

SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

An 'Open' meeting of the Social Planning Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Wednesday, **2015 February 04** at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Anne Kang, Vice Chair
Councillor James Wang, Member
Trustee Baljinder Narang, School Board Representative
Ms. Noreen Boudreau, Citizen Representative
Mr. Ryan Erwin, Citizen Representative
Mr. Shiraz Nathwani, Citizen Representative
Mr. William Tsai, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Councillor Nick Volkow, Chair
Ms. Sonia Clair, Citizen Representative
Ms. Laarni De Los Reyes, Citizen Representative
Mr. Frank Huang, Citizen Representative
Ms. Maita Santiago, Citizen Representative
Ms. Peggy Woodruff, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Ms. Lee-Ann Garnett, Assistant Director – Long Range Planning
Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner
Ms. Rebekah Mahaffey, Social Planner
Mr. Craig Collis, Assistant Director - Recreation
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Vice Chair called the 'Open' meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

The Vice Chair welcomed new members to the Committee - School Trustee Baljinder Narang and Mr. Frank Huang (not present).

1. MINUTES

**(a) Minutes of the Social Issues Committee
'Open' meeting held on 2014 October 01**

MOVED BY MR. NATHWANI:

SECONDED BY MS. BOUDREAU:

"THAT the minutes of the *Social Issues Committee* 'Open' meeting held on 2014 October 01 be now adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **PRESENTATION**

- (a) **Recent Initiatives of the Burnaby Access Advisory Committee**
Speaker: Nellie Wong

MOVED BY MR. ERWIN:

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE NARANG:

“THAT the presentation be heard.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Nellie Wong, appeared before the Committee providing an overview of the Burnaby Access Advisory Committee (BAAC).

Ms. Wong noted that the BAAC was established in 1988, and it's comprised of Burnaby residents (volunteers), City staff representing Planning and Building, Engineering, and Parks Departments, as well as the representatives from the Fraser Health Authority. The BAAC provide advice and direction to the City on access and inclusion issues.

The speaker summarized a number of initiatives undertaken in 2014, noting some of the access and inclusion improvements in City facilities, transportation related consultations, plans and policy development consultations, transportation improvements, and accessibility awareness.

In conclusion, Ms. Wong noted that the BAAC should be involved in consultations when building new City facilities, transit and transportation services, etc. as later retrofits are very costly.

The Vice Chair conveyed thanks to Ms. Wong for her informative presentation and 14 years of volunteer service with the BAAC.

3. **DELEGATION**

- (a) **The HELLO Project**
Re: Social Isolation
Speaker: David Beattie

The delegation was not present.

4. **REPORT**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE NARANG:

SECONDED BY MS. BOUDREAU:

“THAT the report be received.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(a) **Report from the Director Planning and Building**
Re: Burnaby Access Advisory Committee
2015 Workplan

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report providing a summary of the Burnaby Access Advisory Committee’s activities in 2014 and proposing a workplan for 2015.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Committee request Council to approve the proposed Burnaby Access Advisory Committee 2015 workplan, as outlined in Section 3.0 of this report.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE NARANG:

SECONDED BY MR. TSAI:

“THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning and Building be adopted.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff provided a summary of the report noting activities undertaken by the BAAC in 2014, and proposed initiatives for 2015.

Ms. Boudreau inquired if visual fire alarms are installed in the schools for deaf.

Staff undertook to investigate.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Noreen Boudreau

Ms. Boudreau invited the Committee members to attend a celebration of the Nisga’a Nation (a celebration of the February Moon)* on 2015 February 06 & 07 at the Pacific National Exhibition.

**(For Southern BC, this celebration gives reason for the Urban Aboriginals to gather to celebrate through traditional song and dance. The Nisga’a of Ts’amiks (Vancouver) host this celebration each year to invite dance groups from other Nations to join in the celebration and share a small aspect of Nisga’a Culture with the world.)*

Councillor Kang

Councillor Kang advised that eAgenda Project implementation started for all the City's committees (all agendas available on line), and encouraged Committee members to participate in the City's "One Ream Less Campaign" to help reduce the amount of paper used within the City by opting out from receiving a hard copy of the agenda.

6. INQUIRIES

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY TRUSTEE NARANG:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG:

"THAT this meeting do now adjourn."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 'Open' meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Ms. Blanka Zeinabova
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Anne Kang
VICE CHAIR