



MINUTES
NANAIMO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, 2015-SEP-16 AT 4:30 PM
BOARD ROOM, SARC, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Lumley,
Aakash Pawar - Chair
Bri Odgers

Kent MacDonald
Coleman Kaps
Kennedy Barbossa

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tali Campbell
Samantha Bishop
Mackenzie Cumberland
Malcom Beaton
Claudia Thompson
Madeline Shred
Cassidy Sanford

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry Hong, Councillor
John Horn, Social Planner

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda and Late Items

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the September 02th, 2015 meeting were adopted.

4. Old Business

1. TEENFEST;

This Saturday, September 19th Teenfest at Maffeo Sutton park. NYAC to do an interactive booth; "How can we make Nanaimo a place we all love?"

Provide a prize; members suggested a \$50 prepaid Visa. Also suggested that the booth has some small chocolate bars to hand out to encourage participation

Prize winner to be announced via Facebook site so as to drive traffic there

Also need Post it notes for the booth and a batch of NYAC application forms – John H to provide.

Motion; That up to \$100 be provided from NYAC funds for chocolate, post its, Visa card.

Moved; Sarah, Seconded; Kennedy, all in favour, motion passed

2. Snuneymexw First nation

- Sarah L and Jerry H and John H attended a meeting of SFN Chief and Council on September 15th to seek SFN youth members for NYAC (Nanaimo City Council modified the NYAC Terms of Reference to include two seats for SFN youth) – a positive response from Chief and Council
- Youth Council invited to hold their meeting in the SFN facility where Chief and Council meet. Discussion on the need for NYAC to have their own process's "polished" a bit more before taking it to an SFN setting
- Aakash to follow up and contact the Education Coordinator at SFN; Nancy Seward.

3. Nicol Street / My Street

- Sunday September 20 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Nicol street reduced to two lanes and art exhibits etc on sidewalks. NYAC members may attend. NYAC staff will.

5. New Business

- 1) Previous meeting discussed formalizing roles within NYAC. Nominations and voting took place for those roles as follows;
 - Chair – Samantha Bishop
 - Vice Chair – Aakash Parwar
 - Media relations – Kennedy Barbossa and Bri Odgers
 - Secretary – no nominations so on hold till next meeting
 - Council observer – Tai Campbell
- 2) NYAC Gmail account – has been forwarded to John Horn who will keep an eye on it.
- 3) Vacancies ; Currently NYAC has two vacancies and one appointed new member. John to contact Legislative Services and ensure that the ad reflects two vacancies. Three members of NYAC have resigned to attend school in other cities and other reasons; Claudia Thompson, Madeline Shred and Coleman Kaps. Sarah Lumley advised that she will be in NZ for several months, returning Nov 20, and will miss some meetings.
- 4) City Council has appointed one new member in their in-camera session; Michael Ribicic; his appointment will be brought into an open session of Council and the he will be able to join the group.
- 5) Food at meetings – group voted to discontinue the practice of food being provided at meetings
- 6) Roberts Rules of Order – request to have staff from Leg services attend and speak to Roberts Rules for committee procedures etc on October 28th NYAC meeting. John H to arrange.
- 7) **Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Next meeting – **Wednesday, September 30 at 4:30 at 411 Dunsmuir Street**