



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 22, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
Century House, Oak Room

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yasmeeen Alghreibawi	- NWSS Representative
Maggie Chen	- NWSS Representative (arrived at 5:17 p.m.)
Ravinder Dhaliwal	- NWSS Representative
Shawn Lichtmann	- NWSS Representative
Keona Lighthall	- NWSS Representative
Nelson Roy	- NWSS Representative
Chris Sharma	- NWSS Representative
Kevin Tan	- NWSS Representative
Selena Uppal	- NWSS Representative
Ian Zhou	- NWSS Representative

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Sarah Labrosse	- Co-Chair, NWSS Representative
Jonah Wright	- Co-Chair, NWSS Representative
Andie Lloyd	- Langara College

NON VOTING ADVISORS PRESENT:

Patrick Johnstone	- City Council Representative
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NON VOTING ADVISORS REGERTS

Donella Prasad	- District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Representative
Chris Nicholson	- SD#40 Representative
Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Steven Kellock	- Senior Manager, Recreation Services & Facilities (exited at 6:06 p.m.)
Katelyn McDougall	- Public Engagement Coordinator (exited at 6:06 p.m.)
Robyn McGuinness	- Manager of Seniors and Youth Services
Ryan Webber	- Youth Services Coordinator
Debbie Johnstone	- Committee Clerk

Procedural Note: Councillor Johnstone assumed the role of Chair
The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee agenda for the February 22, 2018 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of January 25, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the January 25, 2018 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be amended as follows:

- *The meeting location reflect Century House, Oak Room;*
- *Keona Lighthall be indicated as absent from the meeting;*
- *Kevin Tan's name be corrected; 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

Ryan Weber, Youth Services Coordinator, proposed the following question:

Is there anywhere in your community that you do not feel safe?

The Committee agreed that while they generally feel safe in the community, lighting issues throughout the city, particularly around the 22nd Street SkyTrain Station, can lead to an overall feeling of discomfort.

Councillor Johnstone reported that TransLink is planning renovations to the 22nd Street SkyTrain Station, and suggested that the Committee be involved in the project should further consultation take place.

3.2 Canada Games Pool and Centennial Community Centre replacement project

Steve Kellock, Senior Manager of Recreation Services & Facilities, and Katelyn McDougall, Public Engagement Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation

regarding the Canada Games Pool and Centennial Community Centre replacement project.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Kellock reported that a moveable floor, together with two moveable bulkheads is currently included in the suggested design for the pool facility. A waterslide, wave pool and lazy river have not been included in the current design; however, this feedback may still be received by the community during future public consultation opportunities.

With regards to the overall plans for the facility, Mr. Kellock requested feedback on the following questions:

To what extent does the proposed solution accurately reflect the aquatic needs and priorities of New West?

- A waterslide could be considered a necessity to many residents;
- Implementing a taller diving board/tower was encouraged;
- Hot Tubs can often be overcrowded, therefore it was suggested that the during peak hours one hot tub could be reserved for adults, while the other could be utilized by families;
- Implementing a design concept similar to Watermania in Richmond with a pool for competitive swimming, and a separate shallow end to be used as a warm up or leisure pool could be considered; and,
- Larger meetings rooms and staff rooms to be utilized by pool staff was encouraged.

To what extent does the proposed solution accurately reflect the fitness needs and priorities of New Westminster?

- Providing a fully accessible gym with wheelchair accessible equipment is important;
- Plate-free machines could be considered to address safety and noise concerns;
- Providing seniors and youth members with set times to use the fitness centre and/or gym areas could increase comfort levels;
- Ensuring that there is an adequate storage space was recommended; and,
- It was suggested that a larger ping pong area be considered, to address issues with crowding.

To what extent does the proposed solution accurately reflect the community centre and social needs and priorities of New Westminster?

- With regards to parking, electrical outlets for electric cars and Evo parking spaces were suggested;

- Implementing a cafeteria or café with a well-known brand, such as Tim Hortons, was encouraged;
- Implementing seating both inside the cafeteria and in the lobby area was recommended;
- Providing healthy options at the café or cafeteria is important for the community; and,
- Consideration of a youth lounge, or another more central branch of the Youth Centre was suggested.

From your perspective, is anything missing or could be improved about the proposed solution?

- Implementing a wellness centre including massage and physio therapy, and counseling services was suggested;
- A large community kitchen space for events such as birthday parties was encouraged;
- Increasing and/or re-aligning bus stops in the area could provide better accessibility for the facility; and,
- Utilizing a design with lots of natural light and brightness for the new facility was encouraged.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Museum Community Advisory Group - Youth Advisory Committee Representative

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Selena Uppal be appointed as the Youth Advisory Committee representative for the Museum Community Advisory Group.

CARRIED.

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

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Intergenerational Grant Program

Ryan Weber, Youth Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding a community based intergenerational leadership project entitled “Meeting in the Middle”. Themed workshops would be provided through five themed ‘pods,’ with ‘pods’ working with their own budgets, including honorariums for youth, senior and project leaders. Mr. Weber encouraged any Committee members interested in the project to contact him directly.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Council Report

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

- The Financial Plan and City budget is in its final stages, with a 1% tax increase being implemented for the Canada Games Pool project. Construction for the project is expected to commence in 2020;
- A Zoning Amendment Bylaw has been passed by Council to open an arcade in the Sapperton area in summer, 2018;
- Discussions regarding the legalization of Cannabis have been ongoing, as Municipal governments are working to develop rules and regulations surrounding this change. Public consultation with regards to this process would be encouraged throughout the coming months;
- Innovation Week in New Westminster runs from February 26th to March 2nd. The week would kick off with a reception at City Hall on February 26th, with students from the youth services music program, local artists and the Arts Council of New Westminster utilizing city data to create a video and musical presentation; and,
- The B.C. Government announced that the Pattullo Bridge would be rebuilt at the expense of the Ministry of Transportation.

6.2 District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Report

Ms. Prasad, DPAC representative, was not in attendance at the meeting, therefore there was no update.

6.3 ICBC Representative Report

Ms. Trenaman, ICBC representative, was not in attendance at the meeting, therefore there was no update.

6.4 SD40 Representative Report

Mr. Nicholson, SD40 Representative, was not in attendance at the meeting, therefore there was no update.

6.5 Youth Coordinator's Report

Ryan Weber, Youth Coordinator, provided the following update:

- Pink Shirt Day would be on Wednesday, February 28;

- Several Innovation Week events would be hosted at the Youth Centre, such as courses on computer programming and bike mechanics; and,
- Increased programming and out trips (on Tuesdays and Thursdays) would take place at the Youth Centre throughout Spring Break.

6.6 Member Reports

Keona Lighthall reported that she had an opportunity to attend a speaking engagement with Michelle Obama, which was very inspirational.

Shawn Lichtmann reported that a ‘Tech Show Off’ had taken place at New Westminster Secondary School, with grade eight students from middle schools being toured around the engineering, drafting and electronic departments.

Nelson Roy reported that he had recently learned how to make webpages through an IT class.

Selena Uppal reported that she had recently passed her bronze medallion swimming level, and would now be able to be hired as a life guard. Ms. Uppal also reported that she had been working with Chris Sharma to take photos for the transportation exhibit that would be held at the New Westminster Museum this summer.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

~~Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at Century House, Oak Room
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8.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Acting Chair

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Debbie Johnstone
Committee Clerk