



## SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE A G E N D A

Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall

4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

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## SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE M I N U T E S

**Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chamber, City Hall**  
**4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC**

PRESENT:	Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair ( <i>arrived at 5:23 p.m.</i> ) Councillor Joe Keithley, Vice Chair Trustee Peter Cech, Burnaby School Board ( <i>participated electronically</i> ) Mr. Roberto Fasciana, Resident Representative Mr. Élie Lubendo, Resident Representative Ms. Doris Mah, Resident Representative ( <i>participated electronically</i> ) Ms. Monique Nelson, Resident Representative
ADVISORY ORGANIZATIONS:	Ms. Antonia Beck, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council ( <i>participated electronically</i> ) Ms. Michel Pouliot, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council
ABSENT:	Councillor Nick Volkow, Member ( <i>due to illness</i> )
STAFF:	Mr. Dipak Dattani, Director Corporate Services Ms. Lee-Ann Garnett, Assistant Director Long Range Planning Ms. Cindy Chang, Manager Recreation Services ( <i>participated electronically</i> ) Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner Ms. Rene De St. Croix, Senior Long Range Planner Ms. Nikolina Vracar, Administrative Officer 2 Ms. Lauren Cichon, Council Support Assistant

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chair called the Open Committee meeting to order at 5:22 p.m., and commenced the roll call. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Trustee Cech, Ms. Mah, Ms. Beck, and Ms. Chang participated electronically.

*\*Councillor Jordan arrived at the meeting at 5:23 p.m., assumed Chair and concluded the roll call.\**

The Chair, Councillor Colleen Jordan, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmiṇəm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared territory.

Following introductions of new members, the Chair inquired if the Committee had any questions regarding its Terms of Reference (TOR). With no inquiries, the Committee proceeded with the agenda.

## 2. **MINUTES**

### 2.1 **Minutes of the Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2020 February 19**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY  
SECONDED BY MR. LUBENDO

THAT the minutes of the Social Planning Committee meeting held on 2020 February 19 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. **PRESENTATION**

### 3.1 **Burnaby Transportation Plan Update**

**Ms. Renee De St. Croix**, Senior Long Range Planner, provided an overview of the Burnaby Transportation Plan update.

The update is being undertaken in three phases, commencing in 2017 July and terminating in 2021 March. Each phase includes research, policy and plan development, public consultation and reporting.

Phase 1 provided direction for the Plan and determined the vision, themes, and goals. Six themes were addressed as the major topic areas: accessible; safe; healthy; green; prosperous; and connected. Public consultation engaged 2,000 individuals through 17 public events and 14 stakeholder meetings.

The update is currently in Phase 2, which is building proposals for the targets, big moves, policies, and networks to be used as the basis for the Phase 2 Public Consultation Program. The proposed targets (i.e. vision zero, mode shift, and zero emissions) enable the City to measure and monitor its progress. Key actions comprise the proposed big moves, creating change and assisting with achieving the targets. Each major transportation topic area will include a big move. Thirty-six policies are proposed to provide direction in conjunction with the major transportation topic areas (i.e. land use, public realm, and transportation; walking and accessibility; cycling; public transit; goods and services movement; and driving).

It was noted that Phase 3, will be undertaken from 2020 November to 2021 March to confirm a draft Plan, which will include actions for 36 policies and an Implementation Strategy.

The Chair requested that staff provide a copy of the presentation to members.

Staff undertook to provide the information.

The Committee inquired regarding town centres' walkability and accessibility data during the COVID-19 pandemic, and encouraged staff to prioritize safety near schools as the community is using the space during extended hours.

Staff advised residents want to spend time outside walking and cycling, and the Plan update is focusing on providing opportunities and increasing enjoyment in that regard. Staff took additional information under advisement.

In conclusion, staff announced that an online public consultation survey will be launched in July.

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **4.1 Correspondence from the Stop Racism Alliance - Re: Containing and Countering Racism in Metro Vancouver**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Chak Au, Chair, Stop Racism Alliance, expressing concerns regarding repeated and increasing attacks on ethnic communities in Metro Vancouver during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Au recommended the following initiatives to contain and counter racism:

- condemnation of racism by Mayor and Council;
- inclusion of anti-racism issues as a standing item on TransLink's Mayors' Council's agenda;
- increase in funding and resources for existing hate crimes units and establishment of such units where they do not exist; and
- public communication regarding existing measures.

The Chair advised that a statement was published on the City's website and Mayor's Office social media accounts re-affirming the City's commitment to stop racism.

##### **4.2 Correspondence from Xe Xe Smun Eem - Re: Federal Government's Recognition for Orange Shirt Day**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Kristin Spray and Mr. Eddy Charlie, Xe Xe Smun Eem (Sacred Children) and City of Victoria Orange Shirt Day

organizers, seeking support to bring back a private member's Bill regarding national recognition of the Orange Shirt Day in the House of Commons.

The Chair advised that status of the Bill is unclear, and the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY MR. FASCIANA  
 SECONDED BY MS. NELSON

THAT this item of business be **REFERRED** to staff for review and to provide information to the Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **4.3 Correspondence from the Social Purpose Institute at United Way - Re: Growing Social Purpose Business in Burnaby**

Correspondence was received from the Social Purpose Institute at United Way regarding growing social purpose business in the community. The Institute provided information on social purpose trend, the Institute's role in helping businesses adopt and implement a social purpose, and recent activities involving the City and community.

The Chair advised that the Institute's representatives will appear as a delegation at the next meeting.

#### **4.4 Correspondence from Linda Shaw - Re: Backyard Chickens**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Linda Shaw in support of a local family's residential backyard chickens. Ms. Shaw requested a change in the City bylaws to permit backyard chickens in residential neighbourhoods, citing that the bylaws in Vancouver and New Westminster include such provision.

The Chair advised that Items 4.4., 4.5. and 4.6. on the agenda are on the same matter, and the Committee could request staff review their 2010 study on the matter to examine current attitudes, new information, and other municipalities' experience.

As a result of forthcoming notice of motion on a similar matter by Councillor Keithley, the Committee decided to address this matter under New Business.

#### **4.5 Correspondence from Kerry Goulding - Re: Backyard Chickens**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Kerry Goulding in support of a local family's residential backyard chickens. Ms. Goulding advised backyard chickens

foster a sense of community, as well as provide educational opportunities and fresh eggs.

**4.6 Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk - Re: Food Security**

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that Councillor Keithley, at the Open Council meeting held on 2020 May 25, raised concerns regarding food security during the COVID-19 pandemic. Arising from discussion, Council referred correspondence from Ms. Marika Wasaznik, Ms. Sherri Benjamin, Ms. Ginger Sedlarova, and Mr. Robert Wilmot regarding backyard chickens to the Committee for consideration.

**4.7 Memorandum from Administrative Officer - Re: Burnaby Access Advisory Committee - Funding Request and Overview of Activities**

A memorandum was received from Administrative Officer advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2020 February 24, received the above noted report requesting the use of Gaming Reserves to finance the 2020 Access Improvements Program, and providing a summary of recent Burnaby Access Advisory Committee's activities. In 2020, access improvement projects will be conducted at Wesburn Community Centre, Kensington Complex, Swangard Stadium, and Cameron Recreation Complex.

**4.8 Memorandum from Administrative Officer - Re: City Involvement in Burnaby Pride**

A memorandum was received from Administrative Officer advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2020 March 09, received the above noted report proposing expanded City involvement and support of Burnaby Pride.

The Chair inquired regarding 2020 Burnaby Pride.

Staff advised a virtual Pride will be held on 2020 July 25 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**4.9 Memorandum from Administrative Officer - Re: Update of City of Burnaby Equity Policy**

A memorandum was received from Administrative Officer advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2020 June 08, received a report proposing an update to the City's Equity Policy.

The Committee advised that the Policy should address the needs of entire population, including most vulnerable, and that the City consider the Policy's alignment with its other policies, operational plans and services (i.e. harm reduction for homeless and vulnerable individuals).

Staff advised the Policy is operationalized through the Corporate Strategic Plan, and took the information under advisement.

## 5. **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Councillor Keithley - Notice of Motion - Food Security**

Councillor Keithley provided the Committee with the following notice of motion:

WHEREAS food security is becoming an increasingly important issue within our city and our country; and

WHEREAS locally grown food will make for a more sustainable region and reduce the amount of greenhouse gasses that are produced from the shipping of food; and

WHEREAS the current COVID-19 crisis has highlighted that interruptions in our food supply chain can happen quickly and unpredictably;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff bring a report back to this Committee that will show ways that we can help Burnaby residents produce more of their own food.

Without objection by any member, the notice was waived, and the motion was before the Committee:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY  
SECONDED BY MR. ELIE LUBENDO

WHEREAS food security is becoming an increasingly important issue within our city and our country; and

WHEREAS locally grown food will make for a more sustainable region and reduce the amount of greenhouse gasses that are produced from the shipping of food; and

WHEREAS the current COVID-19 crisis has highlighted that interruptions in our food supply chain can happen quickly and unpredictably;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff bring a report back to this Committee that will show ways that we can help Burnaby residents produce more of their own food.

AMENDED

Without objection by any member, the Committee **AMENDED** the motion to read, as follows:

WHEREAS food security is becoming an increasingly important issue within our city and our country; and

WHEREAS locally grown food will make for a more sustainable region and reduce the amount of greenhouse gasses that are produced from the shipping of food; and

WHEREAS the current COVID-19 crisis has highlighted that interruptions in our food supply chain can happen quickly and unpredictably;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff bring back a report to the Committee to show ways that the City can help residents produce more of their own food, including backyard chickens.

Without objection by any member, the notice of motion was adopted, **AS AMENDED**.

### **Élie Lubendo - Notice of Motion - RCMP at Community Events and the RCMP School Liaison Program**

Mr. Lubendo provided the Committee with the following notice of motion:

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby is currently in the process of updating its Equity Policy (adopted in 1994), which includes the City's commitment to "ensuring that all community members are able to safely and equitably access City spaces, programs, employment opportunities, and services"; and

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby has approved its first ever Community Safety Plan, which includes "increasing feelings of safety" and "improving community health" as two of its four strategic goals; and

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby's Social Sustainability Strategy highlights community inclusion, community liveability, and community resilience as its 10-year goals; and

WHEREAS global and national conversations regarding police brutality and excessive militarization of the police have made headlines lately;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Social Planning Committee direct City staff to report on the following RCMP programs from 2017 to 2019: RCMP policing at City-sponsored community events and festivals, and the RCMP School Liaison Officer Program. The report should include the following information and be ready for presentation for the final meeting of the year, 2020 November 17:

RCMP at community events and festivals:

- how policing at community events/festivals works, how it is decided, and who pays for it;

- cost of the RCMP policing at community events and festivals, per event, per year;
- reported incidents at community events and festivals where force or weapons had to be used by the RCMP, per event, per year;
- amount of the RCMP officers and type present at community events and festivals, per event, per year; and
- total cost of purchased C8 patrol carbines by the RCMP in the last three years.

#### RCMP School Liaison Officer Program:

- how the RCMP School Liaison Officer Program works and its history;
- cost of the RCMP School Liaison Officer Program to the Burnaby School Board, per school, per year;
- reported incidents at Burnaby schools where force or weapons had to be used by the RCMP, per school, per year; and
- amount of school liaison officers and other RCMP personnel in School Liaison Officer Program, per school, per year.

The Chair ruled that the motion is out of order as it is beyond the purview of the Committee's TOR.

*\*Ms. Mah left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.\**

Arising from discussion, Mr. Lubendo appealed the Chair's ruling. Mr. Lubendo advised that the Committee should be able to discuss community events and policing in the context of the Social Sustainability Strategy.

*\*Ms. Mah returned to the meeting at 6:43 p.m.\**

The Chair advised that requested action is within the purview of the Public Safety Committee.

The Committee voted to uphold the Chair's ruling with Mr. Lubendo and Trustee Cech opposed.

#### **Élie Lubendo - Notice of Motion - Burnaby Task Force on the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent**

Mr. Lubendo provided the Committee with the following notice of motion:

THAT the Social Planning Committee request Mayor Hurley create a special committee on the International Decade for People of African Descent, and that the special committee be tasked with presenting an official Burnaby Action Plan on the International Decade for People of African Descent to Council by the end of 2020; and

THAT the Social Planning Committee request Mayor Hurley mandate the special committee on the International Decade for People of African Descent to use the "Report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent on its Mission to

Canada” and “Nova Scotia’s Action Plan in Response to the International Decade for People of African Descent” as guiding documents in the development of the Burnaby Action Plan; and

THAT the Social Planning Committee request Council direct City staff to assist with the hiring of a facilitator for the Task Force and to help with scheduling meetings; and

THAT the Social Planning Committee request Council direct City staff to assist the special committee on the International Decade for People of African Descent with a budget that accounts for the proposed recommendations of the special committee’s Action Plan, before the final Action Plan is adopted by Council.

Arising from discussion and without objection by any member, the notice was waived and the motion was before the Committee:

MOVED BY MR. LUBENDO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the Social Planning Committee request Mayor Hurley create a special committee on the International Decade for People of African Descent, and that the special committee be tasked with presenting an official Burnaby Action Plan on the International Decade for People of African Descent to Council by the end of 2020; and

THAT the Social Planning Committee request Mayor Hurley mandate the special committee on the International Decade for People of African Descent to use the “Report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent on its Mission to Canada” and “Nova Scotia’s Action Plan in Response to the International Decade for People of African Descent” as guiding documents in the development of the Burnaby Action Plan; and

THAT the Social Planning Committee request Council direct City staff to assist with the hiring of a facilitator for the Task Force and to help with scheduling meetings; and

THAT the Social Planning Committee request Council direct City staff to assist the special committee on the International Decade for People of African Descent with a budget that accounts for the proposed recommendations of the special committee’s Action Plan, before the final Action Plan is adopted by Council.

REFERRED

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY  
SECONDED BY MR. ELIE LUBENDO

THAT this notice of motion be **REFERRED** to staff to provide recommendations at the next meeting on how to pursue issues in the notice of motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Monique Nelson - Committee Orientation**

Ms. Nelson expressed interest for an orientation for the Committee members.

The Chair requested that the Office of the City Clerk provide a half-hour orientation, including meeting procedures, prior to the next meeting.

Staff undertook to follow-up.

### **6. INQUIRIES**

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

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the Social Planning Committee meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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CHAIR

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Attention:

Office of the City Clerk  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

Fax: 604-294-7537

## **Request to Appear as a Delegation before the Social Planning Committee**

Date: November 6th 2019

### **Subject we wish to present:**

We would like to provide information on the emerging trend of social purpose in business and potential roles the City of Burnaby can play to accelerate this within its own operations and in partnership with the United Way and the local business community.

### **Name and address of the speakers:**

Mary Ellen Schaafsma, Director, Social Purpose Institute at the United Way  
Coro Strandberg, Advisor to the Social Purpose Institute at the United Way

### **Contact:**

Mary Ellen Schaafsma, Director, Social Purpose Institute at the United Way  
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Mayor Hurley  
 Social Planning Committee  
 Burnaby City Council

On behalf of Mr. Chak Au, Chair Stop Racism Alliance we applaud your public statement reaffirming Burnaby's stance against racism in your city. With leadership from Richmond and Burnaby we will ensure racism is not tolerated anywhere in Metro Vancouver area and hopefully beyond. Thank you again for your quick response and notification of your actions. At the Stop Racism Alliance, we remain ready for further engagement on combating racism.

All the best,

**Etti Goldman**

*Manager of Partnerships, Pacific Region  
 The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA)*

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**Subject:** Containing and Countering Racism in Metro Vancouver

Good Morning,

Please find attached Ms. Vracar's letter dated 2020 June 24 regarding the above-noted matter.

Thank you,

**Lauren Cichon**

Council Support Assistant  
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**Subject:** Calling all Municipalities of BC to support of the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024)

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Dear Mayor & Council,

My name is Pulcherie Mboussi and I am the founder of the African-Caribbean Arts & Cultural Society. Our mission is to advance awareness and understanding of the richness and diversity of African and Caribbean culture and traditions through the promotion of a broad range of cultural, educational and artistic activities, events and programs.

I am writing today to urge you to recognize & support International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024). The United Nations has declared 2015-2024 as the International Decade for People of African Descent. Its theme is **"Recognition, Justice and Development"**.

On Monday, June 22 2020, we co-hosted a town hall meeting on this topic. The discussion was a huge success, with 93 attending on Zoom and 185 watching on Facebook Live. Our online petition now has over 3000 signatures. We know that community members want to see governments take action on this. MLA Sonia Furstenau attended Monday's town hall, and we were pleased to hear her statement of support at the BC Legislature on June 23rd.

According to the federal government, this Decade “is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the important contributions people of African descent have made to Canadian society. It also provides a framework for **Recognition, Justice, and Development** to fight racism, discrimination, and the ongoing inequalities that Canadians of African descent face.”

The UN states “Studies and findings by international and national bodies demonstrate that people of African descent still have limited access to quality education, health services, housing and social security.” The UN calls on governments to mark the UN Decade and to adopt “a national action plan to combat discrimination against persons of African descent in consultation with communities of African descent”.

On January 30 2018, Prime Minister Trudeau announced that Canada will officially recognize the Decade. The British Columbia government has not officially recognized the Decade, but I am asking your municipality To do so. As the city continues to grow in size, the sense of shared pride and cultural diversity in the community is evident everywhere.

Recognize the UN decade would be a historic showcase of your city commitment to fighting racism and discrimination. I believe that ‘your municipality, where it all happens’ should also mean a strong signal to residents that your municipality is welcoming and inclusive.

Thank you for your time.

Pulcherie Mboussi

[www.issambacentre.ca](http://www.issambacentre.ca)

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## Pulchérie Mboussi

*Working Together, Celebrating African Heritage Arts & Cultures in Canada's Mosaic*

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[www.africafest.ca](http://www.africafest.ca)

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**Subject:** backyard chickens

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This is in reference to the problem one of our neighbours is having regarding their backyard chickens on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] avenue in Burnaby. We live very close to Sherri and Ravi Benjamin (there is one property between our homes) My family fully supports having backyard chickens. If anything, living through this pandemic has taught us that food security, community, and getting back to the basics in life are so important. We have heard opinions about an increase of rats and noise, we have found none of these to be true, and we have lived in our home here at [REDACTED] for 35 years. Please support the Benjamin family in their fight to keep their chickens. Thank You. Margaret Nellaney [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Burnaby. [REDACTED]

**From:** Rebecca Brunswick <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 8:41 PM  
**To:** Clerks <Clerks@burnaby.ca>; Mayor <Mayor@burnaby.ca>  
**Subject:** Backyard Chickens

Dear Burnaby Mayor & Council Members,

I am writing in support of Sherri Benjamin's family and their backyard chickens as well as in support of a bylaw allowing families to keep backyard chickens.

The Burnaby Now newspaper [published an article this week](#) featuring the issue and the ongoing debate amongst city council over this proposition. A large number of our local municipalities already allow for backyard chickens and have for many years. I was shocked to find out that Burnaby has not yet updated it's bylaws to follow suit.

As a Burnaby homeowner, resident and voter I am strongly in favour of allowing families to keep backyard chickens. There are a huge number of benefits to this for families including: a supply of fresh eggs, great fertilizer, natural pest control, and, the teaching of responsibility to younger children as well as all of the positive mental health advantages that come with owning a pet.

Given the current global situation with people at home more than ever, facing income losses, and struggling with their mental health being able to have the option of keeping chickens as both a stable food source and a pet for families seems like a decision that should be supported by everyone.

I hope that the council will seriously consider both waiving the fine currently levied against Sherri Benjamin and implementing bylaws which allow for the keeping of backyard chickens in our beautiful city.

I look forward to hearing your decision on the matter soon.

Best,

Rebecca Brunswick

**From:** OConnell, Kate <Kate.OConnell@burnaby.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 1:48 PM  
**To:** Clerks <Clerks@burnaby.ca>  
**Cc:** Wong, Elaine <Elaine.Wong@burnaby.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Help me get my city growing during COVID-19

**From:** Wong, Elaine <[Elaine.Wong@burnaby.ca](mailto:Elaine.Wong@burnaby.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 12:25 PM  
**To:** OConnell, Kate <[Kate.OConnell@burnaby.ca](mailto:Kate.OConnell@burnaby.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Help me get my city growing during COVID-19

**From:** Sharan Pawa [<mailto:sharan.pawa@burnaby.ca>]  
**Sent:** July-23-20 9:15 AM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Help me get my city growing during COVID-19

The COVID-19 crisis has exposed the vulnerabilities of Canada's food system in a way that we could not have imagined. This means that many of the people you represent are suffering from food insecurity for the first time and others are struggling more than ever to find the food that we all have a right to.

At the same time, the global food system accounts for as much as 37% of greenhouse gas emissions and is a leading cause of biodiversity decline globally.

We need you to act now. We ask you to publicly commit to investing in the tools and resources necessary for community gardens to thrive in your municipality immediately. By strengthening our local food systems and reducing our dependence on carbon intensive industrial agriculture, we can ensure greater access to good food for all and greatly reduce our environmental footprint. It's a clear win-win.

The food system is not working for us or the planet, and we have the power to change it. But we can't do this without you. Will you commit to putting policies in place that support me in eating for the planet?

Here are the local food resilience policies we would like to see you implement:

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- 2) Empower people to build skills in producing good food in their homes, front and backyards, community gardens and other public spaces, through public education, information and training.
- 3) In these measures, recognize in tangible ways the essential role of local Indigenous knowledge in fostering food resilience and reconciliation.
- 4) Request funding from the Federal government for these measures, including as part of any post-COVID-19 economic stimulus package.

It is estimated that by 2050, 80% of food produced globally will be consumed in towns and cities. The current crisis is showing us more than ever the importance of putting local food on the menu. Will you announce that you are committed to taking a big bite out of food insecurity and climate change with urgent action on food resilience this year?

Sincerely,  
 Sharan Pawa

**From:** Wong, Elaine <Elaine.Wong@burnaby.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 5:45 PM  
**To:** Clerks <Clerks@burnaby.ca>  
**Cc:** OConnell, Kate <Kate.OConnell@burnaby.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Help me get my city growing during COVID-19

**From:** Liz Price [<mailto:> ]  
**Sent:** July-27-20 9:58 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Help me get my city growing during COVID-19

Dear Mike Hurley,

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Sincerely,  
 Liz Price



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COMMITTEE REPORT

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2020 September 03

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

**FILE:** 1750-20

**SUBJECT:** ORANGE SHIRT DAY – FEDERAL LEGISLATION

**PURPOSE:** To provide the Committee with information relating to the status of a federal private member's bill on 'Orange Shirt Day'.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the Committee request Council to write the Honourable Carolyn Bennett Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, requesting that legislation be brought forward to recognize September 30<sup>th</sup>, or 'Orange Shirt Day', as a federally recognized statutory holiday.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to Ms. Kristin Spray and Mr. Eddy Charlie, Xe Xe Smun Eem (Sacred Children).

**REPORT****1.0 BACKGROUND**

The Social Planning Committee, as its Open meeting held on 2020 June 16, received correspondence from Ms. Kristin Spray and Mr. Eddy Charlie, Xe Xe Smun Eem (Sacred Children) and City of Victoria Orange Shirt Day organizers, seeking support to bring back a private member's Bill regarding national recognition of Orange Shirt Day in the House of Commons. The correspondence was subsequently referred to staff for review and more information. This report responds to that request.

Private members Bill C-369 was brought forward by New Democratic Party Member of Parliament Georgina Jolibois (Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River / Saskatchewan) in October 2017. The Bill sought to have September 30<sup>th</sup> or 'Orange Shirt Day', established as a federally recognized statutory holiday.

**2.0 POLICY CONTEXT**

This report supports a number of goals and sub-goals of the *Corporate Strategic Plan*:

- ***A Connected Community***
  - Social connection – Enhance social connections throughout Burnaby

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- Partnership – Work collaboratively with businesses, educational institutions, associations, other communities and governments
- **An Inclusive Community**
  - Create a sense of community – Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging

### **3.0 ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

Orange Shirt Day is observed on September 30<sup>th</sup> every year to raise awareness, acknowledge and maintain open discussion about the legacy of residential schools in Canada and the truth and reconciliation process. The September 30 date represents the time of year when Indigenous children were removed from their homes and taken to residential school.

Orange Shirt Day originates from an event held in Williams Lake, B.C. in May 2013, called the St. Joseph Mission Residential School (1891-1981) Commemoration Project and Reunion. At this event, former students and their families gathered together with the Mayors and municipalities, School Districts and civic organizations from the Cariboo region to witness and honour the healing journey of those affected by the residential school system. Wearing an orange shirt on this day was chosen based on a story from a former student of St. Joseph Mission Residential School whose grandmother gave her a new orange shirt for her first day of school but it was taken away from her upon arrival at the school.

Burnaby School District has observed Orange Shirt Day since 2014 and the City of Burnaby has observed the day since 2018. The Day is also observed and recognized annually by the Province of B.C.

### **4.0 STATUS OF LEGISLATION**

As mentioned above, Bill C-369 was introduced in the House in 2017. It progressed to receive second reading in the Senate as of April 2, 2019. However, the Bill did not receive final approval and Royal Assent prior to Parliament being prorogued for the 2019 October election. As such the Bill is no longer active and would need to be reintroduced and be reconsidered, or new similar legislation tabled.

### **5.0 NEXT STEPS**

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada ‘Calls to Action’ #80 explicitly calls upon the federal government to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process. September 30<sup>th</sup>, or ‘Orange Shirt Day’, is an opportunity, grounded in historical and personal experience, to establish such a day.

Such recognition also aligns with the recent announcement (2020 September 01) by the federal government that residential schools have been included on the official roster of National Historic Events, and that two former residential schools (Portage La Prairie Residential School in Manitoba

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and Shubenacadie Residential School in Nova Scotia) are being designated as National Historic Sites.

As such, it is recommended the Committee request Council to write The Honourable Carolyn Bennett Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, requesting that legislation be brought forward to recognize September 30th, or 'Orange Shirt Day' as a federally recognized statutory holiday. As well, it is recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to Ms. Kristin Spray and Mr. Eddy Charlie, Xe Xe Smun Eem (Sacred Children).



E.W. Kozak, Director  
 PLANNING AND BUILDING

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cc: City Manager  
 Acting City Clerk  
 Director Human Resources

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2020 September 08

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

**FILE:** 1750-20

**SUBJECT:** UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

**PURPOSE:** To request direction from Council on the Social Planning Committee motion to develop an 'action plan' related to the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the Committee request that Council direct staff on the work to be undertaken related to the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent, as outlined in *Sections 4.0 and 5.0* of this report.

**REPORT****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Social Planning Committee, under the New Business portion of its Open meeting held on 2020 June 16, received a motion requesting the City of Burnaby to formally proclaim the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent, and to develop an action plan to implement the objectives of the Decade. The notice of motion was referred to staff. The motion is as follows:

**THAT** the Social Planning Committee request Mayor Hurley create a special committee on the International Decade for People of African Descent, and that the special committee be tasked with presenting an official Burnaby Action Plan on the International Decade for People of African Descent to Council by the end of 2020; and

**THAT** the Social Planning Committee request Mayor Hurley mandate the special committee on the International Decade for People of African Descent to use the "Report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent on its Mission to Canada" and "Nova Scotia's Action Plan in Response to the International Decade for People of African Descent" as guiding documents in the development of the Burnaby Action Plan; and

**THAT** the Social Planning Committee request Council direct City staff to assist with the hiring of a facilitator for the Task Force and to help with scheduling meetings; and

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**THAT** the Social Planning Committee request Council direct City staff to assist the special committee on the International Decade for People of African Descent with a budget that accounts for the proposed recommendations of the special committee's Action Plan, before the final Action Plan is adopted by Council.

The notice was waived, and the Committee adopted the following motion:

**THAT** this notice of motion be **REFERRED** to staff to provide recommendations at the next meeting on how to pursue issues in the notice of motion.

This report responds to the motion.

## 2.0 POLICY CONTEXT

The proposed development of an 'action plan' related to the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent is supported by the following policy context:

- ***Burnaby Social Sustainability Strategy***, approved by Council in 2011, includes a primary goal of 'Community Inclusion'. This goal is particularly concerned with ensuring the City is "welcoming of all cultures, identities and abilities", and focuses on "principles of economic and social security and justice".

In addition to the policies noted above, the *Plan* supports a number of goals and sub-goals of the *Corporate Strategic Plan*:

- ***An Inclusive Community***
  - Celebrate diversity – Create more opportunities for the community to celebrate diversity
  - Serve a diverse community – Ensure City services fully meet the needs of our dynamic community
  - Create a sense of community – Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging

## 3.0 BACKGROUND

On 2017 February 7, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2015-2024 as the International Decade for People of African Descent (resolution 68/237) citing the need to strengthen national, regional and international cooperation in relation to the full enjoyment of economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights by people of African descent, and their full and equal participation in all aspects of society.

As proclaimed by the General Assembly, the theme for the International Decade is 'People of African descent: recognition, justice and development'. The main objectives of the International Decade are to:

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- Promote respect, protection and fulfilment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by people of African Descent.
- Promote a greater knowledge of and respect for the diverse heritage, culture and contribution of people of African descent to the development of societies.
- Adopt and strengthen national, regional and international legal frameworks [...] on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and to ensure their full and effective implementation.

#### 4.0 LOCAL CONTEXT

The City of Burnaby has long been committed to the pursuit and support of social and economic equity, and the full inclusion of all community members. This has been enshrined in policy since the 1990's including the Healthy Community Policy (1991) and the Equity Policy (1994). More recently this commitment has been solidified through the Social Sustainability Strategy (2011) and the Corporate Strategic Plan (2017).

The focus on inclusion has been actioned through a myriad of programs and initiatives, including:

- The City is a member of the UNESCO Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities (2012).
- The City is a founding member of the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table (2007).
- The City is a founding member of the Burnaby Together: Organizing Against Racism and Hate Table (2017).
- The City is a founding member of the Burnaby Inter-Faith Network (2014).
- An Access Advisory Committee has provided advice and input to the City on access and inclusion issues related to persons with disabilities since 1998.
- Burnaby City Council formally recognized that Burnaby is on unceded Indigenous territory in 2019 June 2019 and approved beginning Government-to-Government relations with local First Nations in 2019 November.
- After a multi-year collaborative process, the Indigenous History in Burnaby Resource Guide was published in 2019<sup>1</sup>.
- The City assisted in the set-up of Burnaby Pride, and provides financial and logistical support for an annual Pride event(s) which celebrates and provides visibility in relation to Burnaby's diverse LGBTQIA2S+ community<sup>2</sup>.
- The City is undertaking an exercise to develop gender neutral and accessible signage for all City facilities.
- Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services are offering expanded culturally aware and diverse programming and performances.

<sup>1</sup> A copy of the Guide can be found at:

<http://www.burnabyvillagemuseum.ca/assets/Documents/Teachers~Guides/Indigenous%20History%20in%20Burnaby%20Resouce%20Guide.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> LGBTQIA2S+: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersexual, Asexual, Two-Spirited and 'other'.

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- Burnaby Public Library is expanding the scope of its public programming, with explicit focus on equity, e.g. International Women's Day Event (March 2020), National Indigenous Day Event (June 2019), Introduction to Disability Justice Workshop (December 2019). Methods for continuing this work within the realities of physical distancing are being development. The library is also working to expand it's collection with a focus on BIPOC<sup>3</sup> authors.

Specifically in relation to supporting the full and equal inclusion of Black community members and/or People of African Descent, the City has undertaken some efforts including:

- Providing subsidized City-owned office space to the local non-profit organization the National Congress of Black Women. The Congress focusses on programming for youth including leadership programs and social justice/ anti-racism symposiums.
- Offering grants, via the Festivals Burnaby Granting Program, to organizations and groups providing programming to recognize Black History Month (annually in February) including family-oriented programming.
- Organizing public library programming and resources compiled in recognition of Black History Month.
- Proclaiming Black History Month via Burnaby City Council.
- Developing public library resource compilations related to 'Black Lives Matter'.

## 5.0 DISCUSSION

A component of the Social Planning work program is to advance actions in the areas of 'Community Inclusion' (*Social Sustainability Strategy*), and 'An Inclusive Community' (*Corporate Strategic Plan*) (see *Section 2.0* of this report). This type of work is usually done in collaboration with other City departments and community partners. While the motion received by the Social Planning Committee specifically requested that the City of Burnaby develop an 'action plan' to proclaim and implement the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent, and to identify a process for doing this work, staff recommend that this work could be incorporated in staff's existing work program. Should the City wish to proceed with this work, the following are example activities that could be undertaken within the existing work program:

- Seek to better understand the current experience of Black community members and/or People of African Descent in Burnaby. This understanding could be pursued in collaboration with community partners including Burnaby Together: Coalition Against Racism and Hate and the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table.
- Articulate both community success and areas where community-focused improvement is needed.
- Define roles for the City in addressing issues identified through the process above.
- Identify roles for non-profit organizations, community associations and others to address current experience.
- To describe areas of advocacy needed to higher levels of government.

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<sup>3</sup> BIPOC: Black, Indigenous and People of Colour

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Should the City wish to proceed, further work would be needed to develop an appropriate process to address this topic in order to ensure its alignment with both community and City priorities. As such, staff are seeking Committee and Council's direction to begin this more detailed work. Should this direction be received, a subsequent report will be brought forward to Committee and Council which would describe a proposed process in more detail, including budget and staffing implications. This second report will allow for further discussion and approval regarding how this work could be approached. The recommended approach to this work outlined in this report addresses many of the main components of the motion but proposes to align the work with the existing work plan, staff resources, and leverages community networks.

## 6.0 RECOMMENDATION

Building upon Burnaby's long-standing commitment to social and economic justice and its ongoing focus on inclusion for all community members, it is recommended that the Committee request Council authorize staff to begin work on an 'action plan' related to the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent, as outlined in *Sections 4.0 and 5.0* of this report.

  
 E.W. Kozak, Director  
 PLANNING AND BUILDING

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cc:	City Manager	Director Finance
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