PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

An 'Open' meeting of the Planning and Development Committee was held in the Council Committee Room, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Tuesday, 2015 May 26 at 6:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor C. Jordan, Chair
Councillor D. Johnston, Vice Chair
Councillor S. Dhaliwal, Member

STAFF: Mr. L. Pelletier, Director Planning and Building
Mr. E. Kozak, Assistant Director, Current Planning
Ms. L. Garnet, Assistant Director, Long Range Planning
Ms. P. Eng, Property Negotiator
Ms. L. Ford, Current Planning
Ms. L. Axford, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. MINUTES

A) Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee Open Meeting held on 2015 April 28

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

THAT the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee 'Open' meeting held on 2015 April 28 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

THAT the delegation be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A) Monica McGovern, Steven McMurtie and Rick Erb,
ACORN Canada, Burnaby Chapter
Re: Payday Lenders

Monica McGovern, Steve McMurtie and **Rick Erb**, representing ACORN Canada, Burnaby Chapter, appeared before the Committee providing information how payday loans that start small can quickly become an out of control cycle. All three speakers provided testimonials outlining their personal experiences with debt and how easy it is to be trapped, often for many years.

Mr. McMurtie noted these easy to obtain loans target vulnerable persons on a fixed low income who are unable to qualify for loans at a typical bank or financial institution. The speaker advised that by Council limiting the number of payday loan locations in Burnaby citizens would be protected and benefits would be far reaching in the community.

Ms. McGovern expressed appreciation to the Committee for work done on the report, noting their organization fully supports the recommendations as outlined. The speaker also advised that this will be a big step forward in reducing poverty.

The Chair thanked the member of ACORN for taking the time out of their busy schedules and patience in support of the actions recommended in this report.

4. REPORTS

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A) Report from Director Planning and Building
Re: Payday Loan and Similar Services

A report was received from the Director Planning and Building providing an overview of payday loan and similar services in Burnaby, and to propose text amendments to the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw to regulate the location of such services.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Committee request that Council authorize the preparation of a bylaw amending the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw, as outlined in Section 4.1 of this report, for advancement to a Public Hearing at a future date.

2. THAT the Committee request that Council authorize staff to prepare a resolution to the 2015 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention and the 2016 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference advocating increased regulation of payday loan and similar services, as outlined in Section 4.2 of this report.

3. THAT the Committee request that Council, through the Office of the Mayor, write to the Provincial Minister of Justice advocating for increased regulation of payday loan and similar services, as outlined in Section 4.2 of this report.

4. THAT the Committee request that Council approve staff's involvement in financial literacy education in conjunction with local community groups, as outlined in Section 4.3 of this report.

5. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to BC ACORN, #2 - 630B Carnarvon St., New Westminster BC V3M 1E5 for information.

6. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Honourable Stan Keyes, P.C., President, Canadian Payday Loan Association, 25 Main Street West, Suite 1600, Hamilton, ON L8P 1H1.

7. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the following providers of payday loan and similar services in Burnaby:

    a) Cash Money Cheque Cashing, Inc., 400 Carlingview Drive, Toronto, ON M9W 5X9

b) National Money Mart Company, 401 Garbally Road, Victoria, BC V8T 5M3

c) Money Tree, Inc., 6720 Fort Dent Way, Suite #230, Seattle, WA 98188 USA

d) Easy Financial, 3-4461 Lougheed Highway, Burnaby BC V5C 3Z2

e) Easy Financial, 4-4429 Kingsway, Burnaby BC V5H 2A1

8. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Social Planning Committee for information.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:

THAT the recommendations of the Director Planning and Building be adopted.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:

THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Burnaby's MPs and MLAs for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A vote was then held on the main motion moved by Councillor Johnston and seconded by Councillor Dhaliwal being, THAT the recommendations of the Director Planning and Building be adopted, AS AMENDED and same was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B) Report from Director Planning and Building
Re: 6738 Marlborough Avenue, Strata Title Conversion Application - Rezoning Reference #06-59

A report was received from the Director Planning and Building recommending the acceptance and processing of an application for the strata title conversion of a multi-family building at 6738 Marlborough Avenue.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council authorize staff from the Planning and Building Department to accept and process an application to stratify the multiple family dwelling at 6738 Marlborough Avenue under Section 242 of the Strata Property Act, as outlined in this report.

2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Avtar Kang, at 3626 East 47th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V5S 1E4.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

THAT the recommendations of the Director Planning and Building be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

No items of new business were brought before the Committee at this time

6. INQUIRIES

No inquiries were brought before the Committee at this time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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Lynne Axford
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Colleen Jordan
CHAIR