



## **SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Wednesday, 2015 June 03**

An 'Open' meeting of the Social Planning Committee was held at the Madison Children's Centre, 4397 Buchanan Street, Burnaby, B.C. on Wednesday, 2015 June 03 at 6:00 PM.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

PRESENT: Councillor N. Volkow, Chair  
Councillor A. Kang, Vice Chair  
Councillor J. Wang, Member  
Trustee B. Narang, School Board Representative  
Mr. R. Erwin, Citizen Representative  
Mr. F. Huang, Citizen Representative  
Ms. S. Nathwani, Citizen Representative  
Mr. W. Tsai, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Ms. N. Boudreau, Citizen Representative  
Ms. S. Clair, Citizen Representative  
Ms. L. de los Reyes, Citizen Representative  
Ms. M. Santiago, Citizen Representative  
Ms. P. Woodruff, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Ms. M. Manifold, Senior Social Planner  
Ms. C. Schuk, Social Planner  
Ms. B. Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **2. MINUTES**

#### **A) Minutes of the Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2015 April 01**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. WANG:  
SECONDED BY MR. S. NATHWANI:

THAT the minutes of the 'Open' meeting of the Social Planning Committee held on 2015 April 01 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 3. **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A) Child Care Resources Group**

**Re: Child Care Programs in the City-owned Child Care Facilities**

**Speakers: Felicia Costea, Lower Mainland Purpose Society for Youth and Families; and Leah Drayton, Burnaby Children's Centres Society**

**Ms. Margaret Manifold**, Senior Social Planner provided background information on Burnaby's City-owned Child Care program. The speaker noted that child care is a responsibility of the Provincial Government (programs, regulations, licensing, certification), the Federal Government plays an indirect role (i.e. \$100 per month per child), and the cities have no direct mandate; however, they play important role (i.e. the City of Burnaby developed a policy in 1993; is working with partners such as Fraser Health, YMCA, School District; has supportive Zoning Bylaw, etc.).

It was noted that there are five City-owned childcare centres in Burnaby:

- Donated by BC Hydro and operated by Burnaby Children's Centres Society:
  1. Hanna Court – first childcare facility since 1991, which was part of the BC Hydro headquarters. BC Hydro donated site and \$250,000; the Province donated \$419,000 and the City \$238,000
  2. Taylor Park – donated by BC Hydro in 2002 (land and building valued \$936,000)
- Acquired by the City through the Density Bonus Policy and operated by the Lower Mainland Purpose Society for Youth and Families
  3. Madison – developed in 1991 for \$1 million
  4. Yukon Crescent – developed in 2004 for \$1.85 million
  5. Cameron – developed in 2005 for \$2 million

Ms. Manifold noted that the responsibilities are divided between the City and the Operator as follows:

The City's responsibilities:

- structural repairs and replacement
- capital maintenance & internal system (i.e. plumbing and electrical)
- repair & replacement of floor, carpets, cabinets and countertops

The Operator's responsibilities:

- insurance
- interior maintenance
- appliance replacement
- outdoor areas
- utilities
- staff wages

**Ms. Leah Drayton**, Program Manager of the Burnaby Children's Centres Society introduced Ms. Elaine Brewster, Board Chair, and provided an overview of staffing and funding for the two centres as follows:

- 24 staff & 14 casual staff (26% Burnaby residents); all staff ECE qualified and 85% goes towards wages and benefits
- parents fee covers 82% of the operating costs
- provincial funding covers 16% of operating costs
- fundraising covers 2% of costs

**Ms. Felicia Costea**, Coordinator of Child Care Programs of the Lower Mainland Purpose Society introduced Ms. Dawn Embree, Executive Director and Ms. Carolyn Cheng, Site Manager at Madison Centre, and provided an overview of staffing and funding for the three centres (average for past five years) as follows:

- 21 staff and 17 casual staff (56% Burnaby residents); all staff ECE qualified and 81% of funding goes towards wages
- parents fee covers 87% of operating costs
- provincial funding covers 12% of operating costs
- fundraising covers 1% of costs

Ms. Drayton and Ms. Costea noted there are number of benefits:

For children:

- social-emotional development (using a pyramid model)
- school readiness
- inclusion of children with special needs
- well established, stable centres (culturally inclusive)
- development of lifelong skills (i.e. respect, reading, etc.)

For families:

- a large number of families live in Burnaby
- family development and connections
- stability for families and their well-being
- quality childcare attracts families to Burnaby

For economy:

- attracts businesses to the City
- helps businesses attract and retain employees
- enables parents to work & contribute to economy

In conclusion, Ms. Manifold advised that there will be a new initiative between the City of Burnaby and School District, where up to 12 childcare centres will be developed on the school sites. This will help keep families in Burnaby and it will be an opportunity to create more quality childcare spaces.

The Chair conveyed thanks to Ms. Drayton, Ms. Costea and Ms. Manifold for their informative presentation.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY MR. F. HUANG:  
SECONDED BY MR. R. ERWIN:

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**A) Memorandum from the Administrative Officer  
Re: BC Housing Non-Profit Asset Transfer Program**

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2015 May 04, received and adopted a report from the Planning and Development Committee regarding BC Housing Non-Profit Asset Transfer Program. The report was forwarded to the Social Planning Committee for information.

Arising from consideration of the correspondence, the Committee also received a memorandum from the City Clerk regarding Lower Mainland Purpose Society Licence Agreements.

**B) Memorandum from the City Clerk  
Re: Lower Mainland Purpose Society Licence Agreements**

A memorandum was received from the City Clerk advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2015 May 25, received and adopted a report from the Director Finance regarding Licence and Operating Agreements with the Lower Mainland Purpose Society for Youth and Families. The report was forwarded to the Social Planning Committee for information.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**Councillor Volkow**

Councillor Volkow advised that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report, and inquired if a shorter version of the report, and any other information, could be circulated to the Committee members.

Mr. Erwin noted that the Commission released 94 recommendations as part of a summary of its final report.

Staff undertook to investigate this matter.

**6. INQUIRIES**

There were no inquiries brought before the Committee at this time.

**7. CLOSED**

Public excluded in accordance with Sections 90 and 92 of the Community Charter

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR A. KANG:  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR J. WANG:

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 7:10 p.m.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. WANG:  
SECONDED BY MR. F. HUANG:

THAT the Open Committee meeting do now reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY MR. F. HUANG:  
SECONDED BY MR. S. NATHWANI:

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Blanka Zeinabova  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Nick Volkow  
CHAIR