



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 28, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Colin Donahoe - Co-Chair
- Hannah Block - Co-Chair
- Lina Dockman - Member at large
- Andrea Reyes - Member at large
- Isabella August-Mclvor - Member at large
- Jonathan Tomalty - Member at large
- Olga Radivojevic - Member at large
- Brandon Lee - Member at large
- Raunaq Singh - Member at large
- Tay Su-Jeong Kim - Member at large

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

- Ghazaleh Bazazan Nowghani - Member at large

NON VOTING ADVISORS:

- Patrick Johnstone - City Council
- Heather Lynch - District Parent Advisory Committee

GUESTS:

- Mayor Jonathan X. Côté - Mayor

STAFF:

- Jan Gibson - City Clerk
- Lesley Cole - Manager of Seniors and Youth Services
- Constable Nick Ferguson - New Westminster Police Department
- Ryan Weber - Youth Services Coordinator
- Alison Worsfold - Committee Clerk

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

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of April 23, 2015

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the April 23, 2015 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Mayoral Address & Office Tour

Mayor Jonathan X. Coté provided the Youth Advisory Committee with a tour of the Mayor's Office.

3.2 Local Government Overview

Jan Gibson, City Clerk, provided a presentation regarding municipal government, including governance, strategic priorities, and City Commissions, Committees, Panels and Task Forces.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Gibson provided the following information:

- As per the *Community Charter*, Legislative Services requires to publish a Council meeting schedule at the beginning of each year;
- New Westminster Council meets on a weekly basis unless the meeting coincides with a conference or statutory holiday;
- Strategic initiatives are continued until they are accomplished, even upon the election of a new Council;
- The city maintains a population capacity;
- Citizens have the opportunity to provide input regarding rezoning applications at scheduled Public Hearings; and,
- It was suggested that New Westminster is unique due to its sense of community, multicultural mix, and appreciation for heritage.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Councillor's Report

Councillor Patrick Johnstone reported the following information:

- Concerns were expressed regarding rapid population growth in the lower mainland;
- Metro Vancouver implemented a Regional Growth Strategy to help guide and control future growth in the lower mainland;
- It is projected that the population of New Westminster will be approximately 100,000 by 2040;
- Council passed the Family Friendly Housing Policy, which establishes New Westminster as the first City in the lower mainland to mandate a minimum number of three bedroom units within developments;
- Council rejected the Urban Academy expansion proposal on May 4, 2015;
- The City's Traffic and Parking Bylaws are currently being updated;
- It was suggested that the Hyack Parade, held on May 24, 2015, was successful; and,
- The government announced that the \$260 million first phase of the Royal Columbian Hospital redevelopment will begin in Fall 2015.

6.2 ICBC Representative Report

The item was tabled.

6.3 District Parent Advisory Committee Report

The item was tabled.

6.4 Youth Coordinator's Report

Ryan Weber, Youth Services Coordinator, reported that National Youth Week was from May 1 to 7, 2015, and that the Youth Awards were held on May 7, 2015, whereby the City received a \$1,000 neighbourhood grant, which will be utilized for the construction of picnic tables in Queensborough.

6.5 School District #40 Trustee Report

The item was tabled.

6.6 New Westminster Police Department Report

Constable Nick Ferguson, New Westminster Police Department, reported that there has been an increased amount of cell phone theft at New Westminster Secondary School. Constable Ferguson advised that the New Westminster Police department will be increasing patrols throughout the city during grad season.

6.7 Member Reports

Colin Donahoe, Co-Chair, reported that he won the Community Service award at the Youth Awards on May 7, 2015.

Hannah Block, Co-Chair, reported that she was accepted into the communications program at Simon Fraser University.

Tay Su-Jeong Kim, Member at large, reported that she is finished school and is seeking an apprenticeship, which has proven to be difficult as she is not a Canadian citizen.

Andrea Reyes, Member at large, reported that she has finished school and her final international baccalaureate exam.

Isabella August-McIvor, Member at large, reported that she plans on travelling to South Africa in December 2015.

Jonathan Tomalty, Member at large, reported the following information:

- That he attended Destination UBC, a full-day information event regarding UBC's Vancouver campus;
- Concerns were expressed regarding the location of the Royal City Farmers Market, suggesting that it too small of an area to support the event; and,
- That he was pleased that Council rejected the Urban Academy proposal.

Lina Dockman, Member at large, expressed concerns regarding the location of the Royal City Farmers Market, suggesting that it too small of an area to support the event.

Olga Radivojevic, Member at large, reported that she will be attending a piano festival in the near future.

Raunaq Singh, Member at large, reported that he was accepted into the engineering program at Simon Fraser University. Mr. Singh encouraged Committee members to attend 'Rock Solid,' which is a performance produced by the New Westminster Secondary School senior acting class and the New Westminster Police Department, and will be held on June 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Massey Theatre.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

TBD

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

**HANNAH BLOCK
CO-CHAIR**



**ALISON WORSFOLD
COMMITTEE CLERK**