

# NWCPRC

**Date: 8 February 2018**

**Time: 10:30am – 12:00pm**

**LIVE MEETING** or Dial-in: City of New Westminster  
Council Chambers Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall

**Attendees:** Saul Doria (SD), Tristan Johnson (TJ), John Stark (JS), Lisa Paterson (LP), Dorla Tune (DT), Harneet Dua (HD)

## Agenda/Meeting Notes

ITEM	TIME	PRESENTER	MATERIAL	DECISIONS/ACTIONS/COMMENTS
<b>1. Introductions/Regrets</b>	5 mins	Chair		
<b>2. Education Saving Plan Update</b>	30 mins	LP/TJ DT/ALL	Implementation plan progress update  Review of recommendations e.g. income boosting work e.g. promotion of the <a href="#">benefits tool</a> , tax clinics etc.	New Westminster's two FSAs (first three digits of postal codes – forward sortation areas) both ranked in the top 5% of FSAs in Canada for Canada Learning Bond uptake rate as of June 30, 2017. New Westminster as a whole had a CLB participation rate of 53.0%, much higher than Canada as a whole (approximately 36%). Funds generated by the URL will be directed to FSGV. Building on from the RESP work, there is a need to promote tax filing amongst those groups who don't file taxes so they can boost their income. LP is investigating the possibility of a workshop on taxes facilitated by Vancity  <b>Actions:</b> TJ will compile list of available tax clinics – include Burnaby, TJ will provide stats on SmartSaver for Council. <b>Implementation group</b> will continue

				with promotional activities through 2018,
<b>3. Updates:</b>				
• Newcomers Project and Food Security Plan	15 mins	CF	Updates	<p><b>Newcomers Project.</b> City applied for funding under Plan H. The 2017 social connectedness project for newcomers focused on new refugees. The 2018 newcomer’s day – will aim at all new immigrants, Aboriginals and renters. 1 in 3 people came to New West in last 5 years. The aim of the event is to enhance community connections.</p> <p>The City hosted a Food Summit Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 2017. A food security matrix showed inconsistency in service delivery e.g. no evening programs for working poor, no services available on Sundays. <b>Actions:</b> the City to lead on development of a coordinated plan for food security services. Subsequently, development of a sustainability plan over 4-6 months under the NWCPRC. Report back to Vancouver Foundation before June 2018.</p> <p>Consultations are happening as a Provincial strategy is being drafted. TJ gave feedback from Burnaby/New West meeting that happened January 29, 2018. Notes will be available from each community <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>City - affordable housing is now #1 issue</p>
• <a href="#">News release</a> <a href="#">Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy</a>	10 mins	TJ	BC consultations – SPARC	
<b>4. Other Business</b>				
• Review of short terms actions 2018	20 mins	Chair/ALL	Poverty Reduction short term action plan	<p><b>Action:</b> Next meeting will include review of partner reports work plans to id any links to poverty reduction 2018 short term actions. Exploration of ways</p>
• Tamarack – membership	5 mins	LP	Review of 2018 membership costs and	

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to assist member organisations in their work.

**Action:** JS to take to take request for membership costs to Council.

[Minimum wage announcement](#)

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**5. Meeting schedule 2018**

5 mins

ALL

**Action:** TJ to send out doodle

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BACKGROUND READING

[Barriers to tax filing](#)