



**MINUTES**  
**SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2009-JUL-07**  
**BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL**

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**PRESENT:**

Jim Kipp, Chair  
Bev Barton  
Elizabeth Forrester  
Zeni Maartman  
John Neville  
Sharon Welch

Val Alcock-Carter  
Janet Cowling  
Judy Lekisch  
Ralph Meyerhoff  
Jane Templeman

**REGRETS:**

Adam Evans

**STAFF:**

John Horn, Social Planner

Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS & AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by R. Meyerhoff that the Minutes from 2009-Jun-02 be adopted. CARRIED.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

J. Horn advised that a letter of support from SPAC for the 'Enterprising Women' initiative, as requested by SPAC at their June meeting, was given to Ms. Page.

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter dated 2009-Jun-08 from the Central V.I. Crisis Society requesting a grant from the City of Nanaimo.

The Committee discussed what action to take with the application as it falls between Community Service and Social Development grant rounds. They went on to discuss criteria for the next round of Community Service grants prior to making a recommendation regarding the letter.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### a) Determine Criteria for September Round of Community Service Grant Applications

The Committee discussed whether they wanted to focus on emergency response to pressing conditions, or on something that builds capacity in order to assist people to remove themselves from their current situation.

It was decided to revisit the six goals of the Social Development Strategy.

MOVED by V. Alcock-Carter, SECONDED by S. Welch that the criteria for the September 2009 round of Community Service Grants be based on Goal 3 from the SDS:  
"To create a healthy community, which optimizes community and family support systems and individual capacities, by way of health promotion and a combination of early intervention, prevention, supportive and treatment services."

CARRIED.

MOVED by J. Cowling, SECONDED by S. Welch that a letter be sent to the Crisis Society thanking them for their letter and grant application and advising that the application will be considered in the next review of Community Service grant applications. CARRIED.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

### a) Reallocation of 2009 Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre Social Development Grant Funds

J. Horn presented options on how the funds being returned from the Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre could be used to address food issues in the community.

He gave an overview of the 'Food4U' initiative being proposed by a food planning group comprised of a number of organizations from the voluntary sector in Nanaimo. The initiative is for 12 weeks and will develop several new food distribution points in the city where individuals and families can receive a bag of groceries once a week to supplement their food supply. A part-time driver will be hired to deliver the food from Loaves & Fishes to the distribution points, and financial support will be provided to the food distributors to enhance the purchase of locally grown or produced food. After three months, Loaves & Fishes will still provide the basic food bags, and if the food distributors are agreeable to continuing on with the project, it is anticipated that they will provide the fresh, local produce for the bags. Loaves & Fishes is the applicant and will receive the grant monies if approved.

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by S. Welch that SPAC recommend that Council reallocate \$15,000 from the 2009 Social Development Grant fund to Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank for the Food4U project. CARRIED.

It was suggested that Loaves & Fishes be requested to provide Council with a follow-up report on the initiative following the 12-week timeframe in order to keep Council apprised of this important issue.

## 9. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL MONITORING / INFO ITEMS

- a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee – R. Meyerhoff reported that at the June PNAC meeting, J. Horn's presentation on neighbourhood statistics was well received by the committee and developers in attendance. Also discussed at that meeting were proposed rezonings on E. Wellington Road, Metral Drive and Dumont Road.
- b) Grants Advisory Committee – J. Neville advised that the committee had not met since his last report.
- c) Council Monitoring

*June 15* – J. Templeman reported:

- Dale Lindsay, Manager of Planning presented information on the Planning Department's Google Maps Project: 3D Modelling of the Downtown Core.
- Students from John Barsby Community School gave a presentation on renaming a street to commemorate those who have been affected by family violence.
- Council made a decision ensuring that cats will be euthanized by lethal injection rather than by CO2 gassing.
- The week of July 13-19 was declared 'Nanaimo Child Development Centre Silly Boat Regatta Week'.
- Council approved starting 2010 budget deliberations in the summer of 2009.
- Council unanimously agreed to waive 50% of DCC's for Haven Society's new building.

*June 29* – E. Forrester advised that as well as discussion regarding the 'Pickle Boats' in the harbour, changes to Maffeo-Sutton Park were also noted; in particular the distance people now have to walk with their gear before boarding the boats.

## 10. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) J. Horn advised that the affordable housing project at the corner of Bowen/Meredith Roads will be having its official opening on 2009-Jul-27 at 3:00 pm, and that SPAC members are invited to attend.
- b) A suggestion was made that when SPAC considers liquor applications in the future, that Council be apprised of their discussion rather than just the motion, otherwise their capacity to advise is lost.

## 11. STRATEGIC PLANNING

- a) A concern was raised about the relationship between VIHA and the City, and whether there was a role for SPAC, as an advisory committee to Council, to be proactive around some of the issues. Some comments by the Committee were:
  - Council is concerned about VIHA not contacting them about issues.
  - Separation between the different levels of government is demoralizing to groups.
  - VIHA does not have an avenue in place to share information with the City.
  - VIHA has gaps between developing and operationalizing.
  - SPAC needs to inform VIHA about the City's Social Development Strategy and ask how they plan on implementing the Strategy's goals.
  - SPAC needs to become more mainstream.

- SPAC should consider submitting a monthly column in the newspapers.

MOVED by E. Forrester, SECONDED by J. Cowling that a representative from VIHA Mental Health and Addictions be invited to attend the October meeting of SPAC in order for SPAC to advise them of the City's social planning goals, and to ask how they fit with VIHA's long-term planning. CARRIED.

## 12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2009-Sep-01 at 4:45 pm in the City Hall Board Room.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

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Chair

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2009-Sep-01

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