

## **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**March 31, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Oak Room, Century House**

### **MINUTES**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bianca Blackwell	- Acting Chair
Yasmeen Alghreibawi	- NWSS Representative
Lina Dockman	- NWSS Representative
Amy Frost	- NWSS Representative
Lindsay Gesner	- NWSS Representative
Alex Hatch	- NWSS Representative
Simran Jagpal	- NWSS Representative
Kayoko Mayede	- NWSS Representative
Raunaq Singh	- Member at large
Marissa Smith	- NWSS Representative
Ian Zhou	- Connaught Heights Elementary School

#### **VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:**

Yolanda Calderon	- Co-Chair
Christine Mendoza	- Co-Chair
Tyller Cordoviz	- NWSS Representative
Elena Kuzma	- NWSS Representative
Giselle Whittaker	- NWSS Representative

#### **NON VOTING ADVISORS PRESENT:**

Patrick Johnstone	- City Council (arrived at 5:14 p.m.)
Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Representative

#### **GUESTS:**

Deanna Tan Francoeur	- Community Health Specialist, Fraser Health (Exited at 6:10 p.m.)
Kim Deighton	- Licensing and Integrated Services, City of New Westminster (Exited at 6:10 p.m.)

#### **STAFF:**

Robyn McGuinness	- Manager of Seniors and Youth Services
Ryan Weber	- Youth Services Coordinator
Debbie Johnstone	- Committee Clerk

Procedural Note: Bianca Blackwell assumed the role of Acting Chair

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m.

## **1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions.

## **2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of February 25, 2016**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the February 25, 2016 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

### **3.1 Ice Breaker**

Ryan Weber, Youth Services Coordinator, provided the following 'ice breaker' question to the Committee:

“What role do volunteers play in community recreation?”

Discussion ensued, and the Committee noted that volunteers provide children in the community with valuable socialization skills, provide support to staff and leaders, and can serve as positive role models for the community. It was also expressed that volunteering allows for the development of leadership skills and can often be a rewarding experience for both the volunteer and the community.

### **3.2 Smoking Bylaws in New Westminster**

Deanna Tan Francoeur, Fraser Health, summarized her professional background and provided the following information:

- Increased smoking regulations have triggered a decline in the percentage of smokers, as current statistics suggest that only 15% of the population smokes;
- Smoking bylaws have been put in place to protect people from second hand smoke, and to deter people from smoking;

- Provincial regulations are not always effective, therefore health organizations requested Cities and Municipalities to show leadership in areas where the Province could not;
- Fraser Health worked with the City to prepare and implement the current smoking bylaw;
- New Westminster's smoking bylaw has several areas where improvements could be made (i.e. The New Westminster Smoking Bylaw only has a partial ban on smoking in parks);
- E-Cigarettes and vaping are not included in the smoking bylaw, and could be reconsidered by both the Province and the City; and,
- The Province is considering changing the current smoking bylaw. Once this occurs, New Westminster may also consider evaluating their current bylaw.

Kim Deighton, City of New Westminster, provided an overview of her professional background together with the following information:

- In 2012, the New Westminster Smoking Bylaw was amended to provide stronger regulations regarding smoking;
- Consultation of other Cities' bylaws was considered when creating the amendment;
- Enforcing the smoking bylaw can be difficult, as the bylaw is not property based;
- Bylaw Officers are not authorized to ask for identification, which can lead to issues with ticketing; and,
- Jurisdictional issues arise when implementing smoking bylaws on TransLink and Fraser Health properties.

Following questions from the Committee, Ms. Tan Francoeur and Ms. Deighton provided the following information:

- Signage has been implemented in parks and areas designated as non-smoking;
- Business owners are responsible for implementing their own signs to prevent smoking on or near the premises;
- A more clear explanation regarding who is able to enforce smoking bylaws in areas owned by TransLink and Fraser Health could be included in the amended bylaw;
- When reporting a smoking bylaw infraction, it was suggested that the complainant provide a clear physical description, and an exact location of the issue;

- Provincial legislation currently has no regulations with regard to e-cigarettes/vaping. Once their legislation is updated, the City could include this information into their own bylaw;
- The School District has passed an updated health bylaw to prevent e-cigarettes and vaping on school property;
- Smoking complaints are to be directed to Fraser Health, with the next step being bylaw enforcement, which could result in a ticket or fine; and,
- Fraser Health is implementing a Healthy School club through New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) which could address further smoking issues experience by youth in the community.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee provided the following comments:

- Non-smoking signage could be more clearly marked in the Moody Park and Queens Park area; and,
- Concerns were raised on the possible harms of e-cigarettes, and an interest was expressed with the City and Fraser Health taking a firm stance on this when amending the current City bylaw.

#### **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no items.

#### **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items.

#### **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

##### **6.1 Council Representative Report**

Councillor Patrick Johnstone, Council representative, reported the following information:

- Council is continuing to work on the budget for 2017;
- The Front Street Parkade project is currently underway. A portion of the Parkade has been demolished, while the other portion would be restored, and kept for parking;
- Closures on Front Street has encouraged Council to review how this closure affects truck traffic on alternative routes;
- The Intelligent City initiative program is currently installing dark fibre cable into major roads in New Westminster. Service providers have been expressing

- an interest in acquiring the fibre, which could provide revenue for the City, and faster internet connections for local businesses and residents; and,
- The City has adopted a Child and Youth Friendly Strategy. Housing, Youth Centres, and transit options will all be considered through the implementation of the strategy.

## **6.2 ICBC Representative Report**

Karen Trenaman, ICBC representative, reported the following information:

- The month of March was devoted to the distracted driving campaign;
- The campaign runs twice per year, in March and September;
- May would be high risk driving awareness month, with a focus on motorcycle awareness and speed;
- ICBC focuses on impaired driving over the summer, and would be targeting both drivers and boaters; and,
- The Alexa Team Challenge offers police officers with recognition for impaired driving convictions, in an effort to keep drunk drivers off the road.

Following Ms. Trenaman's report, the Committee initiated a discussion regarding issues with crosswalk usage by New West Secondary School and the Tim Hortons on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Councillor Johnstone advised that the City's new Transportation Manager is aware of the issue, and has been reviewing ways to resolve the problem for both pedestrians and drivers in the area.

## **6.3 District Parent Advisory Committee Report**

As Ms. Lynch was not in attendance, this item was deferred to the April meeting.

## **6.4 Youth Coordinator's Report**

Ryan Weber, Youth Coordinator, reported that the recommendation from the Committee regarding the implementation of the name 'New West Youth Centre' would be brought to Council on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Weber further reported that Committee members who had expressed an interest in serving on the subcommittee for the Kids Day at Moody Park event would be contacted to set up a meeting in April.

## **6.5 Member Reports**

There were no member reports.

**7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.0 NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, April 28 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in Oak Room, Century House**

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION,** The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**Bianca Blackwell**  
**Acting Chair**

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**Debbie Johnstone**  
**Committee Clerk**