

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 22, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nelson Roy, Co-Chair	- NWSS Representative
Maggie Chen, Co-Chair	- NWSS Representative
Shawn Lichtmann	- NWSS Representative
Keona Lighthall	- NWSS Representative
Julie Mosi	- NWSS Representative
Chris Sharma	- NWSS Representative
Mark Tabangay	- Glenbrook Middle School

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Selena Uppal	- NWSS Representative
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NON-VOTING ADVISORS PRESENT:

Patrick Johnstone	- City Council Representative
Nadine Nakagawa	- City Council Representative
Bruce Cunnings	- SD#40 Representative

NON-VOTING ADVISORS REGRETS:

Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Representative
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GUESTS:

Veronika Bylicki	- Co-Founder/Co-Director, CityHive
Tesicca Truong	- Co-Founder/Co-Director, CityHive

STAFF PRESENT:

Robyn McGuinness	- Manager, Seniors & Youth Services
Silisha Ali	- Youth Services Coordinator
Carilyn Cook	- Committee Clerk

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

1.0 HOUSEKEEPING

1.1 Introduction to Local Government and Committee Orientation – Carilyn Cook, Committee Clerk

Carilyn Cook, Committee Clerk, introduced herself, Councillors Johnstone and Nakagawa, and staff liaisons. Councillor Nakagawa reminded members that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of many Coast Salish Nations for which New Westminster was a gathering place for many years, noting the importance of reflecting upon that knowledge as we do work in the City.

After a short roundtable introduction of committee members, Ms. Cook commenced with her presentation which covered the role of advisory committees, terms of reference, meeting attendance and quorum, meeting conduct, City policies & freedom of information and, lastly, oaths of office.

Procedural note: Maggie Chen and Chris Sharma, NWSS Representatives, and Veronika Bylicki and Tesicca Truong, of CityHive, arrived at the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

1.2 Oath of Office – Carilyn Cook, Committee Clerk

Ms. Cook administered the Oath of Office to the Committee members.

1.3 Appointment of Co-Chairs – Councillor Johnstone

Councillor Johnstone briefly explained the process and benefits of co-chairing a committee, which included gaining real-world experience running meetings.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee appoint Nelson Roy and Maggie Chen as Co-Chairs for the 2019 term.

CARRIED.

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

Mr. Roy assumed the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the agenda of the November 22, 2018 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be adopted with the addition of New Business Item 6.1 – Committee Meeting Start Time by Ms. Cook.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Adoption of the Minutes of May 31, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the May 31, 2018 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

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

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Ice Breaker – Silisha Ali, Youth Services Coordinator

Ms. Ali asked members to share topics they would like addressed over the next year, including initiatives they would like to see in the City. Members provided the following comments:

- Updates on the new aquatic and community centre;
- New Media Lab;
- Green initiatives/the environment;
- More parklets, including at the Front Street Mews, and ensuring that they are accessible to everyone, facilitate group study and, if possible, include free wifi;
- Housing;
- Public engagement;
- More collaboration between seniors and youth in the community;
- City initiatives that are fully inclusive;
- Updates on the development of the new high school, including the layout, etc.;
- Public spaces to animate such as puppet shows, etc.;
- Public study areas near the high school that facilitate studying and have wi-fi;
- How youth can travel safely through the City without relying on a car; and,
- Cannabis legalization and public smoking enforcement.

4.2 Youth Engagement Program – Tesicca Truong & Veronica Bylicki, CityHive

Mses. Truong and Bylicki shared that the New West City101 initiative is an experiential civic education program for New Westminster Youth to learn about their city, how the municipal government works, and to gain the skills and knowledge to engage with the City on issues that matter to them.

Members shared ideas of what they would like to see in the Program, what they are most curious to learn about with respect to the City, and their availability for Program participation:

- Meetings need to be in a key location and allow students in after school activities time to get there;
- Open drop in sessions with someone from the Committee in attendance;
- Take students to the speakers (i.e. the hospital, a transportation centre, etc.) to have more of an up close and in-person experience;
- Information about City committees and their impact on the community; and,
- A teen magazine or newspaper to get information out to youth.

Information on the Program will be shared via the school district, the youth centre, the home learners program, etc. As well, Mses. Truong and Bylicki have been working with New Westminster Secondary School to host a “Jam Fair” on December 3rd to receive feedback from youth in the community. Information on the Jam, as well as a survey for members to provide additional feedback, will be forwarded to the Committee in the next few days. Members were encouraged to share this information with their peers.

Procedural note: Ms. Bylicki and Ms. Truong left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Committee Meeting Start Time – Carilyn Cook, Committee Clerk

In order to accommodate members who find it challenging to make the current meeting start time of 5:00 p.m., members discussed moving the start time to 5:30 p.m. It was noted that a new time may affect the venue bookings.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT, effective immediately, meetings of the Youth Advisory Committee will start at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Maggie Chen and Chris Sharma voted in opposition of the motion.

7.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

7.1 Council Report – Councillor Nakagawa, Council Representative

Councillor Nakagawa advised that the City has a number of new projects coming up, including the new Canada Games Pool and Recreation Centre. She encouraged members to attend Council meetings to see how city business is

carried out and invited everyone to contact herself or other Council members if they had any questions, concerns, or suggestions about the City's goings on.

Robyn McGuinness, Manager, Seniors & Youth Services, suggested that the Committee go to Council for a proclamation of Youth Week, which will take place in May of 2019, as it would be a great opportunity for members to participate in, and observe, a City Council meeting.

Responding to a member's request regarding enforcement of cannabis smoking in public, it was noted that all of the City's smoking bylaws are consistent and include smoking, vaping, and cannabis; however, enforcing the bylaws is very challenging. A bylaw officer could be invited to one of the Committee's meetings to address the issue.

7.2 District Parent Advisory Committee Report – No report was provided

7.3 ICBC Representative Report – No report was provided

7.4 SD40 Representative Report

Bruce Cunnings, SD40 Representative, shared that he is new to the school district and that his role is to support students and families with special needs. He advised that he will report back on the design progress of the new high school and added that another big upcoming project is the new Richard McBride Elementary School.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Cunnings provided the following information:

- The conversation is ongoing with respect to flaggers directing traffic and facilitating street crossing for students around truck activity related to the construction at the high school; and,
- There may still be time to provide feedback on the classroom designs at the new high school; however, specific concerns should be forwarded to the School Board directly.

7.5 Youth Coordinator's Report – Silisha Ali, Youth Services Coordinator

Ms. Ali asked members to share ideas with respect to getting the word out about the Youth Centre as well as suggestions for improving Youth Week. The Youth Centre will be decorated for the holidays on December 4th and members, along with their friends, were invited to the December 11th holiday dinner at the Youth Centre being held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

A member noted that the study/work stations at the Youth Centre require better lighting and suggested a "cage" be installed to keep basketballs from hitting the window of the computer lab study area.

7.6 Member Reports

Members provided updates including:

- Becoming a soccer referee and continued work towards lifeguard certification;
- Securing a position with the White Spot Restaurant;
- Completing university applications, including one for Cornell University; and,
- Learning to play the French horn and joining the concert and jazz bands.

8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. – Oak Room, Century House

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Original Signed _____

Nelson Roy
Co-Chair

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Carilyn Cook
Committee Clerk