



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 26, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
Century House, Oak Room

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Maggie Chen | - NWSS Representative |
| Madelyne Lemieux | - NWSS Representative |
| Keona Lighthall | - NWSS Representative |
| Joelle Pinvidic | - NWSS Representative |
| Nelson Roy | - Ecolé Glenbrook Middle School |
| Selena Uppal | - NWSS Representative |
| Ian Zhou | - Fraser River Middle School |

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

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| Samia Khan | - Fraser River Middle School |
| Shawn Lichtmann | - NWSS Representative |
| Wala Saidan | - NWSS Representative |

NON VOTING ADVISORS PRESENT:

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| Patrick Johnstone | - Council Representative |
| Karon Trenaman | - ICBC Representative (exited at 6:00 p.m.) |
| Heather Lynch | - DPAC Representative |

GUESTS PRESENT:

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| Diana Bulley | - Ideaspace |
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STAFF PRESENT:

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| Erika Mashig | - Parks and Open Space Planner |
| Robyn McGuinness | - Manager of Seniors and Youth Services |
| Ryan Weber | - Youth Services Coordinator |
| JoAnn Tosh | - Committee Clerk |

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

Procedural note: Patrick Johnstone, Council Representative, assumed the role of Chair.

1.0 HOUSEKEEPING

1.1 Committee Orientation

JoAnn Tosh, Committee Clerk, and Patrick Johnstone, Council Representative, provided an On-Table PowerPoint presentation regarding the Committee Orientation. Ms. Tosh and Mr. Johnstone provided an overview of the Rules of Conduct, Respectful Workplace and Human Rights Policy, and the Social Media Policy.

1.2 Oath of Office

JoAnn Tosh, Committee Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to the Committee members.

1.3 Appointment of Co-Chairs

Patrick Johnstone, Council Representative, requested volunteers to serve as the Co-Chairs for the 2017 Committee term. The following Committee members' names were put forward for the position of Co-Chair; each member also provided an introduction and why they feel they should be appointed Co-Chair:

- Maggie Chen
- Madelyne Lemieux
- Joelle Pinvidic
- Nelson Roy
- Selena Uppal

Ballots were cast by the Committee members.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee appoints Maggie Chen and Selena Uppal to be Co-Chairs for the 2017 term.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favor of the motion

2.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions.

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Adoption of the Minutes of May 26, 2016

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the May 26, 2016 Youth Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Ice Breaker

Procedural note: Item 4.1 was addressed following item 3.1

Ryan Weber, Youth Services Coordinator, provided the following ‘ice breaker’ questions to the Committee:

Question: What is your favorite part/thing about your community?

Discussion ensued, and the Committee noted that some of their favorite things about their community include:

- Friendly and welcoming neighbours and residents;
- How connected residents are to the City by partaking in various sports, activities, programs, and clubs;
- That most shops/activities are within walking/biking distance of each other; and,
- The small town traditional atmosphere.

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Relocation of Mercer Skateboard Park Consultation

Procedural note: This item was addressed following item 1.3

Erika Mashig, Parks and Open Space Planner, and Diana Bulley, President and Founder of Ideaspace, provided an On-Table PowerPoint presentation regarding the Mercer Stadium skatepark relocation project:

In response to the following questions, the Committee provided the following feedback:

1. What additional groups could the City consult with regarding the relocation of the skatepark?
 - Parents of younger children who use the surrounding park area; and,
 - Residents living in close proximity to the new skatepark.
2. What are some other ways the City could connect with residents/users to receive feedback regarding the relocation of the skatepark?
 - Host an open house; and,
 - Set up an information booth at local malls.
3. Are there any additional events that the City could attend to gather feedback regarding the design and relocation of the skatepark?
 - Host a competition at the current skatepark with prizes to encourage discussion among those who use the current park;
 - Post notices at the current skatepark as well as surrounding skateparks to inform users of the relocation process and how they can provide feedback;
 - Contact the local newspaper to publish an article regarding the skatepark relocation and seek feedback from the community; and,
 - Post notices with information throughout City parks and community centres.
4. What other features could the City consider when planning the new skatepark?
 - Construct a big enough skatepark to accommodate various sports, not just skateboarding;
 - Install a flashing crosswalk in close proximity to the skatepark to ensure safe access;

- Create different difficulty levels throughout the skatepark;
- Include a shaded area, bike locks, bathroom, and a water fountain near the skatepark; and,
- Ensure the park is in a central area of New Westminster to accommodate all neighbourhoods.

6.2 Pink Shirt Day

Ryan Weber, Youth Coordinator, provided an On-Table document regarding Pink Shirt Day 2017.

The Committee accepted the Pink Shirt Day 2017 challenge and took a photo with the hashtag #ThinkPinkYAC to promote Anti Bullying Day on February 22, 2017.

7.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

7.1 Councillor Report

Patrick Johnstone, Council Representative, provided the following report:

- The City is currently working on the Official Community Plan (OCP) that is anticipated to be brought to Council next month;
- The City is in the consultation phase regarding the Canada Games Pool replacement project; and,
- The City is working with TransLink regarding the Pattullo Bridge replacement to determine that the new bridge meets the needs of the City.

7.2 ICBC Representative Report

There was no update.

7.3 District Parent Advisory Committee Report

Heather Lynch, DPAC, asked the Committee if there was any information, concerns or questions that she could bring back to the DPAC for discussion.

The Committee had no concerns at this time.

7.4 Youth Coordinator Report

Ryan Weber, Youth Coordinator, provided the following report:

- The Youth Centre is currently working on the final steps of renaming the Youth Centre and affixing signage to the outside of the building;
- The Youth Centre will be hosting a Family Day event on February 13, 2017 for all ages to attend and participate in various games and activities; and,
- The Youth Centre is working on spreading the Pink Shirt initiative throughout the City and promoting the Anti Bullying message with all City departments.

7.5 Member Reports

There were no updates.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 23, 2017, 5:00 pm. Century House, Oak Room.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was concluded at 6:41 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Chair

JoAnn Tosh
Committee Clerk