



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, **2016 April 06** at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Nick Volkow, Chair
Councillor James Wang, Member
Trustee Baljinder Narang, School Board Representative
Mr. Ryan Erwin, Citizen Representative
Mr. Frank Huang, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Mary Lumby, Citizen Representative
Mr. Shiraz Nathwani, Citizen Representative
Mr. Willian Tsai, Citizen Representative
Ms. Peggy Woodruff, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Councillor Anne Kang, Vice Chair
Ms. Noreen Boudreau, Citizen Representative
Ms. Laarni de los Reyes, Citizen Representative
Ms. Maita Santiago, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner
Ms. Rebekah Mahaffey, Planner 2
Mr. Craig Collis, Assistant Director - Recreation
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

2. MINUTES

A) Minutes of the Social Planning Committee Open Meeting held on 2016 February 03

MOVED BY MS. WOODROOF
SECONDED BY MR. ERWIN

THAT the minutes of the Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2016 February 03 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **DELEGATION**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE NARANG
SECONDED BY MR. TSAI

THAT the delegation be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- A) **Literacy Now Burnaby**
Re: Promoting Literacy
Speakers: Susan Cathcart, Coordinator
Edel Toner-Rogala, Chief Librarian

Ms. Susan Cathcart, Coordinator, Literacy Now Burnaby, and **Ms. Edel Toner-Rogala**, Chief Librarian and Chair of Steering Committee for Literacy in Burnaby, appeared before the Committee noting that Literacy Now Burnaby has been working to improve literacy awareness and increase literacy opportunities in the community since 2007.

Ms. Toner-Rogala noted that the Steering Committee for Literacy comprises of 12 members representing Burnaby Neighbourhood House, Burnaby Public Library, City of Burnaby Social Planning, CUPE Local 23, SFU – Faculty of Education, Douglas College, Frontier College and School District 41. There are also several volunteers from the community at large.

It was noted that according to the Conference Board of Canada, Canada gets a “C” and ranks 8th out of 13 countries on the percentage of adults scoring low on adult literacy rate tests; four out of 10 Canadian adults have literacy skills too low to be fully competent in most jobs in our modern economy – they may not be able to fill out a form, apply for a job, understand safety instructions, or read directions for medications.

Ms. Cathcart noted that literacy is not only reading and writing, but it also includes a host of related/essential skills, i.e. document use, numeracy, oral communication, working with others, computer use, etc.

The speaker noted that in Burnaby, most groups are well served by ECD & Middle Years Tables for Children, School District 41, Burnaby Public Library, Intercultural Planning Table (BIPT), Voices for Seniors (VOBS), Burnaby Community Services and Interagency Councils. There is, however, a noticeable gap in literacy services for out of school youth and adults.

Ms. Toner-Rogala noted that Literacy Burnaby Now is focusing on youth and adults who need better literacy and essential skills (as part of Social Sustainability Strategy), supporting literacy programs already in place and using clear language for all public communication.

Ms. Cathcard provided an overview of some current activities, i.e. gathering information on all literacy and EAL/ESL services in Burnaby and New Westminster, and mapping their geographic locations on an interactive map. It was noted that Literacy Now Burnaby is working with GT Hiring to add more resources to the map.

As for Burnaby Community Adult Literacy Program (B-CALP), Literacy Now Burnaby partners with Burnaby Neighbourhood House, SFU, Burnaby Public Library and School District 41 to train volunteer tutors and match with learners. At this time there are 17 tutors/learners couples.

In conclusion, Ms. Toner-Rogala noted that in November 2015, Literacy Now Burnaby was successful in having Burnaby Interagency Council pass a resolution regarding the use of clear language in all public communication in Burnaby.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY MR. ERWIN
SECONDED BY MR. TSAI

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A) Correspondence from Burnaby Task Force on Homelessness Re: Priority Access for Burnaby Seniors

Correspondence was received from Ms. Alynn Gausvik, Chair, and Ms. Wanda Mulholland, Community Development Coordinator, Burnaby Task Force on Homelessness commending the City's collaborative work with BC Housing and Ledingham McAllister to develop 180 new social housing units in Burnaby. This non-market housing plan will benefit the existing 90 families at Cedar Place, as well as house 90 Burnaby seniors.

The writers urged the City to request BC Housing to develop a policy for the new seniors housing with language that ensures Burnaby seniors have priority access to the housing.

B) Correspondence from So Yeon Kim Re: Lack of Child Care at the Taylor Park Elementary Area

Correspondence was received from So Yeon Kim expressing concern with the lack of child care for school aged children at the Taylor Park Elementary School area. The writer recommended use of a small parcel of land between Burnaby Children's Centres Society and the Taylor Park Elementary School for a portable or a building to provide the care.

C) Correspondence from J. Wong & M. Wong
Re: Lack of Child Care at the Taylor Park Elementary Area

Correspondence was received from Jonathan Wong and Miki Wong expressing concern with the lack of available quality child care for school aged children in the Taylor Park Elementary School area. The writers recommended use of a small parcel of land between Burnaby Children's Centres Society and the Taylor Park Elementary School for a portable or a building to provide the care.

D) Correspondence from Mary Ye
Re: Lack of Child Care at the Taylor Park Elementary Area

Correspondence was received from Mary Ye expressing concern with the lack of child care for school aged children in the Taylor Park Elementary School area. The writer recommended use of a small parcel of land between Burnaby Children's Centres Society and the Taylor Park Elementary School for a portable or a building to provide the care.

E) Correspondence from Erwan Syafitriansyah
Re: Lack of Child Care at the Taylor Park Elementary Area

Correspondence was received from Erwan Syafitriansyah expressing concern with the lack of child care for school aged children in the Taylor Park Elementary School area. The writer recommended use of a small parcel of land between Burnaby Children's Centres Society and the Taylor Park Elementary School for a portable or a building to provide the care.

Staff advised that Taylor Park Elementary School is fast growing school, and before and after school care is in high demand. Staff will respond to the authors [Items 4(B),(C),(D) & (E)] and provide information regarding the City's approach to childcare.

F) Memorandum from the City Clerk
Re: Environmental Sustainability Strategy Draft Report and Phase 3 Public Consultation

A memorandum was received from the City Clerk advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2016 March 07, received and adopted recommendations contained in the above noted report, seeking Council authorization to initiate public consultation on the *Draft Burnaby Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS) Report* and initiate public consultation on the *Draft Burnaby Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP)*.

5. REPORT

MOVED BY MR. HUANG
SECONDED BY MS. LUMBY

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A) Report from the Director Planning and Building
Re: Local Government Awareness Week 2016

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report proposing activities for Burnaby's participation in Local Government Awareness Week 2016 (May 15 – 21). The proposed theme this year is 'Accessing Information' and the suggested activities include City Proclamation, Heritage Scavenger Hunt, Promote Public Wi-Fi Network, and Refresh the 'Be Involved' portal.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council approve the City's involvement in Local Government Awareness Week 2016, as outlined in Section 2.2 of this report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG
SECONDED BY MR. NATHWANI

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. NEW BUSINESS

Mary Lumby – YWCA Women of Distinction Awards

Ms. Lumby advised that Ms. Peggy Woodruff, President of Burnaby Association for South East Side, was nominated for YWCA Women of Distinction Award 2016 in Community Champion category.

The Committee congratulated Ms. Woodruff on her nomination, which recognizes outstanding women in Metro Vancouver for their contribution to their workplace, industry, and community.

7. INQUIRIES

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

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE NARANG
SECONDED BY MR. NATHWANI

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Blanka Zeinabova
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Nick Volkow
CHAIR