

Social Policy Advisory Committee - Minutes

2E Committee Room A City Hall 13450 - 104 Avenue Surrey, B.C.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017 Time: 4:45 PM File: 0540-20

Present:

Chair, Councillor Villeneuve

Councillor LeFranc

W. Al-Jabiri

M. Bains

A. Begalka

M. Dhillon

Y. Guo

D. Jimeno

M. Shaw

M. Schaafsma

M. Tutt (Youth Representative)

Absent:

S. Dooley

C. Mohr

K. Thiara

A. Keitlah

Staff Present:

A. Murphy, Senior Social Planner

K. Patten, Associate Planner

L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

A roundtable of introductions was done.

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Social Policy Advisory Committee Minutes of May 17, 2017 to be adopted.

It was

Moved by M. Shaw

Seconded by M. Dhillon

That the Social Policy Advisory Committee Minutes

of May 17, 2017, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. C2U Expo Event

Stephen Dooley, SFU Surrey, to provide an update on the C2U Expo Community Jam.

This item was deferred to the September 6 meeting.

2. Delegation Request

The delegation request from Evelyn Huntjens, Indigenous RDSP Navigator, BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society to appear before the SPAC to present on the Registered Disability Savings Plan and discuss how BCANDS can align with the City of Surrey to support this project was considered by the Committee.

It was

Moved by M. Bains

Seconded by M. Schaafsma

That the Social Policy Advisory Committee approve the delegation request from BCANDS to present at the September or November SPAC meeting.

Carried

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. Heart in the City Awards

Staff noted that every three years, the City of Surrey hosts the City Awards and the SPAC was requested to review the applications for the Heart of the City Award.

The SPAC discussed the nominations in-camera.

2. SPAC Planning - Members' Interests & Ideas

The Committee engaged in a planning exercise facilitated by staff. The notes will be compiled by staff and reported on at the September 6 meeting.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. UBCM Resolution B47: Poverty Reduction Strategy for BC

Staff noted that the resolution was passed at the Union of BC Municipalities conference.

2. Digital Equality Donations Update

The Committee expressed appreciation to staff for getting the City of Surrey's used equipment donated to the groups the City works with. It was noted reported that one barrier identified with this initiatives is a \$50 fee for unlocking cell phones. Councillor LeFranc questioned if there was a way to work around this \$50 charge in the interim.

3. Moving Forward: Priming for Accelerated Change – 2016-2017 Our Year in Review, Local Immigration Partnership

This report is included in the SPAC package and outlines the work Surrey has done at the Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) table and with community engagement.

It was

Moved by A. Begalka Seconded by Councillor LeFranc

That the Social Policy Advisory Committee receives the

Information Items.

Carried

H. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Member Updates

- Aimee Begalka: World University Service of Canada (WUSC) is an organization that assists with bringing students (as refugees) to Canada to attend post-secondary institutions in Canada. This settlement service provided also enables students to attend university. KPU intends to bring over its first student in September, 2018.
- Michelle Shaw: Through the Surrey Vulnerable Women's and Girls Working Group, a proposal was submitted to HPP (Homeless Partnering Project) to conduct research and come together with service providers and vulnerable women and girls to talk about developing a housing model that works provincially. This is geared to at risk youth and domestic violence, and sexually exploited girls.
- Yvette Guo: Parks Canada has a "learn to camp" program which engages newcomers
 to Canada and teaches various basic skills in camping. Three workshops are provided
 that address various basic skills in camping; setting up a tent, building a fire. Great to
 initiating the workshop series. If you know of a non-profit that works with
 populations that might be interested in camping this is a great partnership to explore
 with Parks Canada.
- Councillor LeFranc: The Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association will be hosting a fundraiser on November 18, 2017 titled, "Guiding Youth Home". This event is to fundraise for youth housing. Staff will send out the details to the SPAC. The New Westminster District Labour Council will be hosting its Labour Day event at Holland Park. The Social Innovation Summit is scheduled for November 15th. Doug Saunders, author of "Arrival City" featured Surrey in the book and is the keynote speaker at the summit.
- Reminder of upcoming summer events: Surrey Museum (Metis event) on July 29 and the Fusion Festival at Holland Park on July 22/23 with Nelly Furtado performing on Saturday night.

2. **2017 SPAC Fun Schedule** – Review of agenda for September meeting

- Steve Dooley, C2U Expo Community Jam
- BCANDS
- The Committee suggested that Fraser Health be invited to the November SPAC meeting to provide an update on the safe consumption site in Surrey.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Social Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for <u>September 6</u>, <u>2017</u> in 1E Committee Room B.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by M. Shaw Seconded by V. LeFranc

That the Social Policy Advisory Committee meeting

do now adjourn.

Carried

The Social Policy Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor J. Villeneuve Social Policy Advisory Committee