

SAFER NANAIMO WORKING GROUP MEETING
2012-MAY-02

PRESENT:

Councillor Fred Pattje, Chair
Councillor Jim Kipp
Councillor Diane Brennan
Randy Churchill, Bylaw Services
John Horn, Community Planning
Tom Hickey, Community Services
Bill Carter, DNBIA
Chris Beaton, Tillicum Lelum
Dave LaBerge, RCMP
Jeff Ritchie, Parks
Gail Honeyman, Recording Secretary

There will now be a Council advisory committee and a working group. The committee will have three Councillors, two "at large" members, and a representative from the RCMP, VIHA, DNBIA, and Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness. The working group will be chaired by City staff and will have representatives from City departments, RCMP, DNBIA, Snuneymuxw First Nations, Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness and VIHA. The working group will report to the Safer Nanaimo Advisory Committee (SNAC) who will forward matters to Council. SNAC may also bring matters forward to the Safer Nanaimo Working Group (SNWG).

Legislative Services will advertise for applications for the "at large" positions on the advisory committee. The applications will be reviewed and members selected.

The SNAC meetings must be held in locations which are accessible to everyone. Some of the suggestions were Bowen Complex, Nanaimo Ice Centre, Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, and Rotary Fieldhouse. It was decided that meeting locations would be chosen by staff.

SNAC meetings will be held quarterly. It was proposed that two meetings be held during the day and two in the evening.

The SNWG will continue to meet in the City Hall Board Room. Meetings will be called as required.

The Wesley Street housing project is close to completion. This will be the first big opening. The neighbourhood will be kept informed. Tenant selection will likely be done in the summer. It is important that the Good Neighbour Agreement be supported.

There will be approximately 120 housing units in total for Nanaimo. Open houses have been held regarding the Uplands project. There were attended by an average of 60 people at each meeting.

There have been no issues with the Tenth Street facility which has been open for some time.

At present, there are few public washrooms downtown. Staff is working with the RCMP and DNBIA to establish washrooms in the downtown area. There will be a pilot project using portable toilets. Locations are being identified.

Cpl. LaBerge gave a presentation on the Street Workers Safety Initiative.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.