



SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall

4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT: Councillor Alison Gu, Chair
Councillor Maita Santiago, Vice Chair
Councillor Richard T. Lee, Member
Jen Mezei, Burnaby School Board Representative
Swapna Antony, Resident Representative
Elie Lubendo, Resident Representative
Doris Mah, Resident Representative

ADVISORY MEMBERS: Antonia Beck, Burnaby Interagency Council Representative
Dr. Marianne Boisvert-Moreau, Fraser Health Authority Representative
Sherman Chan, Burnaby Interagency Council Representative

ABSENT: Monique Nelson, Resident Representative

STAFF: Nikki Best, Director Legislative Services
Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner
Jill Porter, Manager Recreation Services
Harlene Patara, Acting Administrative Officer 1

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the Committee meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

3.1 **Social Planning Committee Agenda for January 24, 2024**

THAT the agenda for the Social Planning Committee meeting of January 24, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 **Minutes of the Social Planning Committee meeting held on November 15, 2023**

THAT the minutes of the Social Planning Committee meeting held on November 15, 2023, be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **DELEGATIONS & INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 **Invited Presentation: Committee Orientation and Governance Updates**
Presenter: Nikki Best, Director Legislative Services/Corporate Officer

Nikki Best, Director Legislative Services / Corporate Officer appeared before the Committee and provided an orientation and governance updates. The Director reviewed the following documents with the Committee:

- Social Planning Committee Terms of Reference;
- Advisory Bodies Code of Conduct Policy;
- Delegation to Council and Council Advisory Groups Policy;
- Correspondence Policy for Council and Advisory Bodies; and
- Council Procedure Bylaw.

5.2 **Invited Presentation: Burnaby Food Systems Strategy**
Speaker: Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner

Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner, provided an update to the Committee on the Burnaby Food Systems Strategy.

The speaker advised that in 2021 Council had directed staff to develop a Burnaby Food Service Strategy. Staff worked with a community-based project advisory committee along with Upland Agriculture Consulting. Staff examined

levers held by the City and other community partners to support a food system. Burnaby has a presence of agricultural lands, gardens and many food assets.

The speaker advised, after public engagement and data collection, the Burnaby Food Charter was created. This Charter is community held, and it is a vision and a value for a sustainable food system in Burnaby. Anyone in the community can sign the Charter and Council will be asked to sign the final Charter.

The speaker introduced the themes that make up the Burnaby Food System Strategy: Growing & Harvesting; Food Economy; Policy and Regulation; Community Sector Support; Structural Change.

In conclusion, the Senior Social Planner noted that the City will collaborate with many partners within the community to address food system challenges. The Burnaby Food Systems Strategy will be revised based on feedback from the Committee and other internal departments, and an implemented plan will be submitted to Council by Spring 2024.

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

No Administrative Reports were received.

7. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

No Information Reports were received.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 **Burnaby Residents - Re: Municipal Bylaw Regarding Rodeos**

Correspondence was received from 18 Burnaby residents expressing concerns about the utilization of animals in rodeo events. The writers requested that the City of Burnaby align itself with other communities, such as the City of Vancouver and the District of North Vancouver, by enacting a municipal bylaw that prohibits inhumane rodeo events and practices.

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

9.1 **NOTICE OF MOTION: COUNCILLOR SANTIAGO - RE: SOCIAL CHANGE AWARDS**

Councillor Santiago provided a Notice of Motion requesting staff to look at establishing a Social Change Awards at the City of Burnaby:

THAT the Notice of Motion be **WAIVED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arising from discussion, the recommendation in the Notice of Motion was not adopted, and the following motion was introduced:

THAT staff be directed to review and modernize the awards that the City of Burnaby issues and explore adding a social change lens to existing awards or establishing a new category of social change awards with the intention of recognizing and uplifting important work that benefits vulnerable community members.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

THAT the Committee meeting adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alison Gu
CHAIR

Harlene Patara
ACTING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER