



Notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 31, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.

Council Chamber & Meeting Room, City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Labrosse	- Chair, NWSS Representative
Maggie Chen	- NWSS Representative
Shawn Lichtmann	- NWSS Representative
Keona Lighthall	- NWSS Representative
Nelson Roy	- NWSS Representative
Chris Sharma	- NWSS Representative
Selena Uppal	- NWSS Representative
Jonah Wright	- NWSS Representative
Ian Zhou	- NWSS Representative

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Yasmeen Alghreibawi	- NWSS Representative
Ravinder Dhaliwal	- NWSS Representative
Andie Lloyd	- Langara College
Kevin Tan	- NWSS Representative

NON-VOTING ADVISORS PRESENT:

Mayor Cote	- City Council Representative
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NON-VOTING ADVISORS REGRETS:

Patrick Johnstone	- City Council Representative
Robyn McGuinness	- Manager of Seniors and Youth Services
Chris Nicholson	- SD#40 Representative
Donella Prasad	- District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Representative
Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Representative

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:

Jacque Killawee	- City Clerk
Ryan Weber	- Youth Services Coordinator
Carilyn Cook	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1.1 Adoption of the Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the May 31, 2018 Youth Advisory Committee agenda be adopted with the addition of New Business Item 5.2 – Recruitment by Ryan Weber and Reports and Information Item 6.8 – Meeting in the Middle by Maggie Chen.

CARRIED.

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of April 4, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the April 4, 2018 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Ice Breaker

Mayor Cote welcomed Committee members adding that he was looking forward to hearing from everyone during the meeting.

Ryan Weber, Youth Services Coordinator, invited members to share what they feel may be missing from the City and the following comments were offered:

- *Get Out! Camping* - a weekend camping initiative that gets at-risk kids out into nature without the distractions of cellphones, internet, etc. Attendees participate in various activities such as kayaking, rock climbing, art projects, sharing personal experiences, etc. Unfortunately, since Metro Vancouver halted funding on the program two years ago, it's uncertain from year to year as to whether or not the program will be able to run. As a Director on the Metro Vancouver Board, Mayor Cote requested that more information about the camp be sent to him for further consideration;
- A larger teen section in the library with more space, books, and resources. *Members were advised that there will be an expanded teen section once the renovation of the library is complete;*
- Improvements to the Columbia SkyTrain Station such as additional lighting, inside and outside of the Station. *Members were advised that the*

Columbia SkyTrain Station is under the jurisdiction of TransLink; however, the Station is on their list for improvements;

- *Composting bins should be placed throughout the City for people to get rid of produce waste (apple cores, banana peels, etc.) when they are out walking. Members were advised that these types of bins are available at River Market and that all single family homes are mandated to recycle food waste. Members were urged to submit their ideas to staff during the public consultation aspect of the City's Environmental Strategy & Action Plan;*
- *The City should ban all soft plastics. Members were advised that the City is hoping to follow Vancouver's lead as they are working on a set of rules, related to this, for all municipalities – it's a work in progress;*
- *The 410 bus stops on Ewen Avenue now and does not proceed all the way to the highway. Members were advised that this change in transit is temporary while road work is taking place. Once the construction is complete, it will return to normal;*
- *Bus stop poles should show the bus times for those that don't have Wi-Fi;*
- *The new water park in Queensborough should have more lighting around it as that area gets very dark. Staff will follow up with the Parks and Recreation Department to see about the possibility of installing additional lighting at the park as well as in the Ryall Park parking lot;*
- *Maps on the streets for visitors;*
- *TransLink signage should be in languages other than just English and French in order to acknowledge our diverse population, as well as to assist visitors;*
- *Innovation week should include activities for young entrepreneurs and cover a variety of careers and not focus specifically on the tech community;*
- *The City could host speakers, provide more grants, and also hold competitions to provide opportunities for young people to help solve some of the City's issues. Members were advised that the City offers community grant opportunities which start in January and end in early April for small projects;*
- *A bike share program should be brought to the City. Members were advised that staff are considering a bike share program, including one for electric bikes, and that staff would work with other cities to enable users to ride a bike from one municipality to another;*
- *The City should offer more free activities for teens such as drop in at the pool and free movie nights. It was noted that the City hosts a number of free or low-cost festivals such as Fridays on Front, Uptown Live, and the Columbia StrEAT Food Truck Fest. Members were asked to forward any other ideas they may have for free teen activities, as well as ideas for ways to use the space at Westminster Pier Park, to the Mayor for consideration;*
- *The Q to Q Ferry should be permanent. Members were informed that the Q to Q Ferry has been very well received and Council will decide at the end of the year whether or not to make it permanent, taking into consideration if it will be used for commuting, etc.; and,*

- The City should create more community gardens like the ones on the front lawn of City Hall as they help build community.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Tour of Mayor's Office

Prior to the start of the tour, Jacque Killawee, City Clerk, informed members that the City was now taking applications for those who wish to work during the upcoming general election. She advised that the application form can now be found on the City's website.

Procedural note: Jacque Killawee left at 5:47 p.m.

The tour commenced and included a tour of the Mayor's office and the cell area in the basement.

5.2 Recruitment

Ryan advised the group that all 2018/19 Youth Advisory Committee applications must go through the Clerk's office and be approved at a Council meeting. Members will be advised in the late summer when recruitment is taking place and urged to pass the information along to others who may be interested in sitting on the Committee. Members suggested that the notice of recruitment be sent to the school counsellor for further distribution to students.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Council Report

Mayor Cote provided the following updates:

- We have a scope for the redevelopment and rebuilding of the Canada Games Pool and Centennial Community Centre. Over the next year we will refine the design with the goal to start the build in 2020;
- A new skate park is being built in Queen's Park, replacing the one that was closed at the New Westminster Secondary School site. It is anticipated that the new park will be completed this fall; and,
- The Arenex will be rebuilt beside the new skate park – Council will be looking at that project soon.

In response to questions raised, Mayor Cote provided the following clarification:

- Part of the new pool facility, including parking, will be built where the gravel field is currently located;
- We want to keep the pool open while the new one is being built;
- The proposed size of the new pool is the same as the current Canada Games Pool. We have heard from the swim clubs and are considering building the pool big enough to hold larger swim meet competitions – this would include stands, warmup pools, etc., and incur an extra cost of approximately 10M. Since other communities would benefit from a larger pool as well, we will look at the possibility of securing a government grant to offset the additional cost of building a competition-sized pool; and,
- The new Arenex will be a bubble structure and we are moving forward with companies that are interested in building the new facility.

6.2 District Parent Advisory Committee Report – No report was provided.

6.3 ICBC Representative Report – No report was provided.

6.4 SD40 Representative Report – No report was provided.

6.5 Youth Coordinator’s Report

Ryan informed the group that the City held another successful Youth Week which ran from May 1st to May 5th and included the following events:

1. May 1st – Kick Off BBQ
2. May 2nd – Youth Awards
3. May 3rd – Youth Centre Mural Project
4. May 4th – NWPD Youth Classic Basketball Tournament
5. May 5th – Youth Dance

There will be even more new and exciting events during Youth Week 2019.

Ryan announced that the Youth Centre has started a new drone program to take place on Thursdays and, with registration, participants will receive a small drone and compete in flying their drones through obstacle courses. A local hobby club is sponsoring the program and supplying drones and obstacle courses. The intent is that program will amp up in September, becoming a club with weekly meetings and competitions. Members were encouraged to drop by the Youth Centre to check it out.

At this point in the meeting, Ryan revealed that he has accepted a programmer position at the Queensborough Community Centre, and that this will be his last

Youth Advisory Committee meeting. Members congratulated Ryan on his new position.

6.6 Member Reports

Members were invited to provide updates on their academic and summer plans, which prompted comments on the following:

- Cadets;
- An upcoming summer camp;
- Starting university in the fall;
- Summer volunteering;
- Sports achievements;
- Recent travel experiences;
- Summer work plans;
- School club achievements;
- A recent TED talk presentation experience;
- Upcoming conference plans; and,
- Attendance at other committee meetings.

6.7 Museum Transportation Exhibit Invitation

A member shared with the group that she worked with Oana Capota, Curator, Museum & Heritage Services, to put this exhibit together and encouraged everyone to visit the display.

6.8 Meeting in the Middle – Maggie Chen

Procedural Note: This Item was addressed prior to Item 6.6 – Member Reports

Maggie apprised the group of Meeting in the Middle, an inter-generational leadership project running from May 2018 to January 2108 and consisting of five project leaders, five youth leaders, and five senior leaders who will work on the following five projects/pods:

- Pay it Forward (develop projects that initiate and support the community);
- Art Outside (develop outdoor art projects);
- Culinary Pursuits (explore nutrition and cooking);
- Naturally Fun Adventures (develop projects outside relating to nature); and,
- Technology (record four other projects and produce a short video).

She noted that a grant of approximately 10K has been received and will cover all of the projects. The leaders for each pod will meet over the summer to plan things

out; the rest of the recruitment will start soon. Those interested can volunteer or sign up as a participant.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

TBD

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Original Signed
Sarah Labrosse,
Chair

Original Signed
Carilyn Cook
Committee Clerk