



## SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**

**Council Chamber, City Hall  
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair  
Councillor Joe Keithley, Vice Chair *(participated electronically)*  
Councillor James Wang, Member *(participated electronically)*  
Trustee Ryan Stewart, Burnaby School Board *(participated electronically)*  
Mr. Roberto Fasciana, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*  
Ms. Doris Mah, Resident Representative  
Ms. Monique Nelson, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*
- ADVISORY ORGANIZATIONS:** Ms. Antonia Beck, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council *(participated electronically)*  
Mr. Sherman Chan, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council *(participated electronically)*  
Ms. Leanne Appleton, Fraser Health Authority *(participated electronically)*
- ABSENT:** Mr. Élie Lubendo, Resident Representative
- STAFF:** Ms. Cindy Chang, Manager Recreation Services *(participated electronically)*  
Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner  
Ms. 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: Councillors Keithley and Wang, Trustee Stewart, Mr. Fasciana, Ms. Nelson, Ms. Beck, Mr. Chan, Ms. Appleton, and Ms. Chang.

The Chair, Councillor Colleen Jordan, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hə́nqəmínə́m and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

## 2. **MINUTES**

### 2.1 **Minutes of the Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2021 March 02**

MOVED BY MS. MAH  
SECONDED BY MS. NELSON

THAT the minutes of the Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2021 March 02 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. **PRESENTATION**

### 3.1 **HOME: Burnaby's Housing + Homelessness Strategy**

**Presenter:** Lily Ford, Senior Long Range Planner

Ms. Ford provided a PowerPoint presentation on the preliminary draft of HOME: Burnaby's Housing and Homelessness Strategy (HOME).

The speaker advised that HOME is a 10-year plan, broad in scope and addresses housing as a system. HOME implements the recommendations made by the Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing; as well as incorporates information learned by Burnaby's Housing Needs Report, community recommendations, and public and stakeholder input.

Ms. Ford explained that HOME consists of two parts, as noted below, and described each in detail:

#### 1. **Part 1**

- Introduction
- Housing System
- Task Force and Consultation
- Housing Needs
- Perspectives on HOME

#### 2. **Part 2**

- The HOME Strategy – Vision, Goals, Strategies, Actions/Implementation
- Glossary

In conclusion, Ms. Ford noted that staff is currently undertaking public and stakeholder consultation; and plans to have the final strategy presented to the Planning and Development Committee in 2021 September and Council in 2021 October.

The Chair encouraged Committee and public participation, and inquired regarding the on-line survey.

Staff advised that information on the Strategy and public consultation opportunities, including the on-line survey, is available on the City's website.

Staff undertook to forward the website link to the Committee.

#### 4. **DELEGATION**

##### 4.1 **Human Sex Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Child Sex Trafficking in BC** **Speaker:** Cathy Peters, BC Anti-human Trafficking Educator, Speaker, Advocate

Ms. Peters appeared before the Committee via Zoom and presented information regarding human sex trafficking, sexual exploitation and child sex trafficking in British Columbia.

The speaker advised that the sex industry has grown rapidly due to globalization, an unregulated internet, limited law enforcement (especially in BC) and lack of prevention education. Specifically targeted are the following groups: Indigenous, LGBTQ2, youth at risk, new immigrants, runaway youth, youth in care, disabled and girls under 14 years old. Further, 95% of individuals are coerced, tricked, manipulated, forced and lured into the sex industry.

Ms. Peters stated that in BC, the average age of individuals recruited into the sex industry is 13 years old and even younger in the Lower Mainland.

In conclusion, the delegation offered suggestions on what the City can do to prevent child sex trafficking, including maintaining a police presence in schools. Ms. Peters asked the Committee for support by forwarding her name and information to local stakeholders.

The Committee advised that the City is a member of the Burnaby-New Westminster Task Force on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth, whose members include representatives from the Cities of Burnaby and New Westminster, the Burnaby and New Westminster School Districts, Fraser Health, Ministry of Children and Family Development and non-profit community service providers. The Taskforce's objectives for 2020-21 include empowering at-risk youth through engagement, coordinating awareness activities and supporting service provider capacity.

Trustee Stewart noted that Burnaby has a police presence in its schools, and advised that the School Board is currently engaging in an inclusive community and stakeholder consultation process in developing an anti-racism action plan.

The Committee thanked Ms. Peters for her anti-child sex trafficking advocacy.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **5.1 Correspondence from the Minister of Canadian Heritage - Re: Orange Shirt Day**

Correspondence was received from the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Canadian Heritage, in response to Council's request for legislation to recognize September 30 or Orange Shirt Day as a federally recognized statutory holiday.

Mr. Guilbeault advised that on 2020 September 29, in response to the Call for Action 80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, Bill C-5 was introduced in the House of Commons. Once passed, Bill C-5 will establish a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 of each year. This holiday seeks to honour survivors, their families, and communities and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.

### **5.2 Correspondence from Walk30 Burnaby / New West - Re: Invitation to Join the 2021 Challenge**

Correspondence was received from Walk30 Burnaby / New West promoting the Walk30 Burnaby / New West 2021 Challenge. Walk30 Burnaby / New West challenges Burnaby and New Westminster residents, students and employees to walk 30 minutes a day, from 2021 May 10 to June 13.

Walk30 Burnaby / New West partners include: the City of Burnaby, City of New Westminster, Burnaby School District 41, New Westminster School District 40, Fraser Health, the Walkers' Caucus, Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation, and BEST (Better Environmentally Sound Transportation).

### **5.3 Correspondence from the Battered Women's Support Services - Re: Addressing Anti-Black Racism in BC**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Angela Marie MacDougall, Executive Director, Battered Women's Support Services, on behalf of the Resilience BC Black Communities Convener Committee, regarding anti-Black racism and the experiences of Black People in British Columbia.

Ms. MacDougall advised that the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent determined that anti-Black racism persists and negatively affects the lives of Black people in Canada.

Accordingly, and in line with the objectives for the UN International Decade of African Descent, the Resilience BC Black Communities Convener Committee is requesting input in completing a regional needs assessment concerning City action taken to support the economic, social, cultural, civil and political inclusion of people of African descent.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT this item of business be **REFERRED** to staff for a response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5.4 Memorandum from the Administrative Officer - Re: National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls - Calls for Justice for Local Government**

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer advising that Council, at its Open meeting held on 2021 March 08, received and adopted the above noted report providing information related to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, specifically those which pertain to local governments.

**5.5 Memorandum from the Administrative Officer - Re: Names for the New Child Care Centres on School District/City Sites**

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2021 March 29, received and adopted the above noted report identifying the names for the new child care centres at City/School District sites associated with Montecito, Capitol Hill and Stride elementary schools. The new names are, as follows: Montecito Child Care Centre; Capitol Hill Child Care Centre; and Stride Avenue Child Care Centre.

**5.6 Memorandum from the Administrative Officer - Re: Burnaby Access Advisory Committee - Funding Request and Overview of Activities**

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer advising that Council, at its Open meeting held on 2021 April 26, received and adopted the above noted report seeking Council authorization for the use of Gaming Reserves to finance the 2021 Access Improvements Program, and providing a summary of recent Burnaby Access Advisory Committee activities.

## 6. **REPORTS**

### 6.1 **Report from the Director Planning and Building - Re: Draft Child Care Action Plan**

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking approval of the Burnaby Child Care Action Plan.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Committee recommend that Council adopt the Burnaby Child Care Action Plan, attached (see attachment A) to this report.
2. THAT a copy of this report and the Child Care Action Plan be forwarded for information to:
  - Burnaby's four Members of the Legislature
  - Burnaby School District 41
  - Fraser Health Community Care Facilities Licensing
  - The YMCA Burnaby-New Westminster Child Care Resource and Referral
  - The Burnaby Board of Trade
3. THAT a copy of this report and the Child Care Action Plan be forwarded to members of the City's Child Care Resources Group, along with a letter of appreciation from the Mayor acknowledging their participation in the development of the Action Plan.

MOVED BY MR. FASCIANA

SECONDED BY MS. NELSON

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arising from discussion and without any objection, the Committee requested staff include Burnaby's three MPs on the distribution of the report.

Staff undertook to forward a copy of the report and the Child Care Action Plan to Burnaby's MPs.

### 6.2 **Report from the Director Planning and Building - Re: Community Amenity Space at 2038 Rosser Avenue**

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking approval for a Request for Proposals process to identify a tenant or tenants for a new City-owned community amenity space in a mixed use development at 2038 Rosser Avenue.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the new City-owned community amenity space at 2038 Rosser Avenue be included in the City community resource centre portfolio.
2. THAT the Committee request Council to approve the proposed Request for Proposals process to identify a non-profit tenant(s) to occupy new community amenity space, as outlined in Section 4.0 of this report.

MOVED BY MS. MAH

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STEWART

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.3 Report from the Director Planning and Building - Re: Social Planning Committee Work Plan for 2021 - 22**

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report outlining the activities of the Committee for 2019 - 20, and identifying work plan initiatives for 2021 and 2022.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Social Planning Committee approve the work plan for 2021 - 22, as outlined in Section 4.0 of this report.
2. THAT this report be advanced to Council for information.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**7.1 Doris Mah - Notice of Motion - Creation of Anti-Racism Task Force**

Ms. Doris Mah submitted a Notice of Motion calling for a report on the feasibility and advisability of creating a special task force on anti-racism.

MOVED BY MS. MAH

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

**WHEREAS** Burnaby RCMP reported a 350 percent increase in anti-Asian hate crimes during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS** a recent federal study reported that, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, fear and misinformation about the virus might have disproportionately impacted the sense of personal and community safety of some ethno-cultural groups; and

**WHEREAS** we must condemn all forms of hate in public spaces as it creates unsafe conditions for members of the Asian, Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, and Racialized Communities; and

**WHEREAS** Burnaby Together - Coalition Against Racism and Hate strives to increase knowledge and awareness of anti-racism, collaborate with community partners, and respond to hate crimes' reporting; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Burnaby's Social Sustainability Vision states that Burnaby strives to be a caring, inclusive, vibrant, safe, livable and just city; therefore, we must embrace diversity, celebrate culture and creativity, foster belongings and participation and adapt well to a changing world; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Burnaby established a successful model of the Mayor's Task Force on Housing.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** staff report to the Social Planning Committee and Council on the feasibility and advisability of creating a special task force on antiracism.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 8. **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Fraser Health Region COVID-19 Pandemic Response Update**

Ms. Appleton provided the following update:

- pregnant women over 16 years old are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as a priority population;
- licensed child care workers, RCMP, Fire and Bylaw Officers and school-based staff may register for their vaccine;
- Fraser Health has partnered with TransLink to create a process allowing vulnerable people to book free transportation to a vaccination clinic at the time of registering for their vaccine;
- translated resources are now available in a number of languages; and,
- two vaccination clinics are operating in Burnaby - BCIT campus which is a drive-through and includes testing, and at the Fortius site.

**Neighbourhood House Week**

Ms. Beck announced Neighbourhood House Week is taking place in the Lower Mainland on May 2-8.

Burnaby Neighbourhood House (BNH) is celebrating 25 years of operation this year. His Worship, Mayor Hurley, will be attending a virtual BNH event on May 6 that will include over 300 people from around the Lower Mainland.

**9. INQUIRIES**

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

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the Open Committee meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Councillor Colleen Jordan  
CHAIR

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Monica Macdonald  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER