



MINUTES
NANAIMO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, 2015-JAN-07 AT 4:30 PM
BOARD ROOM, SARC, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Lumley, Chair
Claudia Thompson
Aakash Pawar
Malcom Beaton

Kent MacDonald
Bri Odgers
Samantha Bishop

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mackenzie Cumberland
Madeline Shred

STAFF PRESENT:

John Horn, Social Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: None

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 December 8th, 2014 meeting were adopted.

4. Old Business

1. Legislature Visit

Discussion of whether to visit Legislature in March. March 5 - 12th as possible dates, will confirm at next meeting.

2. NYAC Activities

Sarah handed out the front page of the Victoria Youth Council Group. NYAC wants to connect with them when we go to Victoria. Sarah to email the Chair of the Victoria Youth Council to initiate a conversation.

3. Council Report Re: Vacancy on NYAC

NYAC is requesting that Nanaimo City Council appoint a Member to replace Alex Cheung who has been unable to attend. NYAC also requests that Council appoint a City Council Member to NYAC. Staff will bring these recommendations forward to Council and then

report back to NYAC.

4. T-Shirts

All members will bring cleaned NYAC t-shirts for additional logo.

5. Christmas Dinner

In lieu of Christmas dinner, NYAC will go to Victoria for lunch.

6. Website

The website will need a photo and some information which the group will provide to John H.

5. New Business

1) Future Events

Discussion generated about what NYAC would like to do. Answers included engaging with the Multicultural Society. NYAC could also be involved in the Welcoming Ceremony that the City puts on. In addition, NYAC could go to various schools and present to classes, maybe with student councils. The goal of meeting with students is to represent, engage and inform. This would be during the school day which could be problematic, perhaps we should invite them to our meetings? Maybe just the executive or district council? NYAC could also be guest speakers at Cadet meetings.

2) Leaders in Training and Quest

Bri has contacted Leaders in Training and Quest. The program ends in March and begins in June.

3) Volunteering Opportunities

Members identified areas where NYAC might volunteer or participate in community based activities; Foodshare, Foodbank, Urban Clean-Up, Community Gardens, farm help, Youth Safe House, Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre Family Nights, speaker series, CDC, Little Libraries, graffiti cleanu. .

4) Facebook

Message on Facebook page from Zane Prodal re: food systems

Sarah L, the Chairperson, left at 5:30 p.m.

5) NYAC Interests

Members were asked to identify which areas they would be interested in. This included, the Criminal Justice System, energy systems, music, City Planning and arts and culture.

Next meeting – **Wednesday, January 21st at 4:30 at 411 Dunsmuir Street**