



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**November 27, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.
Oak Room, Century House**

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colin Donahoe	- Co-Chair
Hannah Block	- Co-Chair
Tay Su-Jeong Kim	- Member at large
Andrea Reyes	- Member at large
Ghazaleh Bazazan Nowghani	- Member at large
Isabella August-Mclvor	- Member at large
Jonathan Tomalty	- Member at large
Lina Dockman	- Member at large
Olga Radivojevic	- Member at large
Brandon Lee	- Member at large

STAFF:

Lesley Cole	- Manager of Seniors and Youth Services
Ashley Currie	- Youth Services Coordinator
Lynn Roxburgh	- Planner
Alison Worsfold	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of October 23, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held October 23, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Official Community Plan

Lynn Roxburgh, Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Official Community Plan.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Roxburgh provided the following information:

- The City plans to explore the option of laneway housing;
- Addressing parking issues throughout New Westminister remains a City priority;
- The City is encouraging the owners of the buildings that were destroyed by the 2014 Columbia Street fire to rebuild and provide parking as per the Downtown Parking Strategy;
- The City is working with TransLink to develop a plan that could include increased bus service to Queenborough;
- The Province owns the Queenborough bridge, and is therefore responsible for any upgrades it may require; and,
- The city's new pedestrian bridge over the Fraser River will link Queensborough to downtown New Westminister.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee suggested the following:

- Due to the lack of transit services in the West End, it is difficult for individuals to travel in that area without a vehicle;
- Affordability, access to amenities, and location are important qualities to consider when purchasing a house;
- The establishment of a gaming facility, such as an internet café, could benefit the city;
- The steep grade from the Columbia and New Westminister Skytrain station to the uptown area could deter people from walking, which could result in increased vehicle ownership and exacerbated traffic issues.

The Committee expressed concerns regarding the lack of parking throughout the City, specifically near Urban Academy (101 Third Street).

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Councillor's Report

The item was tabled to the January 22, 2015 Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

6.2 School Board Trustee Report

The item was tabled to the January 22, 2015 Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

6.4 ICBC Representative Report

The item was tabled to the January 22, 2015 Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

6.5 Youth Coordinator's Report

Ashley Currie, Youth Services Coordinator, noted the following information:

- Holiday Christmas programs will be advertised in the Christmas 2014 edition of the City's Active Living Guide;
- The Youth Centre holiday dinner will be held on December 20 at 5:00 p.m.;
- There will be an intergenerational pickleball tournament held in February 2015;
- Where to Find (www.wtf411.ca) is a resource for at-risk and sexually exploited youth in the Burnaby and New Westminster areas; and,
- School District #40 is organizing a working group to review the manner in which students are educated throughout local schools. The working group, which will have its first meeting on December 2, 2014, has two positions available for youth.

6.6 Member Reports

Colin Donahoe, Co-Chair, reported that he has been busy applying to universities.

Hannah Block, Co-Chair, reported that she has been busy studying, working and engaging in extracurricular activities. Ms. Block advised that she recently provided a presentation to Council regarding the respectED program and the British Columbia Crime Conference.

Tay Su-Jeong Kim, Member at large, reported that she has finished her first class project, and that she has been helping her mom quilt on her spare time.

Andrea Reyes, Member at large, reported that she has been studying for upcoming tests.

Ghazaleh Bazazan Nowghani, Member at large, reported that she will be volunteering at the Santa Claus party on December 6, 2014 at the Anvil Centre.

Jonathan Tomalty, Member at large, reported that his football team was regrettably eliminated from the playoffs.

Olga Radivojevic, Member at large, reported that she will be attending the C3 Climate Change Conference on November 28, 2014.

Brandon Lee, Member at large, reported that St. Thomas More Collegiate will be hosting its Christmas concert on November 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 22 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Oak Room, Century House

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**COLIN DONAHOE
CO-CHAIR**

**ALISON WORSFOLD
COMMITTEE CLERK**