



## **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Oak Room, Century House**  
**620 8th Street, New Westminster, BC**

### **MINUTES**

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

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| Sarah Labrosse      | - Chair, NWSS Representative |
| Yasmeen Alghreibawi | - NWSS Representative        |
| Maggie Chen         | - NWSS Representative        |
| Shawn Lichtmann     | - NWSS Representative        |
| Keona Lighthall     | - NWSS Representative        |
| Andie Lloyd         | - Langara College            |
| Nelson Roy          | - NWSS Representative        |
| Chris Sharma        | - NWSS Representative        |
| Kevin Tan           | - NWSS Representative        |
| Selena Uppal        | - NWSS Representative        |
| Jonah Wright        | - NWSS Representative        |

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

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| Ravinder Dhaliwal | - NWSS Representative |
| Ian Zhou          | - NWSS Representative |

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

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| Patrick Johnstone | - City Council Representative                              |
| Donella Prasad    | - District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Representative |

#### **NON-VOTING ADVISORS REGRETS:**

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| Chris Nicholson | - SD#40 Representative |
| Karon Trenaman  | - ICBC Representative  |

#### **STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:**

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| Steven Kellock   | - Senior Manager of Recreation Services & Facilities<br>(left at approximately 5:30 p.m.) |
| Robyn McGuinness | - Manager of Seniors and Youth Services   |
| Ryan Weber       | - Youth Services Coordinator  |
| Carrie Peacock   | - Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.  |

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

## **1.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

### **1.1 Adoption of the Agenda**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the agenda for the Youth Advisory Committee meeting scheduled April 4, 2018 be adopted, with the addition of Item 5.2 – Meeting in the Middle Advisory Committee.*

**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 February 22, 2018**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the February 22, 2018 Youth Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as presented.*

**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, welcomed attendees to share highlights of their Spring Break experiences. Comments were offered on:

- Cycling in the City (the cycling lanes on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue were helpful);
- Travelling (locally and internationally);
- Volunteering at a community event in Queen's Park;
- Learning to cross-country ski;
- Dog walking;
- Participating at a Spring Break Youth Camp;
- Enjoying movies at the local theatre; and
- Playing guitar.

### **3.2 Social Sustainability Principles – Canada Games Pool and Centennial Community Centre Replacement Project**

Steve Kellock, Senior Manager of Recreation Services & Facilities provided an update on the Canada Games Pool and Centennial Community Centre Replacement Project, noting that the City was seeking feedback on the project from the community, through an online survey open until April 27, 2018 at “[www.youractivenw.ca/survey](http://www.youractivenw.ca/survey)”.

During a review of “Social Sustainability Principles” provided at the meeting (see attached list of “Information Items”), Mr. Kellock offered the following responses to questions raised:

- Residents with low incomes may be eligible for a 50% discount on New Westminster Parks and Recreation Programs;
- The pool’s schedule will be designed to meet the needs of multiple community interests (i.e. “Women Only” swim times will be scheduled; programs will be scheduled to accommodate people with invisible barriers);
- The facility will be designed to meet the future needs of the community, for example:
  - The bottom of the shallow end of the pool will be adaptable for different uses;
  - The gymnasium can be adapted, for fitness, performing arts, gymnastics, etc.
- The interior space connecting the pool and community centre will be large enough for gatherings;
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) guidelines have been followed, to deter criminal behaviour:
  - The open space design of the facility provides clear sight-lines;
  - The lockers are visible from outside the facility;
  - People in the program space can see into the parking lot;
  - Security cameras will be installed;
- Staff will be trained on full-facility evacuations and on responding to earthquakes and fire; the facility was designed to meet seismic design standards; and
- There will be a universal changeroom with individual private cubicles to change in; there will also be some separate mens’ and womens’ changerooms.

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business items were considered.

## **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Youth Representative on Arts Commission**

Councillor Johnstone confirmed that the City of New Westminster's Arts Commission has a vacant seat for a youth representative, and welcomed Youth Advisory Committee members interested in the position, to contact him.

### **5.2 Meeting in the Middle Advisory Committee**

Maggie Chen acknowledged the involvement of Keona Lighthall and Ryan Weber on the Meeting in the Middle Advisory Committee. She confirmed that youth, senior and project leaders were invited to collaborate on a community based intergenerational leadership project (see attached list of "Information Items"), and noted that:

- Participation is needed on five different projects focused on:
  - "Pay it Forward" – to develop projects where youth and seniors support the community in different ways;
  - "Art" – to develop outdoor art projects;
  - "Naturally Fun Adventures" – to develop projects outside that deal with nature;
  - "Culinary Pursuits" – to explore nutrition, cooking and eating together; and,
  - "Technology" – to produce a video of the team development and execution of the other groups;
- Youth leaders must be under 19; senior leaders must be over 55; project leaders must be over 19;
- An honorarium is available for participation; and
- For further information, contact Maggie Chen, Keona Lighthall or Ryan Weber.

## **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **6.1 Council Report**

Councillor Patrick Johnstone, Council representative, provided the following updates:

- A Grand Prix Bike Race will be held in New Westminster on July 10, 2018:
  - There are multiple volunteer opportunities to support this event;
  - Participants will be seeking accommodations (i.e. the Homestay Program);
- Digging is beginning in preparation for the new high school:
  - A part of the school site, historically a graveyard, will be recognized as a "memorial space";

- Creative non-active ideas for the space are being considered;
- The City’s skateboard park will likely be replaced by the summer of 2018, with a park designed similar to the one in Queensborough; a contract for the project’s construction has not yet been awarded;
- The region is focused on reducing its overall emissions:
  - Adaptive technology has not yet been developed to address the needs of the City’s vehicle fleet;
  - Replacing the pool with a more efficient facility will help reduce the City’s overall emissions;
- The City of New Westminster is looking at options available to ensure that the City’s reserve funds held by the Municipal Finance Authority, are only being invested in funds the City supports; and
- TransLink will be building a new SkyTrain line along Broadway, a light rail line in Surrey, and five or six new high frequency bus routes.

During discussion on the update provided, Councillor Johnstone offered the following responses to questions raised:

- A list of people buried in the graveyard was not kept; ideas are welcomed for acknowledging those buried at the memorial site; a “Healing Garden” has been suggested;
- The skateboard park will be built as soon as possible;
- The City’s ferry will begin running again on the May long weekend; the ferry will:
  - Begin operating weekdays, early in the morning;
  - Be wheelchair accessible (by adjustable ramp or with crew assistance) despite fluctuating tides;
  - May be bicycle accessible;
- TransLink has transferred the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; the existing bridge will belong to TransLink until it is removed, and will not carry traffic beyond 2023;
- There are no current plans to construct a SkyTrain line to Queensborough;
- Improvements are planned to the #410 Bus Route and the 22nd Street Station access; and,
- The Columbia Street Station will not be replaced in the current phase of changes.

Councillor Johnstone requested further information on a members’ concerns regarding #410 Bus Route signage (i.e. signs that previously indicated 22<sup>nd</sup> Street now say “Railway” and no longer indicate 22<sup>nd</sup> Street).

## **6.2 District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) 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 Weber, Youth Coordinator, reported that the City unveiled a new registration software program on February 20, 2018. Additionally, he noted that the community centre was now open to pre-teens, three hours before older youth have access.

### **6.6 Member Reports**

Members were invited to provide updates, which prompted comments on the following:

- Local transit experiences;
- Personal decisions;
- Camping plans;
- Business planning;
- An upcoming youth conference;
- Travel plans;
- Sports and other training activities;
- Involvement in library programs;
- Repairs anticipated to the outdoor pool's diving board prior to re-opening; and,
- University course selection.

The Chair reviewed her involvement in the Youth Environmental Alliance Program, which focussed on replacing invasive plant species with Indigenous plant species (suggestions were welcomed on which species to select).

## **7.0 NEXT MEETING**

The next Youth Advisory Committee is scheduled Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Oak Room at the Century House. Consideration may be given to postponing the meeting. The committee will be notified if a change is confirmed.

## 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Original Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sarah Labrosse,**  
**Chair**

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**Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary**  
**Raincoast Ventures Ltd.**

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### INFORMATION ITEMS

*The following items were presented at the meeting for information:*

- Meeting in the Middle – a Community Based Intergenerational Leadership Project
- Social Sustainability Principles – Canada Games Pool and Centennial Community Centre Replacement Project