



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 23, 2013 5:00 p.m.
Oak Room, Century House

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hayden Goss	- Co-Chair, Member at Large
Linda Ali	- Member at Large
Hannah Block	- Member at Large
John Cao	- Member at Large
Veronika Gukova	- Member at Large
Bryant Lee	- Member at Large
Jelena Metrovic	- Member at Large
Valeria Nandayapa	- Member at Large
Dana Radivjevic	- NWSS Representative

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Tay Su-Jeong Kim	- NWSS Representative
Anjelika Ku	- Member at Large
Wesley Ku	- Member at Large
Kaylie Page	- Member at Large
Joe Shen	- Member at Large
Cynthia Tan	- Member at Large
Jason Zhang	- Co-Chair, NWSS Representative

NON VOTING ADVISORS:

Chuck Puchmayr	- City Council
Dan Kalivoda	- Community Schools Coordinator

NON VOTING ADVISORS REGRETS:

David Phelan	- School Board Trustee
Kal Randhawa	- DPAC Representative
Karen Trenaman	- ICBC Representative

STAFF:

Leslie Cole	- Manager of Seniors and Youth Services
Sandon Fraser	- Youth Services Coordinator
Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- 1.1** Under “PRESENTATIONS” add Item 3.1 – Homelessness

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of April 25, 2013

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on April 25, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

The Chair moved to Item 6.1 Councillor’s Report in order to accommodate Councillor Puchmayr who had to leave early for another engagement.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Councillor’s Report: Councillor Chuck Puchmayr

Councillor Puchmayr reported he had to leave early to attend a meeting in Surrey regarding the coal initiative.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Homelessness – John Stark

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, defined homelessness to include people who have no physical shelter, those who are temporarily sheltered (120 days or less) or are staying at a friend’s place where they do not pay rent. He reported since 2008, the City undertook a number of actions:

- Developed a Homeless Needs Assessment and Action Strategy;
- Established a Homeless Coalition;
- Hired a Social Planner; and
- Partnered with BC Housing to develop 28 shelter beds and 84 longer term transitional and supported housing units.

Between 2008 and 2011 these efforts have resulted in the unsheltered homeless population decreasing by 45.8% in New Westminster. However, with respect to youth homelessness, there has been a significant increase of about 5%.

Mr. Stark presented On-Table a profile of marginalized and street involved youth noting there are limited resources available to homeless youth in New Westminster and the resources available.

Councillor Puchmayr left the meeting at 5:20 p.m. for another engagement.

Due to the fact some Committee members need to leave early, the Chair moved to “NEW BUSINESS Item 5.2 – June 23 Meeting Date.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.2 June 2013 Meeting Date?

As June 27th is graduation night, the committee discussed other options.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the June 27th meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee be cancelled and a “Wrap-up Party” to be scheduled for Tuesday, June 25th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Oak Room in Century House.

CARRIED.

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

Chair Hayden Goss left at 5:30 p.m. for another engagement.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS Continued

3.1 Homelessness – John Stark

John Stark answered questions from the members and offered some suggestions on raising awareness of youth homelessness.

Dana Radivojevic left the meeting at 5:40 p.m. for another engagement.

Due to the lack of quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

**HAYDEN GOSS
CO-CHAIR**

**DONNA MARTIN
COMMITTEE CLERK**