

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 April 01** at 6:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor N. Volkow, Chair
Councillor A. Kang, Vice Chair
Trustee B. Narang, School Board Representative (*arrived at 6:50 pm*)
Ms. M. Santiago, Citizen Representative
Ms. P. Woodruff, Citizen Representative
Ms. N. Boudreau, Citizen Representative
Ms. S. Nathwani, Citizen Representative
Mr. W. Tsai, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Councillor J. Wang, Member
Ms. L. de los Reyes, Citizen Representative
Ms. S. Clair, Citizen Representative
Mr. R. Erwin, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Ms. M. Manifold, Senior Social Planner
Ms. C. Shuk, Social Planner
Mr. C. Collis, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation
Ms. L. Axford, Administrative Officer

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

2. MINUTES**A) Minutes of the Social Planning Committee
'Open' meeting held on 2015 February 04**

MOVED BY MS. N. BOUDREAU:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR A. KANG:

THAT the minutes of the Social Planning Committee 'Open' meeting held on 2015 February 04 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **DELEGATION**

MOVED BY MS. N. BOUDREAU:

SECONDED BY MS. P. WOODRUFF:

THAT the delegation be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A) David Beattie and Allan Hunt, The HELLO Project
Re: Social Isolation in Burnaby and Metro Vancouver
Speakers: David Beattie and Allan Hunt

Alan Hunt, New Wave Community Service and David Beattie, Coordinator, HELLO Project, appeared before the Committee providing an overview on efforts being done to erode social isolation in Burnaby and Metro Vancouver.

Mr. Beattie referenced a story in the Georgia Straight, asserting that 90% of people who responded to their survey say Vancouver is different from any other city they have lived in. Contribute factors for feelings of isolation could include geography, climate, drugs, language barriers and electronic influences which may add to the rising mental health concerns.

Mr. Hunt advised the challenge was getting the word out for changes in cultural and social behaviors to initiate engagement and friendlier interaction within communities. The speaker noted that along with nine partners a request seeking endorsement by Surrey Council would go forward in July. Mr. Hunt advised that following direction provided by each municipality, support would be made available to further advance the HELLO Project in Burnaby. The speaker advised these changes take time, awareness must start in schools, colleges and public places. A number of locations and ideas were identified including the use of public transportation by posting messages to say hello or by wearing hello buttons to engage conversation and build relationships.

The Committee inquired into how goals and success were identified. The speaker advised that interviews would be conducted three months after the project launch to gather information and determine effectiveness.

The Committee expressed appreciation for the informative presentation regarding the HELLO Project and plans to introduce behaviors that will create friendly and engaged communities and looks forward to hearing outcomes from the pilot at a future meeting.

*** Ms. B. Narang arrived at 6:50 p.m. and took her place at the Committee meeting. ***

4. REPORTS

A) Report from the Director Planning and Building Re: Child Care Resources Group Update for 2015

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report providing a summary of activities of the Child Care Resources Group during 2014 and to propose a Workplan for 2015.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Committee request Council to endorse the proposed 2015 Child Care Resources Group Workplan.
2. THAT the Committee request Council to approve an expenditure of up to \$900 from the 2015 Boards, Committees and Commissions budget to cover the production costs of printing of child care brochures.

MOVED BY MS. P. WOODRUFF:
SECONDED BY MS. M. SANTIAGO:

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

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. VOLKOW:
SECONDED BY SCHOOL TRUSTEE B. NARANG:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

B) Report from the Director Planning and Building Re: Update on the Burnaby Healthier Community Partnership

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report to provide an update on the initiatives of the Burnaby Healthier Community Partnership.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT this report be received for the information of the Committee and Council.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Dr. Lisa Mu, Medical Health Officer for Burnaby and Mr. Ron Burton, Chair, Burnaby Board of Education.

MOVED BY SCHOOL TRUSTEE B. NARANG:
SECONDED BY MS. S. NATHWANI:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. S. Nathwani retired from the Committee meeting at 7:10 p.m. and did not return.

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 MS. N. BOUDREAU:
SECONDED BY MS. M. SANTIAGO:

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 'Open' meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Lynne Axford
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Nick Volkow
CHAIR