



**MINUTES**  
**NANAIMO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
WEDNESDAY, 2015-JUNE-10 AT 4:30 PM  
BOARD ROOM, SARC, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sarah Lumley  
Claudia Thompson  
Coleman Kaps  
Aakash Pawar  
Madeline Shred  
Kent MacDonald  
Bri Odgers

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Malcom Beaton  
Cassidy Sanford  
Samantha Bishop  
Mackenzie Cumberland

**STAFF PRESENT:**

John Horn, Social Planner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Councillor Hong

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda and Late Items**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

The minutes of the May 27th , 2015 meeting were adopted.

Old Business

Discussion of chairing; **Aakash agreed to be the chair in September**, Councilor Hong will chair tonight's meeting.

Report out from Councillor Hong; met with Edmonton youth council while there for City business. Edmonton Youth Council has 3 components;

- City Hall School – an elementary school set up within the City hall building where the academic subjects are framed as municipal issues – kids attend for a week and the regular teachers teach and, for example, math is taught by analyzing the City budget, geography by making a map of the city etc.
- The Edmonton Youth Advisory Council has 16 members, 13 – 23 years old and has a \$40,000 budget

- “next gen” committee is 18-40 year olds – 16 members, 40 volunteers, 1 staff coordinator and a \$40,000 budget
- The youth council elects a youth poet laureate

### **Slide the City event ;**

Discussion about extending the street closure to Dianan Krall plaza in addition to the current street closure proposed by the applicants, maybe the Krall space would host activities aimed at a more mature audience?

Claudia mentioned some difficulties in connecting with Jane Vinet of the DNBIA, John to connect and book the events kit for the slide event

Sam to follow up on the question of closing the street and she will also go to the farmers market to see if she can identify vendors for the event

John to ask Jane of DNBIA for a list of vendors

Sam looking for suggestions for a name for the NYAC event – Swimfest?

Claudia will convene meetings of the Slide subcommittee as needed through the summer

### New Business:

SFN discussion; should we invite Snuneymeuxw to participate in NYAC : i.e to appoint two members ? **Motion to request SFN appoint 2 youth to Youth Advisory Council – Sam moved, Sara seconded – all in favour – motion passed**

Providing Council with an update re; members resigning and now NYAC has some vacancies – **John to submit report from the Youth Council to City Council**

Discussion of attendance – we have approximately 20 meetings per year – how many is it reasonable to miss? **Motion that missing 3 meetings in a row warrants a letter from the chair and 4 in a row warrants a vote by the Council on suspending the member.** Sarah moved, Kent seconded, all in favour, motion passed

Based on the above Youth Council would like to send an email to Tali Campbell and Cassidy Sanford advising of policy – chair to send and that is Aakash

Aboriginal day June 21 12:00 – 8:00 with entertainment all day – NYAC members will come and support – Jerry to post on Facebook

**The Youth Council will look at roles in September** – some suggested ;

Digital media role

Connector to other groups

Council watcher

**Delegation to Council – September 21** – John to fill in request for delegation on behalf of NYAC for that date

**Madleine Shred and Coleman Kaps tendered their resignation** – are off to Univeristy in the fall

**Next meeting September 2 and then September 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30**

\*\*Conflict with Heritage Commission for use of the SARC boardroom on September 2<sup>nd</sup> so group can meet upstairs in meeting room on second floor as we have in the past - John H will be away so Councillor Hong will need to facilitate access to the upstairs