



City of Surrey

Social Planning Advisory Committee

Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2007
Time: 7:05 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Chairperson – J. Villeneuve
L. Alexander
Kuldip Ardawa
Robin Campbell
G. Gill
Dr. Z. Malik

Absent:

Councillor Gill
H. Parhar

Staff Present:

L. White, Manager, Comm & Leisure Services
Kelsey Swanson, Comm. & Leisure Services
A. Murphy, Senior Social Planner
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

Guest:

Sharon Rose, Mgr Planning &
Development, Community
Living BC

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the October 25, 2007 Social Planning Advisory Committee to be adopted.

It was

Moved by Gurtej Gill

Seconded by Zambka Malik

That the minutes of the Social Planning

Advisory Committee meeting held on October 25, 2007, be adopted.

Carried

Round table introductions were made by all.

B. DELEGATION

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**1. Adoption of November 2007 – November 2008 Work Plan**

Recommendation:

That the Social Planning Advisory Committee approves the Social Planning Advisory Committee November 2007-November 2008 Work Plan.

It was
approve the Social Planning Advisory Committee November 2007-November 2008 Work Plan.

Moved by Robin Campbell

Seconded by Lara Alexander

That Social Planning Advisory Committee

Carried

D. NEW BUSINESS**1. Accessibility/Disability Issues in Surrey**

Sharon Rose, Manager Community Planning & Development, Surrey Region, Community Living BC provided a presentation regarding accessibility/disability issues in Surrey. Following are the comments provided:

- Sharon Rose's role with Community Living BC (CLBC) is to manage the staff, called facilitators, who provide services and supports for children, youth and adults with developmental disabilities, and their families. Her territory is all of Surrey and White Rock.
- CLBC is a newly formed crown agency that became official July 2005. It has a Board of Directors made up of community and family members and self-advocates (with disabilities).
- Vision – Good lives in welcoming communities.
- Value Statements: We commit to:
 - Respecting the rights of all people.
 - Supporting people to make their own decisions.
 - Supporting people to achieve their dreams for the future.
 - Respecting the important role of family and friends in people's lives.
 - Promoting people's ability for life-long learning development, and contribution.
 - Being open, honest and fair in all aspects of our work..
 - Working cooperatively with others.
 - Promoting a culture of responsibility, respect and trust.
 - Supporting our employees to do their best.
 - Inspiring creativity and innovation.
 - Striving for quality in everything we do.
 - Being accountable to the people we serve.
- Mission: Community Living BC responds to the life long needs and goals of individuals and families by recognizing their abilities and contributions,

- sharing leadership with communities, and funding supports that honour individual choice.
- Safeguards and Accountability
 - Clearly defined roles, reporting relationships and accountabilities throughout CLBC.
 - Health and safety standards and expanded accountability for all contracted services.
 - Developing community networks for people with no family or friends (attitude, welcomed into community, inclusion).
 - Community Councils / Provincial Advisory Council (was responsible for developing councils, committees – formed in March – bringing in people to educate members)
 - Surrey's Community Council formed in March. Its role is to help understand the needs of the individuals we serve, gaps in service, and to guide the work of CLBC.
 - For more information visit website: www.communitylivingbc.ca
 - Located at 7525 King George Hwy in Newton.
 - Was at a workshop by Legacies Now on their Measuring Up process. Many cities province wide are adopting the process and assessing accessibility and inclusion in a number of areas such as employment, recreation, housing, and safety.

Discussion ensued and the following comments and information was provided in response to queries by the committee members.

- The Community Council is brand new as of March 2007. The Community Council has 13 members but it can be a 15 member council. Currently looking to the First Nations community to see if they can provide a representative.
- Gurtej- Gill, a member of the Social Planning Advisory Committee, is a Facilitator for the Surrey CLBC.
- The *Community* Council's purpose is to identify whether or not needs of clients are being met. The *Community* Councils have some ability to ~~make~~ *influence* funding decisions.
- Sharon Rose identified autism services and respite care for families as areas of need.
- Funding for respite is provided directly to the families so they can arrange for caregivers they trust – the cost of which is less than care arranged through a service agency.
- It is difficult for families to find caregivers and so spend their respite dollars. This gap has come to light this past year.
- We are working hard together with the Ministry of ~~Children and Family Development (MCFD)~~ *Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance (MEIA)* at helping businesses to hire people with disabilities. The timing is good to consider hiring a disabled person due to the labour shortages.
- CLBC is a separate crown agency from that of the Ministry of Children and Family Development. CLBC delivers and administers the autism program on behalf of the Ministry; the program is fully funded by the government.
- Purpose of coming here today? Responsibility needs to be taken to properly address access and inclusion for the disabled in Surrey.

Amended at Social Planning Advisory Meeting Jan. 24, 2008:

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Amended at Social Planning Advisory Meeting Jan. 24, 2008: remove first sentence.

- A priority ranking tool is used to determine need/urgency regardless of money. But we need more dollars and are hopeful that this shortage of funds will be addressed next year.
- ~~Wages need to be met in order to retain the service workers/providers.~~ Need to build networks around people and connect them to the community. Support should not all be provided by a paid person, friends can help to ensure social skills and life skills are helped with.
- A recent mailing went out to 1,600 Surrey people who are being served by CLBC (children and adults). Most children live with families but some children are in the care of guardianship workers/foster families due to high childcare needs.

The Chairperson thanked Sharon Rose of Community Living BC for her presentation and commented that it is helpful to know what the CLBC are doing in the City.

2. Community Leisure Services' Programs

Lisa White and Kelsey Swanson, Community Leisure Services, City of Surrey provided a presentation regarding Community Leisure Services programs for seniors and people with disabilities. Following are the comments provided:

- Community Leisure Services was recently reorganized to best utilize manpower and skill sets.
- Kelsey Swanson now overseeing volunteer services, community outreach and diversity programs, including youth services and the community school partnership.
- Kelsey provided copies of the outreach programs (*Make your Mark-- Volunteer in Surrey*).
- Vision – Engaging our Diverse Community.
- Mission: “*To develop and promote Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture operations that support access for all*” by:
 - programming
 - developing and sustaining community partnerships
 - fostering volunteers in spirit volunteer program
 - providing training to staff and volunteers
 - increasing community awareness with public education and awareness events
 - seeking community input in the planning process
 - advocacy
- Active Living –
 - Community recreation for individuals who require support for full participation:
 - Integrated recreational programs
 - Adapted recreational programs
 - Facility access audits
 - Access highlights for 2008:
 - Adapted swimming (150)
 - Fun for Kids (654)
 - Adapted dance (72)

- Teen Blast (108)
- Adapted fitness (24)
- Referrals from agencies (20)
- Volunteer matching and introductions (30)
- Summer 2006:
 - 77 kids one on one support in summer day camps
 - 56 youth received support in summer day camps
- Partnerships –
 - Surrey Association for Community Living
 - Adapted swim
 - Fun for kids
 - Adapted dance
 - Teen blast
 - Adapted skating
 - Awarded international accreditation for partnerships
 - School District 36
 - BC Wheelchair Sports
 - GF Strong
 - Centre for Child Development
 - Sunny Hill Health Centre
 - BC Blind Sports
 - Newton Lions Club
 - Spirit Volunteer Program
 - 2,341 volunteers hours in 2006
 - Spirit Leadership
 - Support in day camps
 - Other recreational programs
 - Education and Training
 - Spirit
 - Disability
 - Community - Funding will enhance community recreational opportunities for kids with special needs to enjoy physical and social recreation; foster social interaction
 - Community Involvement:
 - Internal - Leisure access programs fees and charges
 - External -
 - Interagency
 - Transitional advisory
 - Community advisory
- The Future – The City of Surrey, in partnership with the Surrey Association for Community Living, has been awarded \$25,000 from the 2010 Legacies Now *Measuring Up* Access and Inclusion Fund. The purpose of the funding is to design and implement a plan that addresses inclusion and accessibility in Surrey. A report regarding this funding is going to Council on Monday, December 3, 2007. Once Council has endorsed the initiative, it will begin immediately and run for one year.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were raised in response to queries:

- The Social Planning Advisory Committee complimented these services and noted the necessity of not duplicating efforts.
- *Measuring Up* – An accessibility committee will likely come as a result of the Measuring Up process. This is very good timing as the Social Planning Advisory Committee had identified on its 2007-2008 Work Plan the need for the City of Surrey to establish such a committee.
- Through Legacies Now, Kamloops, Prince George, Powell River, and two others towns also received \$25,000. Powell River bought right into the program by starting some good initiatives such as a radio station. Kamloops has done an accessibility piece and Langley did a *needs assessment* on roads and curbs.
- The focus is on access, inclusiveness, housing, and employment to see how we are *Measuring Up*.

The Chairperson requested that the Social Planning Advisory Committee be provided with bi-monthly updates on the Measuring Up process. At the end of the process, recommendations from the community groups who know the issues and barriers could be presented to the Social Planning Advisory Committee for endorsement.

- Council has provided endorsement of this project via a letter of support from Mayor Watts.
- The corporate report on the Measuring Up award will be provided to this committee in January.

It was

Moved by Robin Campbell
Seconded by Lara Alexander
That the Social Planning Advisory

Committee appoint Gurtej Gill to sit on the Community Outreach and Diversity Programs Sub-Committee.

Carried

Lisa White provided the following update on the Community Leisure Services seniors programs being provided by the City of Surrey:

- Senior's accessibility - Facilities for seniors –
 - Surrey's population is over 400,000, of which 64,000 are over 60+ years of age.
 - There are six town centres containing -
 - 3 stand-alone seniors centres located in Cloverdale, N. Surrey, and Newton
 - 3 multi-generational facilities servicing seniors in Guildford, Fleetwood, Surrey
 - Extensive use of Bear Creek pavilion in North Surrey by the Bear Creek Seniors' Society.
 - There is a new committee to deal with elder neglect and abuse; meeting on December 13, 2007 at Pondsides (advise Councillor Barbara Steele know if people are interested in attending).

- June is Seniors' Week. Get all resources in one area to let seniors know what is available.
- Leisure Access program for seniors -
 - Membership and Leisure access program – an income level subsidy program – 75% reduction in regular fees
 - Senior Services Membership – 4,181 in 2006/07 – discounted rates – 25% off
 - Discounts for bus trips
 - Value Programs and Pricing
 - Outreach
 - Use of CLS bus
 - Spice of Life
 - Leisure Opportunities for Residents of Ted Kuhn Towers
- Education Programs and Resources –
 - Self development education workshops
 - Weekly city jam low cost lunch
 - Safety workshops
 - Improvements to facilities
 - Sunrise pavilion
 - Bear Creek Pavilion
- Seniors Wellness Fair –
 - Dr. Art Hister, speaker
 - Flu clinic
- Harvest Box program
- Move for health day – May 2007
- 1st annual pickle ball tournament
- Nutrition month – March 2007
- Upcoming Initiatives
- Resource forum for seniors
- People Helping people programs

Chairperson, Councillor Villeneuve thanked:

- Lisa White and Kelsey Swanson for the update and the model that they are looking at setting up,
- Gurtej Gill for volunteering to represent the Social Planning Advisory Committee on the Community Outreach and Diversity Programs Sub-Committee, and
- Sharon Rose for her activity within the City and the Community Living BC organization.

3. Municipal Role in Responding to Accessibility and Disability Issues

Review of other municipalities' disability/accessibility committee Terms of Reference.

DEFERRED: Discussion of an appropriate model for Surrey to be **deferred** until after further discussion with the Parks & Community Services Committee.

4. The **2008 Schedule of Meetings** for the Social Planning Advisory Committee is to be determined

It was

Moved by Kuldip Ardawa

Seconded by Robin Campbell

That the Social Planning Advisory

Committee approve the 2008 Schedule of Meeting dates of every fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm as follows:

January 24	Executive Boardroom (EBR)
February 28	Managers Boardroom
March 27	Managers Boardroom
April 24	Managers Boardroom
May 22	Managers Boardroom
June 26	EBR
July 24	EBR
August – no meeting	
September 18	EBR
(* note: UBCM week of Sept. 22/08)	
October 23	Managers Boardroom
November 27	EBR
December – TBD if necessary	
	<u>Carried</u>

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Executive Boardroom.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their time and effort and wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Lara Alexander
Seconded by Kuldip Ardawa
That the Social Planning Advisory

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Social Planning Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor J. Villeneuve
Social Planning Advisory Committee