Stories” regarding kids at risk. Dr. Gleeson advised that she is still working with the kids that took part in the report, and that local teachers and school liaison officers have expressed appreciation for the report.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Recruitment 2015

Councillor Betty McIntosh, Chair, advised that the deadline to receive applications is November 14, 2014.

7.0 MEMBER’S REPORTS

Molly Jeschke, Community Member, advised that she is looking forward to Family Day and hopes to participate.

Alana McIntyre, Community Member, reported that the Remembrance Day ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. on November 11, 2014, and that seating will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Ms. McIntyre noted that there will be a commemoration for the passing of Freda Hogg. Ms. McIntyre reported that she also attended the Seniors Festival, and it was very enjoyable.

Mychael Gleeson, Community Member, reported that she communicating with the Canadian Psychological Association regarding her study “Give Me My Life Back”.

Silvana McNulty, Community Member, reported that she attended the opening of the Anvil Centre, the Civic Dinner, and the “Wait for Me, Daddy” memorial unveiling, noting that sound system did not work properly.

Councillor Betty McIntosh, Chair, reported that she attended the 2014 Douglas College Self Employment Program Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, and suggested that the School District could coordinate with Douglas College to provide night school programs. Councillor McIntosh advised that there will be a Family Day Planning meeting scheduled for late November or early December 2014. Councillor McIntosh thanked the Family Court Committee for the work they have accomplished.

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

9.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be determined.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Certified correct,

Councillor Betty McIntosh
Chair

Lauren Blake
Committee Clerk