



**MINUTES**  
**SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2013-APR-02, 4:45 PM**  
**BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Terre Flower, Chair  
Bill Anderson  
Diane Brennan  
Helena Green  
Ralph Meyerhoff  
Angelika Valchar

Val Alcock-Carter  
Suzanne Andre  
Elizabeth Forrester  
Linda McCandless  
Dot Neary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

George Anderson

Jan Tatlock, ex officio

**STAFF PRESENT:**

John Horn, Social Planner

Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm, acknowledging that it was being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- a) Copy of letter from Joy Dube to the Mayor and Council, and petition requesting the province and municipality work together to launch a poverty reduction plan.
- b) Community Service Grant Applications from:
  - Nanaimo Disability Resource Centre(2);
  - Nanaimo Foodshare;
  - Bethlehem Retreat Centre; and
  - Nanaimo Citizen Advocacy Association.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes from 2013-Mar-05 be adopted. The motion was carried.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5. DELEGATIONS

## 6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

J. Horn noted that the Committee's strategic priorities for the next 12 months are food infrastructure, social exclusion, and poverty.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee received the following:

- a) Letter dated 2013-Mar-25 from Nanaimo Community Kitchens giving an update on their 'Cooking Basics' program.
- b) Copy of letter dated 2013-Feb-01 from Joy Dube to the Mayor and Council, and petition requesting the province and municipality work together to launch a poverty reduction plan.

It was moved and seconded to recommend that the City of Nanaimo request the provincial government to support a comprehensive and accountable poverty reduction plan with targets and timelines aimed at eliminating child poverty in B.C.

D. Brennan noted that B.C. is one of the few provinces that does not have a poverty reduction plan. There is a national movement for all provinces to have one which would look at increasing income assistance rates, make efforts to subsidize rent, and build affordable housing.

The motion carried.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) 2013 Community Service Grants – The Committee reviewed applications received for the first grant round of 2013.

Because of a perceived conflict of interest, B. Anderson left the meeting room when the Nanaimo Region John Howard grant application was discussed, E. Forrester left the meeting room when the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church application was discussed, and Linda McCandless left the meeting room when the Tillicum Lelum application was discussed.

It was moved and seconded that the following grant allocations be recommended to City Council:

Applicant	Funds to be Used For	Amount Requested \$	Amount Recommended \$
Columbian Centre Society	Neighbours Being Neighbours Summer Community Gathering	2,500	2,500
Nanaimo Women's Resources Society	Go Girl Program	3,000	3,000
Nanaimo Disability Resource Centre	To purchase JAWS computer software for	1,400	1,400

	blind computer users		
The Salvation Army	Lunch Program	1,000	1,000
Nanaimo Region John Howard Society	Community Dental Program (CODE)	2,000	2,000
Nanaimo Citizen Advocacy Association	Outreach Program	6,250	1,350
Mid Island Metis Nation	Replace office equipment	1,250	1,250
Nanaimo Disability Resource Centre	Computer and Technology Training Program	1,500	0
Altrusa Club of Nanaimo	Gateway to Employment Program & Power for Youth Program	4,000	0
Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society	Community Cooking Groups	3,000	0
Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre	Clothing Program & Supervised Access Program	5,000	0
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church	Community Lunch Program	2,500	0
Nanaimo Family Life Association	Seniors Peer Counselling, Seniors Wellness Group & Grey Matters Workshops	3,000	0
Mid Island Abilities & Independent Living Society	Operating Expenses	10,000	0
BC Old Age Pensioners Br.#4	Renovations	80,000	0
Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre	Purchase of transit passes	4,200	0
Bethlehem Retreat Centre	Improvements to Labyrinth	1,800	0
Nanaimo Foodshare Society	Operating Expenses	10,000	0
People for a Healthy Community Gabriola Island	Aging Well Workshop Series	2,000	0
People for a Healthy Community Gabriola Island	Affordable Housing Initiative	2,500	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>146,900</b>	<b>12,500</b>

The motion was carried.

J. Horn will contact BC Old Age Pensioners Branch #4 regarding their intention to sell some of their property to see if they require assistance.

It was moved and seconded that the Committee proceed "In Camera" pursuant to Section 90(1)(b) of the Community Charter to discuss award nominations for the 2013 Social Development Awards program. The motion was carried.

The regular meeting resumed.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Draft MOU – Tillicum Lelum/City of Nanaimo – Deferred to next meeting.
- b) Food Strategy Workshop Update – Deferred to next meeting.

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL UPDATE / INFO ITEMS

- a) Information re Provincial Liquor License Policy Changes – Deferred to next meeting.
- b) Grants Advisory Committee - No report..
- c) Safer Nanaimo Advisory Committee - No report.
- d) Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness - No report.
- e) City Council Meetings (March 11, March 25) - No reports.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, 2013-May-07.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.