

SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

TO: *MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE WORK PLAN FOR 2024-2025

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Social Planning Committee's work plan for 2024-2025 contained in the report titled "Social Planning Committee Work Plan for 2024-2025" dated May 22, 2024, be endorsed.

REPORT

The Social Planning Committee, at its meeting held on May 22, 2024, received and adopted the attached report providing an outline of the activities of the Social Planning Committee for 2021-2023 and identifying work plan initiatives for 2024 and 2025.

On behalf of the Social Planning
Committee,

Councillor A. Gu
Chair

Councillor M. Santiago
Vice Chair

TO: SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (SPC)
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
SUBJECT: **SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE WORK PLAN FOR 2024-2025**
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1.0 POLICY SECTION

The activities and initiatives of the Social Planning Committee (SPC) align directly with the vision, goals and strategic priorities of the *Burnaby Social Sustainability Strategy* (2011) and in particular, its three main goals:

- **Community Inclusion:** Burnaby will be an inclusive community.
- **Community Livability:** Burnaby will continue to be liveable for those who live, work, learn, play and visit.
- **Community Resilience:** Burnaby will be a resilient community, able to adapt and thrive in times of change.

The activities and initiatives also align with the following Council-adopted policies and plans/strategies:

- *Corporate Strategic Plan* (2022);
- *HOME: Housing and Homelessness Strategy* (2021);
- *Child Care Action Plan* (2021);
- *Equity Policy* (2020);
- *Environmental Sustainability Strategy* (2016);
- *Economic Development Strategy* (2007); and
- *Official Community Plan* (1998).

2.0 BACKGROUND

As identified in the Terms of Reference, the committee will advise on a variety of social issues including, but not limited to: leasing space at the City's Community Resource Centres, the needs of seniors, youth, families, ethnic groups, 2SLGBTQIA+, persons with disability, and socio-economic equity issues. The SPC will also be responsible for

making recommendations regarding inclusivity initiatives as they relate to the aforementioned groups^[1].

The SPC approved the work plan for 2021-22 on May 4, 2021. The purpose of this report is to provide information on the activities of the SPC in 2021-2023 and outline key social planning initiatives planned for 2024 and 2025.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

3.1 2021-2023 SPC Activities

An overview of the activities undertaken by the SPC from 2021-2023 is provided in Attachment 1. The 2021-2023 work plan and related initiatives are summarized in the table below.

Work Plan	Initiatives
Access and Inclusion	Staff-led Burnaby Access Advisory Committee
	Accessible BC Act and the Formation of the City’s Access Advisory Committee
Children and Child Care	Child Care Action Plan Implementation
Food Security	Development of Burnaby Food Charter and Food Systems Strategy
	Permitting Backyard Chickens in Residential Districts
	Community Garden Pilot Program on City-Owned Lands
Healthy Communities	Burnaby Healthier Community Partnership
	Burnaby-New Westminster Walk 30 Challenge
Homelessness	Burnaby’s Annual Homeless Response Plan (2021-2023)
	UBCM Strengthening Communities Services Grant (2021 and 2022)
	HOME: Housing and Homelessness Strategy Implementation and Formation of the Mayor’s Task Force on Unsheltered Community Members
Diversity and Inclusion	SPC’s Anti-Racism Sub-Committee and the Burnaby Anti-Racism Framework
	Further Mobilization of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community Programs/Supports
Seniors	Multi-Sectorial Extreme Weather (Heat) Response Plan
Youth	Burnaby-New Westminster Task Force on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth
Poverty Reduction	Burnaby Poverty Reduction Strategy
Social Infrastructure	Community Resource Centres
	Social Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Strategy
Community Partnerships	Engagement with Community-Based Committees

[1] See Advisory Bodies and Boards: <https://www.burnaby.ca/our-city/meetings-and-public-hearings/advisory-bodies-and-boards>

3.2 Proposed 2024-2025 Work Plan

The following section provides information on social planning activities planned for the next two years (2024-2025). The creation of a work plan helps the City to allocate staff time and resources to priority projects. It should be noted that reports on some of the activities listed below may be directed to other Committees of Council initially (e.g. Access Advisory Committee, Financial Management Committee and Executive Committee) but will be copied to the SPC. Key activities are anticipated to include:

Work Plan	Initiatives
Access and Inclusion	Support transition of access and inclusion initiatives, including the City’s Accessibility Plan, to Council’s Access Advisory Committee
Children and Child Care	Child Care Action Plan Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop child care design principles for City-supported/City-owned child care centres • Support development of new child care spaces
Food Security	Complete the Burnaby Food Systems Strategy
	Develop a Food Systems Strategy implementation plan
	Support re-activation of a community-based food security advisory group
Healthy Communities	Burnaby Healthier Community Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the community initiative to develop an Integrated Model for Health and Well Being in Burnaby in partnership with the Burnaby Primary Care Network and Burnaby Inter-Agency Council
Homelessness	Support completion of the final report on the Mayor’s Task Force (MTF) on Unsheltered Community Members
	Develop an implementation plan for the MTF Report
Diversity and Inclusion	Complete the Burnaby Anti-Racism Framework
	Develop an implementation plan for the Anti-Racism Framework
	Continue Mobilization of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community Programs/Supports
Seniors	Support community-based, age-friendly extreme weather (Heat) response planning
Youth	Support the work of the Burnaby-New Westminster Task Force on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth
Poverty Reduction	Support completion of a community-based poverty reduction strategy in Burnaby
Social Infrastructure	Complete a social infrastructure needs assessment
	Develop a social infrastructure strategy
Community Partnerships	Continue engagement with community-based committees

As in the past, the City will continue to work in partnership with other levels of government, non-profit agencies and associations, community organizations, and other partners to advance this work.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This report is to provide information to the Committee and Council on the work plan and activities that has been taken in 2021-2023, as well as a proposed work plan to move forward in 2024-2025. Should the report be endorsed, the report would be made available on the City’s website.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The SPC work plan has operational impacts of staff time and resourcing. With the Committee’s and Council authorization, staff will continue to apply for grants that further financially support social planning initiative when made available.

Individual work plan items and activities of the SPC may have financial implications that would be addressed separately to this report for the Committee’s and Council consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Overview of Social Planning Committee Initiatives (2021-2023)

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

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