

## **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, January 25, 2018, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Century House, Oak Room**

### **MINUTES**

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

Sarah Labrosse	- Co-Chair, NWSS Representative
Jonah Wright	- Co-Chair, NWSS Representative
Maggie Chen	- NWSS Representative
Ravinder Dhaliwal	- NWSS Representative
Shawn Lichtmann	- NWSS Representative
Nelson Roy	- NWSS Representative
Chris Sharma	- NWSS Representative
Selena Uppal	- NWSS Representative

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

Yasmeen Alghreibawi	- NWSS Representative
Andie Lloyd	- Langara College
Keona Lighthall	- NWSS Representative
Kevin Tan	- NWSS Representative
Ian Zhou	- NWSS Representative

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

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

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Oana Capota	- Museum Curator
Patricia Jecks	- Intelligent City Project Coordinator
Rob McCullough	- Manager, Museums and Heritage Services
Ryan Webber	- Youth Services Coordinator
Debbie Johnstone	- Committee Clerk

**Procedural Note:** Sarah Labrosse assumed the role of Chair

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

## **1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Youth Advisory Committee agenda for the January 25, 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 November 23, 2017**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the November 23, 2017 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be amended as follows:*

- *The Council report on page 4 be changed to read “a potentially dangerous property on 11<sup>th</sup> Street”; 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, initiated round-table introductions for all members and presenters.

### **3.2 Transportation Exhibit at the New Westminster Museum**

Oana Capota, Museum Curator, summarized the report dated January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regarding the *People Gotta Move* transportation exhibition at the New Westminster Museum and Archives.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Capota reported that the exhibit would include past, present and future ideas for transportation in New Westminster.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee provided the following comments:

- Elevation issues in the City can lead to accessibility problems, especially for seniors in the community;
- Access from Queensborough to the mainland of New Westminster could be improved;
- Limited bus services can lead to overcrowding and increased wait times, especially on school routes during peak hours. It was suggested that additional buses be offered to accommodate a greater number of students;
- The Transit SMS system can be unreliable;
- Increasing the number of electric vehicles throughout the city could lead to a more green and innovative New Westminster;
- Additional bike lanes and car sharing services could be considered; and,
- Safety concerns were expressed regarding pedestrian crosswalks, especially during rush hour.

Ms. Capota thanked members for their input, and suggested that an additional update regarding the exhibit could be provided to the Committee in the future.

### **3.3 Smart Cities Challenge Workshop Intelligent New West**

Patricia Jecks, Intelligent City Project Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding *Intelligent New West*, the Smart Cities Challenge Workshop. In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Jecks explained that a potential outcome from the workshop would be to develop a challenge statement. The challenge statement would then be further developed through additional community engagement, analysis and proposal development.

Ms. Jecks encouraged Committee members to sign up and attend the workshop, which would be held on January 31, 2018 at City Hall.

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no items.

## **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Museum Community Advisory Group - Youth Advisory Committee Representative**

Rob McCullough, Manager, Museums and Heritage Services, summarized the mission statement and mandate for the Museum Community Advisory Group. The following additional information was provided:

- The Museum Community Advisory Group is currently looking for a Youth Advisory Committee representative to serve on their group;

- The Museum Community Advisory Group discusses items related to work at the Anvil Centre, Irving House, Samson V Paddlewheeler, and with regard to school and public programing;
- Meetings would be held four times per year- in February, May, September and November; and,
- An ideal candidate for the Committee would be someone with an interest in Museums and Culture.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee suggested that a Youth Advisory Committee representative be elected to serve on the Museum Community Advisory Group at the next meeting.

## **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **6.1 Council Report**

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

- Innovation Week would take place at the end of February, and is a series of events highlighting innovation and technology in the City. The theme for the year would be transportation. Committee members were encouraged to look into and attend the events hosted throughout the week; and,
- Consultation with the City and the community is currently underway regarding the locations and design for the New Westminster skate park. Two locations that have been identified as possibilities for the park are Queen's Parks (near the Arenex), and Downtown, under the newly built parkade.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee provided the following suggestions:

- Implementing a skate park under the parkade could provide weather protection; however, issues could arise with safety and possible drug use;
- Queen's Park is welcoming, and could be an ideal location for an all-wheel park;
- Selecting a location where all community members feel welcome was encouraged;
- Implementing an all-wheel park could be more inclusive; and,
- Obtaining public consultation from families with small children could be considered.

## **6.2 District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Report**

Donella Prasad, DPAC representative, introduced herself to the Committee.

## **6.3 ICBC Representative Report**

Karon Trenaman, ICBC Representative, reported the following information:

- The 2018 campaign calendar for ICBC has been finalized, which sets the blueprint for road safety campaigns for the year;
- This year there would be a continued focus on distracted driving and distracted walking, with two campaigns running throughout the year; and,
- A pilot program has been initiated to limit distracted driving in the future. The pilot program utilizes technology to create a signal that would prevent drivers from using their cell phones while the vehicle is in motion.

## **6.4 SD 40 Representative Report**

Chris Nicholson, SD40 Representative, reported the following:

- There has been a recent change to the BC Human Rights Code, whereby gender identity and gender expression are now included as human rights and are protected under the law;
- The School Board has joined the SOGI network, a group of educators and researchers dedicated to promoting full inclusion of all people; and,
- SOGI school leads would be established in New Westminster schools to provide assistance to teachers and students regarding inclusion issues.

Mr. Nicholson also reported that he would be starting a new role within the School District, as he had recently been appointed as Assistant Superintendent.

## **6.5 Youth Coordinator's Report**

Ryan Weber, Youth Coordinator, provided the following update:

- The Parks and Recreation department would be implementing a new registration process starting mid-February, 2018; and,
- The Youth Centre and Seniors Group have received an Intergenerational Partnership Grant which would allow paid honorarium positions for both youth and seniors members. A further update regarding this matter would be provided.

## 6.6 Member Reports

Committee members provided the following reports:

- New Westminster Senior Secondary (NWSS) recently provided tours of the technology departments to grade eight students;
- Frustrations were expressed regarding issues with the school internet and guest WiFi system;
- The Create Change Club would be holding a fundraiser on February 6<sup>th</sup> at NWSS. Money raised would go towards an education fund for girls in northern Ghana. The Club would also be selling Valentine's Day cards throughout the community;
- Maggie Chen, NWSS Representative, reported that she had recently attended the BC Youth Parliament annual session, whereby youth members across the province gather in the Legislative Chambers in Victoria to debate current topics;
- NWSS's Environment Club would be working with wildlife Biologist Kyle Routledge on invasive species removal in the Glenbrook Ravine; and,
- It was suggested that the City consider working with youth artists on a future project in the community.

## 7.0 NEXT MEETING

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

## 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**Sarah Labrosse**  
Co-Chair

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**Debbie Johnstone**  
Committee Clerks