

**MINUTES**  
**SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, 2008-OCT-08, BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL**

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**Present:** Diane Brennan, Chair  
Andrea Bonkowski  
Adam Evans  
Lynne Fraser  
Ralph Meyerhoff

Bev Barton  
Val Alcock-Carter  
Elizabeth Forrester  
Diana Johnstone  
Kathy Torhjem

**Staff:** John Horn, Social Planner  
Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:** Amrit Lally  
Zeni Maartman

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- Email dated 2008-Sep-30 from Carolyn Iles thanking SPAC for supporting their recent Community Service grant application.
- Letter dated 2008-Jul-04 from the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association thanking the City for their recent Community Service grant, and providing an update on how the funds were used.
- Letter dated 2008-Oct-06 from Nanaimo Community Kitchens thanking the City for the Community Service grant they received in 2007, and providing a follow-up report on the project.
- Report entitled 'Continuing and Shifting Patterns in Nanaimo's Homeless Population: Based on the September 2008 Homeless Count'.
- Notice re 'Streets to Homes' presentation to be held 2008-Oct-16 at V.I. Conference Centre.
- Referral from City Council "That the issue of setting a housing allowance rate for monthly rental in any upcoming sample housing agreement be referred to the Social Planning Advisory Committee and to Staff, in relation to affordable housing".

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by E. Forrester, SECONDED by L. Fraser that the Committee homologate the action taken by J. Horn with regard to the Community Service grant application from Nanaimo Community Kitchens. CARRIED.

MOVED by R. Meyerhoff, SECONDED by E. Forrester that the Minutes from 2008-Sep-10 be adopted. CARRIED.

The following is the amended table that was submitted to Council on 2008-Sep-29 with the Nanaimo Community Kitchens application included, and the other grant amounts amended.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society	Low Cost Cooking for Health Program.	\$5,000	\$3,500
Nanaimo Foodshare Society	Kids Get Cooking & Gardening program (for children between the ages of 5-12 at Fairview School).	\$5,000	\$3,500
Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre	Centre's after school nutrition break.	\$3,600	\$3,500
Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank	Distributing ½ dozen eggs (local from the V.I.) once a month to all adult clients.	\$5,000	\$3,500
Harewood Neighbourhood Assoc./Harewood Family of Community Schools	Kids Can Cook program (for children between the ages of 9-11 at either Fairview or Georgia Avenue schools).	\$600	\$550
United Way Central & Northern V.I.	Supplement the cost of putting up the United Way banner during campaign time.	\$149.70	0
Tetra Society	To create custom assistive devices for people with disabilities.	\$5,000	0
Clay Tree Society	To assist with their Christmas party.	\$2,000	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$26,349.70</b>	<b>\$14,550.00</b>

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Email dated 2008-Sep-30 from Carolyn Iles thanking SPAC for supporting their recent Community Service grant application.
- b) Letter dated 2008-Jul-04 from the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association thanking the City for their recent Community Service grant, and providing an update on how the funds were used.
- c) Letter dated 2008-Oct-06 from Nanaimo Community Kitchens thanking the City for the Community Service grant they received in 2007, and providing a follow-up report on the project.

MOVED by D. Johnstone, SECONDED by A. Evans that the correspondence from C. Iles, Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association, and Nanaimo Community Kitchens be received. CARRIED.

#### 5. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None.

## 6. DELEGATIONS

None.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Determine criteria for 2009 Social Development grants program.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion on what they wanted to address with regard to this round of Social Development grants. They had previously decided that the criteria the Committee would use to choose projects for funding would be whether they are 'hot spots' or had 'Social Development Strategy focus'.

MOVED by E. Forrester, SECONDED by K. Torhjem that the criteria to be eligible for a 2009 Social Development grant be: "Projects that will improve the probability of success of sex-trade workers attempting to leave the industry." CARRIED.

MOVED by D. Johnstone, SECONDED by A. Bonkowski that the following timeline be followed for the grant program:

Advertise:	Week of October 13 to October 17
Letter of Intent Deadline:	4:30 pm, Friday, November 7
SPAC Review:	November 12
Full Application Deadline:	noon, Monday, December 8
SPAC Review:	December 10
Deadline for Report to Council:	Tuesday, January 6
Council Meeting:	Monday, January 12

CARRIED.

- b) Report entitled 'Continuing and Shifting Patterns in Nanaimo's Homeless Population: Based on the September 2008 Homeless Count'.

MOVED by A. Evans, SECONDED by V. Alcock-Carter that the Report be received. CARRIED.

J. Horn explained the composition of the Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness which includes representatives from the three levels of government, and various social agencies. The group meets once per month at City Hall in order to implement the Federal National Homelessness Initiative. As well as assuring everyone is "on the same page", they also have a data gathering function which includes the homeless census.

- c) Referral from City Council "That the issue of setting a housing allowance rate for monthly rental in any upcoming sample housing agreement be referred to the Social Planning Advisory Committee and to Staff, in relation to affordable housing".

J. Horn spoke about the function and importance of housing agreements, in particular the proposed use of housing agreements for rooming houses of more than 10 rooms.

MOVED by L. Fraser, SECONDED by R. Meyerhoff that staff draft a response to City Council that SPAC agrees with housing agreements but do not find it appropriate to set rental limits. CARRIED.

#### 8. ISSUES ARISING OUT OF NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### 9. COMMITTEE UPDATES / INFO ITEMS

- a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee - No report.
- b) Grants Advisory Committee - L. Fraser reported that a meeting was held in September dealing with tax exemptions.
- c) Council Monitoring - D. Brennan advised that the two significant items considered at the September 8 & 29 Council meetings were adoption of the new OCP (planNanaimo), and adoption of the bylaw amending the new OCP to include a Resort designation and allowing it on Cable Bay lands.
- d) SAFER Nanaimo - D. Johnstone congratulated Diane and John on SAFER Nanaimo (Committee) recently receiving a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Award from the Solicitor General. The award was for SAFER Nanaimo's work with the homeless, addicted and mentally ill. The Province was particularly impressed with the integration and services put together in order to develop a plan that didn't just rely on security measures, but also looked at social issues. The award will be housed in the new Community Police Station to be located on Victoria Crescent.
- e) Notice re 'Streets to Homes' presentation to be held 2008-Oct-16 at V.I. Conference Centre. It was noted that the presentation panel will consist of Iain de Jong, Manager of the Streets to Homes Program in Toronto, Peter Birze, Diane Brennan and John Horn.

#### 10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

#### 11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2008-Nov-12.

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.