

**MINUTES**  
**SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, 2008-SEP-10, BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL**

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**Present:** Diane Brennan, Chair  
Andrea Bonkowski  
Elizabeth Forrester  
Diana Johnstone  
Bev Barton  
Val Alcock-Carter  
Lynne Fraser  
Ralph Meyerhoff

**Staff:** John Horn, Social Planner  
Sheila Herrera, Planner, Current Planning  
Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:** Adam Evans  
Zeni Maartman  
Amrit Lally  
Kathy Torhjem

**Guests:** Gord Fuller, Co-Chair, Nanaimo 7-10 Club Society  
Brandon Crema, Shape Properties (Nanaimo) Corporation

1. CALL TO ORDER  
The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
The agenda was approved as presented.
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES  
MOVED by R. Meyerhoff, SECONDED by V. Alcock-Carter that the Minutes from 2008-Jun-11 be adopted. CARRIED.
4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES:  
None.
5. DELEGATIONS  
A report dated July 2008 from the Nanaimo 7-10 Club Society entitled 'Location Search Report' was distributed, and Gord Fuller, Co-chair of the Society spoke on this topic and also answered questions from the Committee:
  - Are still operating out of the Community Services Building, but have been actively searching for a new location.
  - There is no kitchen at this location so they are unable to provide a hot breakfast.
  - Ideally they would like to purchase, but properties they have looked at for lease or purchase so far have either been at inflated costs, too small, or too costly to fix up.
  - As they do not believe that concentration of services is a good idea, purchasing a facility would give them ownership equity which would allow them to provide satellite services.
  - Are presently looking at Harewood School and Franklyn Street gymnasium. Consideration of Harewood School requires contacting all levels of government, so is proving to be a slow process. Will revisit possible use of Franklyn St. gym again as Tillicum Haus recently got the lease. A kitchen would have to be installed at that location however, and that would virtually wipe out their building fund.
  - Most of the clientele are between the ages of 35-55 with very few children.

Mr. Fuller will contact J. Horn to determine whether there is a timeframe in which their previous grant must be used, and also if it can only be used for the purposes stated when allocated.

MOVED by L. Fraser, SECONDED by R. Meyerhoff that the delegation be received. CARRIED.

Mr. Fuller was thanked for his presentation and he left the meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE / NEW BUSINESS /

- a) Letter dated 2008-Jun-19 from Merv Unger, Chair, Grants Advisory Committee regarding appeal from the Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre.
- b) Letter dated 2008-May-30 from the Central V.I. Crisis Society thanking the City of Nanaimo for their 2007 Community Service grant.

MOVED by A. Bonkowski, SECONDED by V. Alcock-Carter that the correspondence be received. CARRIED.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Review RA210 (4750 Rutherford Road) - Transfer of LRS. S. Herrera, Planner from the City's Current Planning Division provided background information on the application:
  - City has received an application from Shape Properties (Nanaimo) Corporation for a site specific amendment to the C-7 zone to permit a liquor store.
  - The applicant proposes to transfer an existing LRS from 125 Comox Road (Foundry Pub) to 4750 Rutherford Road (North Nanaimo Town Centre - formerly Rutherford Mall).
  - Applicant has met all of the requirements, and the RCMP had no concerns with this application.

B. Crema, applicant, spoke on the application and also answered questions from the Committee:

- Shape Properties purchased the mall a few years ago and have gone through a planning stage to determine what could be done to revitalize the mall. As Woodgrove Mall is considered the fashion hub, they tried to find an alternate draw for the North Nanaimo Town Centre mall. Uses proposed are a grocery store, drug store (London Drugs) and liquor store in order to bring a market-place feel to the back side of the mall. A condition of the proposed grocery store was that there also be a liquor store to complement it.
- Did not do a door-to-door survey but did consider the demographics of the area. Because it is a regional shopping centre, the catchment area was very large. Have also communicated with the City on any feedback they may have gotten on the application.
- Propose to give the City a \$10,000 community contribution to be used for a substance abuse program of the City's choice. By giving this contribution they are not admitting that the LRS will cause problems in the community. Because the LRS existed in a different location, they do not believe they will be causing more of a problem than already exists. Want to contribute to a program that is in need of funds.
- The proposed LRS will have internal and external mall entrances.
- There are no schools within the area where they are not permitted.
- Security is provided at the mall from opening until 11 pm.

MOVED by D. Johnstone, SECONDED by L. Fraser that the information from the applicant be received. CARRIED.

MOVED by L. Fraser, SECONDED by D. Johnstone that SPAC support the application from Shape Properties (Nanaimo) Corporation to transfer the existing LRS from 125 Comox Road (Foundry Pub) to 4750 Rutherford Road (North Nanaimo Town Centre - formerly Rutherford Mall). CARRIED.

The Committee suggested to the applicant that they increase the amount of the community contribution they are proposing.

L. Fraser suggested that the Nanaimo Addiction Foundation be considered when future community contributions are allocated.

- b) Choose SPAC members to sit on steering committee re Loaves & Fishes / Salvation Army Christmas Hamper program.

Elizabeth Forrester volunteered to sit on the committee.

- c) Review Community Service grant applications.

MOVED by A. Bonkowski, SECONDED by L. Fraser to approve the applications from Nanaimo Foodshare Society, Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre, Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank and Harewood Neighbourhood Assoc./Harewood Family of Community Schools. CARRIED.

MOVED by D. Johnstone, SECONDED by L. Fraser that the remaining \$350. in the Community Service grant budget be added to the request from Harewood Neighbourhood Assoc./Harewood Family of Community Schools. CARRIED.

Therefore, the following will be recommended to City Council:

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Nanaimo Foodshare Society	Kids Get Cooking & Gardening program ( for children between the ages of 5-12 at Fairview School).	\$5,000	\$5,000
Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre	Centre's after school nutrition break	\$3,600	\$3,600
Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank	Distributing ½ dozen eggs (local from the V.I.) once a month to all adult clients.	\$5,000	\$5,000
Harewood Neighbourhood Assoc./Harewood Family of Community	Kids Can Cook program (for children between the ages of 9-11 at either Fairview or Georgia Avenue schools).	\$600	\$950

Schools			
United Way Central & Northern V.I.	Supplement the cost of putting up the United Way banner during campaign time.	\$149.70	0
Terra 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>\$14,200</b>	<b>\$14,550</b>

[Note: The report that subsequently went to Council on 2008-Sep-29, was amended to include an application from Nanaimo Community Kitchens that had been missed. Amendments were required to the recommended grant amounts in order to include this application within the funding envelope.]

8. ISSUES ARISING OUT OF NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES / INFO ITEMS

None.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Committee will determine the criteria for the next round of Social Development Grants at the next meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2008-Oct-08.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.