



SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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

PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair (*arrived at 5:23 p.m.*)
Councillor Joe Keithley, Vice Chair
Trustee Peter Cech, Burnaby School Board (*participated electronically*)
Mr. Roberto Fasciana, Resident Representative
Mr. Élie Lubendo, Resident Representative
Ms. Doris Mah, Resident Representative (*participated electronically*)
Ms. Monique Nelson, Resident Representative

ADVISORY ORGANIZATIONS: Ms. Antonia Beck, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council (*participated electronically*)
Ms. Michel Pouliot, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council

ABSENT: Councillor Nick Volkow, Member (*due to illness*)

STAFF: Mr. Dipak Dattani, Director Corporate Services
Ms. Lee-Ann Garnett, Assistant Director Long Range Planning
Ms. Cindy Chang, Manager Recreation Services (*participated electronically*)
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 hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ 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.

CHAIR

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER