



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 23, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, Meeting Room #1

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Labrosse	- Co-Chair, NWSS Representative
Jonah Wright	- Co-Chair, NWSS Representative
Yasmeen Alghreibawi	- NWSS Representative
Maggie Chen	- NWSS Representative
Ravinder Dhaliwal	- NWSS Representative
Shawn Lichtmann	- NWSS Representative
Keona Lighthall	- NWSS Representative
Nelson Roy	- NWSS Representative
Selena Uppal	- NWSS Representative
Ian Zhou	- NWSS Representative

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Andie Lloyd	- Langara College
Kevin Tam	- NWSS Representative

GUESTS:

Kelly Slad-Kerr	- School District 40 (arrived at 5:27 p.m., exited at 6:10 p.m.)
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NON VOTING ADVISORS PRESENT:

Patrick Johnstone	- City Council Representative
Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Representative (exited at 6:29 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT:

Robyn McGuinness	- Manager of Senior and Youth Services (exited at 5:35 p.m.)
Paolo Zenone	- Youth Services Representative
Debbie Johnstone	- Committee Clerk

Procedural Note: Sarah Labrosse assumed the role of Chair

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 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 October 26, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the October 26, 2017 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be amended to indicate that both Shawn Lichtmann and Keona Lighthall were present; and,

THAT the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Ice Breaker

Paola Zenone, Youth Services Representative, provided the following 'Ice Breaker' questions to the Committee:

What is not being taught in school that should be?

Discussion ensued, and the Committee provided the following suggestions:

- Budgeting skills, finances and how to transition into adulthood;
- Professional etiquette and social skills;
- Gender-identity sensitivity training;
- Research and debate skills;
- Applied skills could be amended to be more reflective of the current culture;
- Political and social history; and,
- Media criticism and rhetoric.

Procedural Note: This item was addressed after item 6.1

3.2 School District 40 Update

New Westminster Secondary School Replacement Project

Kelly Slad-Kerr, School District 40 Chair, summarized the On-Table handout regarding the New Westminster Secondary School Replacement Project.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Slad-Kerr provided the following information:

- Current grade nine students would be the first to graduate from the new school;
- Green space could be utilized as a way to memorialize the former burial grounds;
- The building would be designed with a west-coast style, utilizing natural materials and light;
- Construction for the project could commence as early as January, 2018;
- Parking would comply with standard school requirements;
- The Massey Theatre would remain in its current location; however, the gym would be destroyed to accommodate for additional parking;
- The replacement school would be four stories tall;
- Theatre students would have access to a small theatre in the school, as well as the Massey Theatre for events and performances;
- International students could be accommodated during spring and summer breaks in an effort to reduce crowding; and,
- The school replacement project would not have an impact on school programming.

The Committee suggested that a community garden be considered in the current green space plans for the school.

May Day Celebrations in New Westminster

Ms. Slad-Kerr summarized the On-Table handout regarding recommendations from the May Day Task Force.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee provided the following comments:

- Celebrating May Days during school hours could lead to difficulties with parent participation;
- Concerns were expressed regarding the current selection process for the Royal Suite;
- The Royal Suite could be adapted to be more LGBTQ friendly;
- Issues with weather for the festival could be addressed by providing additional covered seating, or bringing the celebration inside Queens Park Arena; and,
- It was suggested that the history behind May Day celebrations could be considered insensitive, and additional research could be provided to better understand what is being celebrated.

Ms. Sladd-Kerr advised the Committee that the public consultation period regarding the May Day Task Force Recommendations could be accessed online until November 27, 2017.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Councillor Representative Report

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

- Council met recently regarding a potentially dangerous property on 11th Street. City staff requested that Council direct the home owner to properly maintain the property, or the City would be forced to demolish the home due to safety concerns. The home owner was given until Spring, 2018 to

comply with the City; however, additional considerations must be taken as a renter is currently living in the home;

- A Diversity Mandate has been initiated by Councillor Mary Trentadue to ensure that Council Advisory Committee's more adequately represent the community as a whole; and,
- New Westminster has adopted several recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, and is currently exploring how best to initiate an open dialogue and move forward as a community.

6.2 ICBC Representative Report

Karon Trenaman, ICBC Representative, reported the following information:

- Distracted driving and pedestrian safety campaigns took place through ICBC over the fall;
- Legislation has been amended twice in the past ten years to increase fines for distracted driving;
- Recently there has been an increase in claims involving pedestrians; and,
- December would be a busy month for the Operation Red Nose campaign. Youth members could volunteer their services in the dispatch center or through Kids Zone.

6.3 Youth Coordinator's Report

Paolo Zenone, Youth Services Representative, provided the following update:

- Christmas programming at the Youth Centre would begin in December;
- The annual youth Christmas dinner would be held on Friday, December 15th;
- A city-wide youth dance would be held on December 16th, for grades 6, 7, and 8. Admission for the dance would be free; and,
- Christmas hours at the Youth Centre would be implemented from December 27th to January 8th, 2018.

Procedural Note: Karon Trenaman exited the meeting at 6:29.

6.4 Member Reports

Members of the Committee reported the following information:

- Parking issues in the residential area of Connaught Heights could be explored by the City. It was suggested that individuals could be parking in this area to access the 22nd Street SkyTrain station;

- A stronger presence of security at SkyTrain stations in New Westminster could be considered;
- Issues were expressed regarding the lack of public transit in the Queensborough area;
- Illegal activity in the New Westminster Secondary School parking lot could be monitored more closely by staff;
- Handicap facilities and specialized swim classes for handicapped individuals should be considered for the Canada Games Pool replacement project;
- It was noted that there had been a policy change at the Canada Games pool which had an impact on their previous cancelation policy;
- Safety issues were expressed regarding an inadequate number of street lights on Twelfth Street from Sixth Avenue to Eighth Avenue;
- Mixed recycling and compost could be introduced in high traffic areas of the community to promote responsible waste management practices; and,
- Enquiries were made regarding future development of the River District. It was suggested that development within the city be added as an agenda item for a more formal discussion in the future.

Jonah Wright, NWSS Representative, requested additional information be provided regarding a proposed Bylaw Amendment to allow for a higher number of youth in foster care at a facility in Moody Park.

Councillor Patrick Johnstone, Council Representative, provided the following additional information:

- Currently a housing facility in the Moody Park area does not comply with the law due to a Zoning Bylaw that limits that amount of youth in foster care;
- City staff has visited the property and expressed no issues or concerns regarding the facility;
- The facility is a single family house; and,
- A public hearing regarding this matter would be held on Monday, November 27th.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee endorses the proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw which would allow for a higher number of youth in foster care.

Carried.

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

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Oak Room at Century House

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Sarah Labrosse
Co-Chair

Debbie Johnstone
Committee Clerks