



**MINUTES**  
**SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD TUES., 2011-DEC-06, 4:45 PM**  
**BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, 455 WALLACE STREET**

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**PRESENT:**

Zeni Maartman, Chair  
Bev Barton  
Elizabeth Forrester  
Judy Lekisch  
Ralph Meyerhoff

Val Alcock-Carter  
Terre Flower  
Jim Kipp  
Linda McCandless  
John Neville

**REGRETS:**

Janet Cowling

Sharon Welch

**STAFF:**

John Horn, Social Planner

Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

**OTHERS:**

Geri Sera, Executive Director, Nanaimo Addiction Foundation

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by R. Meyerhoff, SECONDED by J. Kipp that the Minutes from 2011-Nov-01 be adopted as presented. CARRIED

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

5. DELEGATIONS

- a) Geri Sera, Executive Director, Nanaimo Addiction Foundation (NAF) expressed appreciation for the City's merging of Social Development funds (\$30,000) with NAF funds (\$30,000) to provide grants for substance abuse treatment. A sub-committee consisting of Jean-Paul Guy and Geri Sera from NAF, and Elizabeth Forrester and John Horn from SPAC reviewed Healthy Community grant applications prior to the SPAC meeting, and recommend the following allocations:

Applicant	Amount Recommended	Reason for Denial
AVI Enterprises	0	Monies requested were primarily sought to enhance the agency's profile and to promote the agency's services. There was a weak link to the proposal call – funds were to be directed to treatment.
Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre	0	Lacks historical connections and relationships with the target population and the proposal did not speak to how the high risk/target population would be invited for treatment services. Information about partnerships with other agencies that do serve that high risk group was sought, but no information was provided.
Nanaimo Region John Howard Society	\$20,000	
Nanaimo Women's Resources Society	\$20,000	
Shore Counselling Society	0	Does not currently engage or specifically invite the grant's target population, and does not speak to ameliorating high-risk offending behaviours.
Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre	\$20,000	

G. Sera noted that NAF has the capability to partner with the City on grants for the next five years (i.e. \$30,000 each year). The criterion for their next round of grants will be 'prevention' related to substance abuse, if SPAC would like to consider partnering again.

She also advised that NAF and the John Howard Society have partnered to host the National Therapeutic Community symposium at the Conference Centre in Nanaimo on March 5-8, 2012. (The City is a sponsor, so SPAC members may be able to utilize some of the registrations included in the sponsorship.)

The Chair thanked the sub-committee for their recommendations.

MOVED by J. Kipp, SECONDED by R. Meyerhoff to receive the delegation. CARRIED.

G. Sera was thanked for her presentation and she left the meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### a) 2012 Healthy Community Grants

MOVED by J. Neville, SECONDED by V. Alcock-Carter to recommend that Council endorse the sub-committee's recommendations regarding 2012 Healthy Community grant allocations. CARRIED.

### b) 2012 Social Development Grants

The Committee discussed the following grant applications:

Applicant	Funding Requested	Program
Altrusa International of Nanaimo	\$5,000	Gateway to Employment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Re-entry</li> <li>• Power for Youth</li> </ul>
Chase River Elementary School PAC	\$2,000	Educational Tutoring Sessions
Brechin Elementary School PAC	\$2,000	School Community Garden
Uplands Park Elementary School PAC	\$6,000	Families Supporting Families
Georgia Avenue Community School PAC	\$2,500	Breakfast and Clothing Project
Nanaimo Region John Howard Society	\$2,000	Storybook Project
Nanaimo District Secondary School PAC	\$4,050	Food for Thought
Nanaimo & Region Independent Living Resource Centre Association	\$4,350	Basic Computer Skills Course and Internet Skills Course
Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre	\$3,500	Adult Student Support

Some of the Committee's comments on the applications were:

- Surprised that Altrusa is not a registered non-profit as they are an international organization.
- Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation advised they would be willing to disburse funds to PAC's that are not registered non-profits.
- If we are allowing PAC's who are not non-profits to submit applications, then we should allow the others as well in this round to be consistent. Volunteer Nanaimo could be asked to disburse funds to organizations other than PAC's who are not non-profits.
- The Altrusa application does not have an evaluation plan.
- Don't think we should be worried about Provincial downloading if there is a need in the community that needs to be filled.
- The PAC's know what is needed at their schools.
- If a school uses grant funds to pay for library books, they should become part of their community's assets, and not just go into their Library.
- Paying a tutor is not the intent of this grant. \$60 per hour is high (not good value for the money), and how would students be chosen to receive the tutoring? Suggest they consider peer tutoring, i.e. more volunteer hours.
- The other applications from the PAC's offered better leverage.
- Maybe SPAC should do more hands-on partnering with other organizations such as the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation.

MOVED by R. Meyerhoff, SECONDED by B. Barton to recommend that no funding be allocated to Chase River Elementary School PAC. CARRIED.

MOVED by J. Neville, SECONDED by E. Forrester to recommend that \$4,000 be allocated to Uplands Park Elementary School PAC. CARRIED.

MOVED by J. Neville, SECONDED by J. Lekisch to recommend that \$2,000 be allocated to Brechin Elementary School PAC. CARRIED.

MOVED by J. Kipp, SECONDED by V. Alcock-Carter that \$2,500 be allocated to Georgia Avenue Community School PAC, and that \$4,050 be allocated to Nanaimo District Secondary School PAC. CARRIED.

MOVED by J. Kipp, SECONDED by V. Alcock-Carter that \$4,000 be allocated to Altrusa International of Nanaimo, and that they be requested to provide the 'Project Evaluation' requested in the application form. CARRIED.

J. Neville advised that he would be willing to give Altrusa advice on how to do an evaluation.

MOVED by J. Kipp, SECONDED by R. Meyerhoff to recommend that Nanaimo & Region Independent Living Resource Centre Association be allocated a grant in the amount of \$4,350, and that the Nanaimo Region John Howard Society be allocated a grant in the amount of \$2,000. CARRIED. (J. Neville abstained from voting.)

MOVED by V. Alcock-Carter, SECONDED by T. Flower to recommend that Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre be allocated a grant in the amount of \$3,500. CARRIED. (L. McCandless abstained from voting.)

MOVED by V. Alcock-Carter, SECONDED by T. Flower that the Nanaimo Region John Howard Society's grant amount being recommended be increased by \$1,600, that the Nanaimo & Region Independent Living Resource Centre Association's grant amount being recommended be increased by \$1,000, and that the Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre's grant amount being recommended be increased by \$1,000. CARRIED. (J. Neville and L. McCandless abstained from voting.)

8. OLD BUSINESS

a) Revised Social Status

This item was deferred to the February meeting.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL UPDATE / INFO ITEMS

a) PNAC - R. Meyerhoff advised that at the November meeting of PNAC, outgoing Chair Bill Holdom was thanked for his tenure on PNAC. Also, applications received in the new OCP amendment application round were received.

b) Grants Advisory Committee – No report.

c) Safer Nanaimo Working Group - J. Horn advised that when the Mayor makes his appointments of Councillors to committees, that will determine whether the Group will continue on.

d) Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness – No report.

e) Council Updates – No report.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

a) Convening of Social Service Providers regarding Grants

The Committee discussed inviting organizations who had previously received grants through SPAC, as well as any other interested social service providers, to a workshop sometime before the end of March (which will be the end of the present committee members' terms.). Agencies could be asked to determine what their priorities are for the next five years, whether any changes are required to the grant application forms, how SPAC could articulate the criterion better, and whether allocation of Community Service Grants should be made in one allocation or two. Providing training on the logic model could also be discussed.

E. Forrester, T. Flower and R. Meyerhoff volunteered to assist in organizing the workshop.

b) Convening of Emergency Food Group

J. Horn advised that the groups involved in the original emergency food group have been invited to a meeting on January 12 at 11 a.m. in the City Hall Board Room to discuss their accomplishments, and their present priorities.

A suggestion was made that John contact the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation to find out what is being provided in Nanaimo's schools with respect to food. It was also suggested that the Schools Foundation be invited again to a SPAC meeting in the new year.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, 2012-Jan-03.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.