



SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE M I N U T E S

**Tuesday, July 6, 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. Élie Lubendo, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*
Ms. Doris Mah, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*
Ms. Monique Nelson, Resident Representative

ADVISORY ORGANIZATIONS: Mr. Sherman Chan, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council *(participated electronically)*
Ms. Melody Monro, Fraser Health Authority *(participated electronically)*

ABSENT: Ms. Antonia Beck, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council
Mr. Roberto Fasciana, 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: Councillor Wang, Trustee Stewart, Mr. Lubendo, Ms. Mah, Mr. Chan, Ms. Monro, and Ms. Chang.

The Chair, Councillor Colleen Jordan, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əm 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 May 04**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY
SECONDED BY MR. LUBENDO

THAT the minutes of the Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2021 May 04 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **DELEGATIONS**

3.1 **Burnaby School District - Re: Action Against Racism - Burnaby School District**

Speakers: Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent, and Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent, Burnaby School District

Ms. Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent, and Mr. Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent, Burnaby School District, appeared before the Committee and provided information on the development of the District's anti-racism action plan.

Ms. Niccoli-Moen advised that, at the Board of Education meeting held on 2020 June 23, the Board adopted a motion directing the District to develop an anti-racism action plan and update anti-racism policies through a consultative process.

The delegation stated that Ms. Beth Applewhite was hired as Vice-Principal of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, and became the lead staff member on the anti-racism work for the District. Ms. Applewhite began the project by building awareness and understanding, and undertaking the following steps:

- facilitating presentations and anti-racism workshops with the Board of Education, District leadership, school staff, and District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC);
- consulting with and supporting school-based anti-racism committees and collaboration groups; and,
- developing resource lists for staff, students and parents.

Mr. Bombelli advised that the District established an ad-hoc working group to support the development of an engagement process and included representation from the following partner groups: students, school staff, DPAC, Burnaby Teachers' Association, CUPE Local 379, the Board and the District; as well as, Black, Indigenous and racialized communities.

The working group met bi-monthly from 2020 November to 2021 March, and developed a values and commitment statement; as well as a 3-step engagement process, which included a survey, in-depth input, and deeper conversations.

Mr. Bombelli provided the following preliminary data from the engagement process: 8820 survey responses (4328 students, 1440 staff, 2478 parent, and 574 community members); nine languages were represented; and over 11,000 written responses were received.

In conclusion, the delegation advised that the District in-depth, up front process yielded good engagement and input, and led to deep critical questions about the organization. The District is planning to present the survey results to the Board, along with recommendations, by 2021 fall.

The Committee thanked the delegation for sharing information on the District's anti-racism efforts, particularly the consultation process undertaken. The District's experience will be helpful in furthering the City's anti-racism work.

3.2 Simon Fraser University (SFU) - Re: Metro Vancouver HomeShare Program

Speaker: Kim Hockey, Associate Director, Community Engagement, Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, SFU

Ms. Kim Hockey, Associate Director, Community Engagement, Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, SFU, appeared before the Committee and presented a proposal for a partnership between the City and SFU in the Metro Vancouver Regional District 2021-2022 HomeShare Pilot Program.

Ms. Hockey advised that Canada HomeShare facilitate a home-sharing program that matches seniors with a spare room in their home with university students seeking affordable housing. Each party benefits: the student pays \$400-\$600 per month in rent and has reliable housing; while the senior receives 5-7 hours of companionship and assistance with completing light household tasks. As well, both benefit from an increased sense of well-being and safety.

The delegation informed that Canada HomeShare has expanded the pilot program across Canada, including to the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MV). The MV HomeShare Pilot Program includes the following:

- SFU as the lead partner;
- Canada HomeShare and the National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly (NICE) as the administrative bodies;
- Site Coordinator to perform housing and participant evaluations; and,
- Advisory Committee to guide program development.

The MV Pilot Program begins 2021 summer with 10 housing matches completed by fall.

Councillor Keithley left the meeting at 5:54 p.m. and returned at 5:57 p.m.

Ms. Hockey, on behalf of SFU, requested the City become an official partner of the MV HomeShare Program. The City's role in the partnership would include representation on the Advisory Committee; provide support for future grant applications; and champion and promote the program.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

SECONDED BY MS. NELSON

THAT the Committee recommend that Council approve a partnership between the City of Burnaby and Simon Fraser University to participate in the Metro Vancouver Regional District 2021-2022 HomeShare Pilot Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Correspondence from Cathy Peters - Re: Stop Human Sex Trafficking in BC

Correspondence was received from Ms. Cathy Peters, BC Anti-human Trafficking Educator, Speaker, Advocate, providing information regarding Indigenous sex trafficking in BC; as well as seeking Council support for Provincial law enforcement and a Provincial Awareness Campaign. Ms. Peters advised that Indigenous women and girls make up 54% of those involved in the sex industry. Further, while the average recruitment age in Vancouver is 10-12 years old, it is much younger for Indigenous girls. The writer advocated for an inter-agency Human Sex Trafficking Task Force similar to the Task Force that is in place for drugs and gangs.

4.2 Correspondence from Erik and Sara Johnston - Re: Daycare Space in the Burnaby Heights Area

Correspondence was received from Mr. Erik and Ms. Sara Johnston, parents and clients of Puddle Jumpers Daycare, expressing concern regarding daycare space in the Burnaby Heights Area. Mr. and Ms. Johnston advised that Puddle Jumpers Daycare, one of the area's longest operating daycare facilities, could be closing due to increasing rent costs. If the daycare were to close, the Johnston family would have no other options for before and after school care as the two other facilities serving Gilmore Community School are full.

4.3 Correspondence from Shawna Harrison, Owner / Operator Puddle Jumpers Daycare, and 13 Clients - Re: Support for Puddle Jumpers Daycare

Correspondence was received from Ms. Shawna Harrison, Director Puddle Splashers Childcare Society and Owner / Operator Puddle Jumpers Daycare at 4304 Parker Street, advising that Puddle Jumpers Daycare is forced to close as of 2021 August 31 due to a significant rent increase by the landlord - Willingdon Heights United Church. The writer informs that she has been able to find care for some of the younger children; however, has been unsuccessful in finding care for approximately 40 school age children. Ms. Harrison is seeking Council support for a potential new location at the Burnaby North Baptist Church, 3977 Albert Street, which currently does not meet City bylaw requirements for property use.

Thirteen additional letters from parents and clients of Puddle Jumpers Daycare were received expressing concern for the loss of childcare and requesting support for the relocation of the daycare to 3977 Albert Street.

A note from staff advised that, at the Open Council meeting held on 2021 June 28, Council referred Items 4.2 and 4.3 to the Planning and Development Committee. At its meeting held on 2021 June 29, the Committee discussed the correspondence further and referred the matter to staff.

The Chair advised that staff are currently working with Ms. Harrison to find a solution.

5. REPORT

5.1 Report from the Director Planning and Building - Re: Increased City of Burnaby Support for Community Anti-Racism Initiatives

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking authorization for an approach aimed to increase City support for community anti-racism initiatives.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Committee request Council to authorize staff to implement the identified avenues for increased City support of community anti-racism initiatives, as outlined in Section 4.0 of this report.
2. THAT a copy of this report be circulated to the Public Safety Committee, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, and the Burnaby Public Library Board for information.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

SECONDED BY MS. NELSON

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

REFERRED

Staff provided an overview of the report and explained that the recommendations reflect their objective of a timely approach and one that would promote community dialogue. A Mayor's Taskforce is a formal approach and includes a legislatively mandated format, and can involve significant time to establish; while, the recommended approach builds on a currently established process and resources that are already working on anti-racism programs and initiatives.

The Committee agreed that anti-racism is a timely issue; however, expressed concern with the significant rise of anti-Asian racism, Islamophobia, and racism directed at BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour) communities in Canada. Accordingly, there is a need to establish a Taskforce, which would raise awareness and demonstrate a stronger commitment against racism, thereby giving residents the confidence that the City is taking this matter seriously.

Further, the Committee agreed that the work of staff and "Burnaby Together: Organizing against Racism and Hate Table" can continue alongside of the Taskforce. The proposed approach in the report and the Taskforce are not mutually exclusive.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

SECONDED BY MS. MAH

THAT this report be **REFERRED** back to staff to bring forward a report outlining the steps necessary for the establishment of a Mayor's Taskforce on anti-racism.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Fraser Health Region – Burnaby Report

Ms. Monro provided the following COVID-19 update:

- Average daily case rate per 1,000 population is down significantly: South/East - 1; South/West - 1; North/East - 1; North/West - 0.
- Fraser Health Region 7-day average is 14.1 daily cases;
- City vaccination rate for those eligible 12 years and older who have received a first dose: South/East - 79%; South/West - 79%, North/East - 81%, North/West - 83%;
- Christine Sinclair Community Centre is operating a walk-in vaccination centre, although the clinic is giving first dose vaccinations priority.

The speaker noted that there have been three times the number of usual deaths during this period due to the heat and air pollution.

Lastly, Ms. Monro advised that EllisDon Infrastructure has been awarded a contract to undertake Phase 1 of the Burnaby Hospital redevelopment. Construction is expected to begin in late 2021 summer.

7. **INQUIRIES**

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

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the Open Committee meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Councillor Colleen Jordan
CHAIR

Monica Macdonald
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER