

# SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

## Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 5:00 p.m. Council Chamber, City Hall 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

- PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair Councillor Joe Keithley, Vice Chair Councillor James Wang, Member (participated electronically) Trustee Ryan Stewart, Burnaby School Board (participated electronically) Mr. Roberto Fasciana, Resident Representative (participated electronically) Mr. Elie Lubendo, Resident Representative Ms. Doris Mah, Resident Representative Ms. Monique Nelson, Resident Representative
- ADVISORY Ms. Antonia Beck, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council ORGANIZATIONS: Mr. Sherman Chan, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council (participated electronically) Ms. Melody Monro, Fraser Health Authority (participated electronically)
- STAFF:Ms. Cindy Chang, Manager Recreation Services (participated electronically)Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social PlannerMs. Monica Macdonald, Administrative Officer

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Open Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and conducted the roll call.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following members and staff participated electronically: Councillor Wang, Trustee Stewart, Mr. Fasciana, Mr. Chan, Ms. Monro, and Ms. Chang.

The Chair, Councillor Colleen Jordan, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the həndəminəm and Skwxwu7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

#### 2. <u>MINUTES</u>

## 2.1 <u>Minutes of the Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2021</u> January 19

MOVED BY MR. LUBENDO SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the minutes of the Social Planning Committee meeting held on 2021 January 19 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 3. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

## 3.1 <u>Memorandum from the Acting Deputy City Clerk - Re: Burnaby Housing</u> <u>Needs Report</u>

A memorandum was received from the Acting Deputy City Clerk advising that Council, at its Open meeting held on 2021 February 22, received and adopted the Burnaby Housing Needs Report. The Report provides key insights into housing needs in the community, and projects the number and type of units needed to meet the housing demand over the next five to ten years.

Staff advised that the next step is to develop HOME: Burnaby's Housing + Homelessness Strategy (the HOME Strategy), using the information in the report, which will set out the 10-year housing program for the City.

#### 4. <u>REPORTS</u>

## 4.1 <u>Report from the Director Planning and Building - Re: United Nations</u> International Decade for People of African Descent - Community Based <u>Research</u>

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report providing an update on community-based research being conducted in relation to the City's endorsement of the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Social Planning Committee direct this report to Council for information.

MOVED BY MS. MAH SECONDED BY MS. NELSON

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Stewart advised that the Burnaby School Board is also undertaking antiracism initiatives, which are compatible with the City's efforts.

## 4.2 <u>Report from the Director Planning and Building - Re: Child Care Resources</u> <u>Group Update for 2021</u>

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report summarizing the 2020 activities of the Child Care Resources Group (CCRG) during 2020, and proposing a work plan for 2021.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Committee request Council to endorse the proposed 2021 Child Care Resources Group work plan.

2. THAT the Committee request Council to approve an expenditure of \$400 from the 2021 Boards, Committees and Commissions budget to support the activities of the Burnaby Child Care Provider Appreciation event in 2021 May, as detailed in Section 4.0 of this report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG SECONDED BY MR. FASCIANA

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

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Beck affirmed the importance of the CCRG's connection with the City's child care providers. Last year was particularly challenging for providers with the onset of the pandemic. There was less child care need than expected, and only two out of nine centres were operational. Ms. Beck advised that school age centres struggled, as parents working from home kept their school-age children out of care. Emergency funding from the Province helped maintain the child care program infrastructure and facilitated the later re-opening of the nine centres.

#### 5. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

#### Fraser Health Region Pandemic Response Update

Mr. Lubendo inquired regarding the Fraser Heath Region (FHR) pandemic response.

Ms. Monro provided the following update:

- over 100,000 vaccines in the FHR have been provided to long-term care and assisted living residents and staff, and medical professionals;
- the Province is providing Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, and will soon be offering the AstraZeneca vaccine which has been recently approved;
- vaccine delivery focus has been on outreach and to specific congregate settings, however, as of next week the roll-out will be age-based and all seniors over 90 years old will be able to call for a vaccination appointment for the following week;
- vaccine eligibility will drop weekly by five year age increments so that after March 15, those over 85 years may call for their appointment;
- on-line booking will also be available later in March;
- by April, the Province is planning for mass immunization sites; and,
- by July, all BC residents should be able to receive their first dose.

#### 6. INQUIRIES

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

#### 7. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Without objection, the Committee meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Councillor Colleen Jordan CHAIR Monica Macdonald ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER