



SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 7, 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 Trustee Ryan Stewart, Burnaby School Board (<i>participated electronically</i>) Mr. Élie Lubendo, Resident Representative Ms. Doris Mah, Resident Representative Ms. Monique Nelson, Resident Representative
ADVISORY ORGANIZATIONS:	Ms. Antonia Beck, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council Ms. Leanne Appleton, Fraser Health Authority (<i>participated electronically</i>) Mr. Sherman Chan, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council (<i>participated electronically</i>)
ABSENT:	Mr. Roberto Fasciana, Resident Representative
STAFF:	Ms. Lee-Ann Garnett, Acting Director Planning and Building Ms. Cindy Chang, Manager Recreation Services (<i>participated electronically</i>) Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner Ms. Rebekah Mahaffey, Planner 2 (<i>participated electronically</i>) Mr. Kai Okazaki, Planner 1 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: Trustee Stewart, Ms. Appleton, Mr. Chan, Ms. Chang, and Ms. Mahaffey.

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 July 06**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

SECONDED BY MR. LUBENDO

THAT the minutes of the Social Planning Committee meeting held on 2021 July 06 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **DIALOGUE**

3.1 **June Francis – Re: City's Efforts to Support Community Anti-Racism Initiatives**

Guest: Dr. June Francis

Dr. June Francis, Co-Director - The Co-Laboratorio Project, Director Institute for Diaspora Research and Engagement, Associate Professor, Beedie School of Business, and Special Advisor to the President on Anti-Racism, Simon Fraser University, spoke with the Committee on community anti-racism, diversity and inclusion.

Dr. Francis reframed the discussion to *Uprooting Systemic Racism & Creating Belonging in Burnaby - This Time*, adding that it was important to focus on creating belonging of racialized communities and “this time”. The speaker referred to the City’s commitment to diversity and inclusion and asked, “How can we ensure this time we truly value diverse community?” Further, in 2020, dominant groups in Canada took notice of injustices to racialized and Indigenous peoples and began to take action. Now is a pivotal moment for lasting change.

The speaker recalled a case study she recently supervised, commissioned by the Vancouver Parks Board, about decolonizing parks and City engagement practices through Black lenses. The study was based on previous engagement with the Black community and the discovery that, as the City was redeveloping its park spaces, the City forgot about its commitment to diverse communities and had ignored consideration of the Black community.

Dr. Francis summarized comments and experiences from Black Vancouverites learned from her work, and offered the following findings:

- pervasive sense of not belonging and difficulty in finding spaces of welcome;

- formal task forces and broad-based City engagement, even when directed at initiatives for people of colour, are still experiences of colonial practices and spaces; and
- racialized groups often experience City processes as stuck in a never-ending cycle of discussions, and risk inflicting real harm.

Dr. Francis explained how cities might pivot to co-creating spaces of belonging, taking a truly anti-racist and de-colonial approach by inviting racialized and Indigenous communities to contribute their “assets” to create an inclusive city, and described the following successful projects:

1. Nora Hendrix Place, Hogan’s Alley, Vancouver – racially and culturally supportive housing project prioritizing Black and Indigenous residents;
2. Lima, Peru – women and economic development;
3. City of Vancouver mural, 258 Union Street (Nora Hendrix Place) – afro-centric design and representation by Black female artist paying homage to Hogan’s Alley, once centre of the Black community in Vancouver.

Dr. Francis noted that Burnaby already has many services, programs and initiatives in place; as well as, is undertaking community based research with Burnaby Family Life, Burnaby Together, and The Co-Laboratorio Project. The question is - how can the City adopt new ways of engaging to create spaces, services and programs that are inclusive of the groups who remain underserved?

In conclusion, the speaker suggested that, rather than embarking on a new round of discussions or engage a task force which will likely frustrate groups, there is an opportunity for the City to pivot (from what is already in place) to reimaging and recreating new spaces and initiatives and having real impact on people’s lives and sense of belonging.

The Committee observed that asking people to share their experiences could be painful, shared experiences of “micro aggression”, and inquired about the process of engaging people and creating a safe space and sense of belonging.

Dr. Francis advised that to effectively engage people, cities would need to bring them into spaces where they feel safe, by ensuring:

- definite representation – “nothing about us, without us”;
- discussions led by people who have the lived experience and expertise;
- transparency - people brought in must have a clear understanding of how their input is going to be used to a specific problem or issue;
- accountability to the community.

The Committee remarked that the City's mural program focuses on the problem of graffiti, and not public art representative of racialized people in the community.

The speaker commented that city murals and public spaces (such as the Edmonds area in Burnaby) are an example of an opportunity to pivot - for engagement of racialized people to reimagine new spaces, programs and initiatives, to create a sense of inclusion in the community.

The Committee informed that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has established the Anti-Racism and Equity Committee (Councillor Wang is Vice Chair) and emphasized the importance of working together and consulting with the FCM and other cities on this issue.

The Committee thanked Dr. Francis for joining the meeting and sharing her experience and expertise.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Margaret Manifold – Re: Backyard Chickens - Status Update on Report Presenter: Margaret Manifold

Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner, provided information on a report in progress, authorized by Council at its Open meeting held on 2020 November 23, examining the feasibility and advisability of permitting the keeping of backyard chickens.

Ms. Manifold advised that staff are currently undergoing research and review into four main areas, as follows:

1. practices in other BC local governments;
2. optimal care and living conditions;
Considerations include: zoning, animal control and other relevant bylaws; lot size and set backs; coop size and number of chickens; and design guidelines, tools, websites, and resources;
3. examination of potential health risks and mitigation measures; and
4. examination of potential nuisances and mitigation measures.
Considerations include infectious disease, attraction of other animals, noise and odour.

Ms. Manifold informed that the next steps are to complete the review process and report back with recommendations, and any corresponding bylaw updates, on a proposed framework for humane and sanitary keeping of backyard chickens in Burnaby.

4.2 Zeralynne Te – Re: Draft Burnaby Transportation Plan

Presenter: Zeralynne Te

Ms. Zeralynne Te, Planner 3, provided an update on the City's Draft Transportation Plan – “Connecting Burnaby” (the Plan).

Ms. Te advised that an update to the City's Transportation Plan is being undertaken in three phases: “Setting a Direction” (Phase 1), “Building the Proposals” (Phase 2), and “Developing the Plan” – current phase (Phase 3). Public consultation and engagement are key components of each phase.

The speaker gave an overview of the Plan's vision and the following six goals:

- access to transport options and choice;
- safe and secure mobility;
- healthy community;
- green mobility;
- prosperous community; and
- connected community.

Ms. Te provided the following summary of the Plan's targets and desired outcomes:

- Vision Zero: no death or serious injuries on Burnaby's transportation network
- Mode Split:
 - By 2030 – ½ of all trips will be by public transit & active transportation
 - By 2040 – ⅔ of all trips will be by public transit & active transportation
 - By 2050 – ¾ of all trips will be by public transit & active transportation
- Zero Emissions:
 - By 2030 – 45% drop in emissions from 2020 emission rates
 - By 2040 – 75% drop in emissions from 2020 emission rates
 - By 2050 – 100% drop in emissions from 2020 emission rates

The speaker advised that other planning policy areas influence transportation planning. Five foundational policy areas in the Plan are, as follows: Land Use Integration; Public Realm & Place-Making; Streets are for Everyone; Transportation Demand Management Strategies; and Behaviour Change: Educate, Encourage, Enable and Empower.

Ms. Te stated that the Plan focuses on the following five modes of transport: Walking & Rolling, Cycling, Public Transit, Goods Movement, and Driving. The Plan describes a Big Move policy that supports each of the modes.

In conclusion, Ms. Te advised that the Draft Plan is on the City's website, as well as an online survey which closes 2021 October 01.

The Chair thanked staff for the presentation, and further advised that there is a virtual Open House on 2021 September 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Ms. Mah left the meeting at 6:28 p.m. and did not return*

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Memorandum from the Acting Deputy City Clerk - Re: Burnaby Transportation Plan Update: Draft Burnaby Transportation Plan

A memorandum was received from the Acting Deputy City Clerk advising that Council, at the 2021 July 26 Council meeting, received the above report and approved the draft Burnaby Transportation Plan, "Connecting Burnaby", as the basis for advancing the Phase 3 public consultation and engagement program.

The draft Plan has been developed and refined based on feedback received from the Phase 2 consultation process; as well as technical analysis of the proposed policies, actions and networks conducted by Urban Systems, a planning consultant firm. The input received in Phase 3 would support further Plan refinement prior to its adoption in 2021 fall.

5.2 Memorandum from the Director Planning and Building - Re: Request for Proposal - Community Resource Centre at 2038 Rosser Avenue

A memorandum was received from the Director Planning and Building providing information on a Request for Proposals opportunity, posted on BC Bid, for a new community amenity space at 2038 Rosser Avenue.

Staff advised that the City is inviting Proposals from non-profit societies to lease space on the second floor of a newly developed mixed-use high-rise building at 2038 Rosser Avenue, near the Brentwood Town Centre SkyTrain station.

5.3 Correspondence from the Minister of State for Child Care - Re: City of Burnaby's Child Care Action Plan

Correspondence was received from the Honourable Katrina Chen, MLA, Burnaby-Lougheed, Minister of State for Child Care, acknowledging the City's hard work in developing and adopting the Burnaby Child Care Action Plan; as well as expressing appreciation for the City's continued commitment to address the childcare needs of families in the community.

5.4 Memorandum from the Acting Deputy City Clerk - Re: City of Delta - Mayor's Task Force on Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism

A memorandum was received from the Acting Deputy City Clerk advising that Council, under the New Business portion of the 2021 July 26 Council meeting, referred correspondence from the City of Delta regarding its efforts to promote diversity.

At its regular meeting held on 2020 September 02, the City of Delta approved establishing a Task Force on Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism; as well as use of a consultant to conduct a review of City policies and actions taken on the matter, and provide a report-card with recommendations.

6. REPORT

6.1 Report from the Director Planning and Building - Re: Update on the Burnaby Healthier Community Partnership for 2019-2021

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report providing an update on the initiatives of the Burnaby Healthier Community Partnership for 2019 to 2021.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT this report be received for the information of the Committee and Council.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Ms. Baljnder Narang; Dr. Aamir Bharmal, Medical Health Officer for Burnaby; Ms. Leanne Appleton, Executive Director, Burnaby Hospital and Burnaby Health Services, Fraser Health; Mr. Bill Brassington, School Trustee, Burnaby Board of Education; Ms. Georgia Bekiou, Executive Director, Burnaby Division of Family Practice; and Mr. Danison Buan, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council.

MOVED BY MS. NELSON

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NEW BUSINESS

Fraser Health Region - Burnaby Report

Ms. Appleton advised the region is in the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, and provided an update on the City's response, including the following first dose/second dose vaccination rates for those eligible:

- North West - 90% / 83%;
- North East - 88% / 82%;
- South West - 87% / 80%; and
- South East - 86% / 79%.

Ms. Appleton provided information on the many ways to receive a vaccination, including the BCIT drive-in; SFU drop-in on 2021 September 8-14; and mobile buses at Metrotown and various places of worship. As well, a nurse will come to senior's home or long-term care home on request to administer a vaccine.

The speaker noted that daily case rates went up slightly at the end of August due to Delta variant; however, current data is showing that rates are starting to go down.

Ms. Appleton informed that Burnaby accepted 10 residents from the Interior Health Authority that needed temporary relocation during the BC wild fires crisis this summer.

Central Park Parkrun Run/Walk Events

Councillor Wang announced free weekly 5 km run/walk Parkrun events at Central Park that are in the process of being organized for the 2021/2022 season.

Parkrun Canada is a not-for-profit running organization that promotes a sense of community and a healthy, active lifestyle through running and volunteering.

8. INQUIRIES

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the Open Committee meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Councillor Colleen Jordan
CHAIR

Monica Macdonald
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER