



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 18th, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maggie Chen	- Co-Chair; NWSS Representative
Selena Uppal	- Co-Chair; NWSS Representative
Samia Khan	- Fraser River Middle School
Shawn Lichtmann	- NWSS Representative
Keona Lighthall	- NWSS Representative
Nelson Roy	- Ecolé Glenbrook Middle School
Ian Zhou	- Fraser River Middle School

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Madelyne Lemieux	- NWSS Representative
Joelle Pinvidic	- NWSS Representative
Wala Saidan	- NWSS Representative

NON VOTING ADVISORS PRESENT:

Patrick Johnstone	- Council Representative
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NON VOTING ADVISORS REGRETS:

Heather Lynch	- DPAC Representative
Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Ryan Weber	- Youth Services Coordinator
Jamie Brovold	- Committee Clerk

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

1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of February 23, 2017

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the February 23, 2017 Youth Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Item 3.2 was addressed following item 2.1

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Meet and Greet with Mayor Cote and Tour

Councillor Patrick Johnstone introduced Mayor Jonathan Cote and Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer, both of the City of New Westminster, to the students.

Mayor Cote spoke with the students about the importance of the Youth Advisory Committee and how this Committee can ensure positive developments and changes for kids within New Westminster. Mayor Cote led a tour of the Mayor's Office and Council Chambers.

3.2 Ice Breaker – Ryan Weber

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

Question: What changes in your community do you like and what have you seen or heard that you are excited about?

Discussion ensued, and the Committee noted the following:

- The new high school
- The new swimming facility proposal
- The summer festival and events
- The new greenway that travels from Pier Park to Sapperton
- The Massey Theatre renovations

Councillor Johnstone provided the following presentation regarding the roles, departments and procedures for which the Mayor and City Council are responsible for within the City of New Westminster:

- Roads
- Sidewalks
- Parks and Recreation facilities
- Electrical and utility
- Sewers and water
- Fire and Police Departments
- Planning
- Bylaws
- Governing of Council and City Staff
- Recommendations submitted by the public are reviewed by City Council who make decisions on each and if approved, Council provide directives and guidance to City Staff toward the implementation of the project
- City Staff are responsible for the budget framework

Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer, discussed the roles of City Council and City Staff and the importance of the working relationships between the two that ensures the efficient operation of the City of New Westminster.

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Item 3.1 was addressed following item 3.2

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Volunteer Options in New Westminster

Hailey Sinclair, Community Volunteer Connections representative, provided the following presentation regarding volunteer options in New Westminster:

- Volunteering is about being engaged and being an active citizen
- Flying Squad:
 - Short term, event based volunteering
 - Approximately 600 people are gathered who then post their availability to volunteer within the community
 - Community Volunteer Connections:
 - Complete all of the administrative work for the Flying Squad relating to the volunteer opportunity or event
 - Also hold workshops for volunteers to learn skills used for volunteer events such as balloon art and face painting

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Councillor Report

Patrick Johnstone, Council Representative, provided the following report:

- Skate Jam will be presenting suggestions to the City regarding the new skate park in New Westminster
- Fun activities will be offered in Pier Park, including many festivals, and 'Fun on Front Street' will take place every Friday
- The new school will be built South of Mercer Field and the design will be L-shaped
- Council is discussing the Heritage Conservation Area in Queen's Park

6.2 Youth Coordinator Report

Ryan Weber, Youth Coordinator, provided the following report:

- Cultural and heritage planners within the City of New Westminster are attempting to obtain accreditation for the City of New Westminster to be a Bee City, which signifies that the City of New Westminster supports the local bee population which, in turn, helps the bee population and beautifies the City of New Westminster, through bees
- BC Youth Week is being held May 1 – 7, 2017 and events will be held every day

6.3 Member Reports

Youth Advisory Committee Members provided updates on their current projects and accomplishments.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

October 26, 2017, 5:00 pm., City Hall, Meeting Room 1

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Chair

Jamie Brovold
Committee Clerk