

MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 2007-DEC-12, BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL

Present: Diane Brennan, Chair
Bev Barton
Adam Evans
Lynne Fraser
Zeni Maartman
Kathy Torhjelm

Val Alcock-Carter
Andrea Bonkowski
Elizabeth Forrester
Diana Johnstone
Ralph Meyerhoff

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

Regrets: Darcy Ross

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by K. Torhjelm, SECONDED by L. Fraser that the agenda be approved with the following addition:

- Correspondence from Sherry Sall with regard to the lack of an automatic door for disabled clientele at Tim Hortons on Wallace Street.

CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by V. Alcock-Carter, SECONDED by D. Johnstone that the Minutes from 2007-Nov-14 be adopted. CARRIED.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter dated 2007-Nov-14 from Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society thanking City Council and SPAC for their Community Service Grant. (for info only)

b) Letter (undated) from Sherry Sall with regard to the lack of an automatic door for disabled clientele at Tim Hortons on Wallace Street.

MOVED by E. Forrester, SECONDED by B. Barton that the letter from Sherry Sall be referred to the Disability Awareness Committee, with the permission of the writer. CARRIED.

It was noted that the Disability Awareness Committee have received \$25,000 from the 2010 Legacy Fund to do an accessibility audit. The committee includes a broad representation, including members of the disabled community, the City, and the School District.

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES / INFORMATION ITEMS / NEW BUSINESS

a) Review Social Development Grant Applications - J. Horn advised that since the last meeting, Snuneymuxw had changed the delivery location of their program to within city boundaries, so their application could now be considered by SPAC if they so wished.

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by A. Evans that the application from Snuneymuxw First Nation be included in the applications for consideration by SPAC. CARRIED.

Some points made regarding the general grant process were:

- Would like to see some funds held back and not allocated at this time.
- Who makes the decision on what the extra \$30,000 is spent on? (A total of \$90,000 goes into the Social Development Grant cost centre, but only \$60,000 can be used for grants. The other \$30,000 is set aside for studies.)
- SPAC was not consulted about use of the \$30,000 for the proposed project to address homelessness through harm reduction.
- Who makes the decisions on what the Housing Legacy Fund is spent on?
[To date, only one expenditure from that fund has been made; to the Bowen and Meredith affordable housing project. That decision was made by the Social Planner in conjunction with Development Services Department staff.]

The Committee then reviewed and scored the seven grant applications on completeness, connectivity to “families living in poverty”, collaboration, and value for \$.

MOVED by L. Fraser, SECONDED by R. Meyerhoff to recommend that the following Social Development grants be allocated:

Organization	Project / Program	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Nanaimo Foodshare	Good Food Box	\$15,000	\$12,000
Nanaimo 7-10 Club	Locate permanent home for 7-10 Club	\$24,117	\$20,000
Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre	Family Crisis Support Services	\$10,000	\$ 0
Nanaimo Region John Howard Society	Feasibility Analysis for a Social Enterprise	\$10,000	\$10,000
Shore Counselling Society	Therapyship	\$10,000	\$ 8,000
Snuneymuxw First Nation	Food for Health/ Community Kitchens	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
United Way Central Island	Success through Educated Parents	\$10,080	\$10,000

CARRIED.

The application from the Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre (NMRC) was not considered because the executive director of the proponent organization also holds a seat on the NMRC board of directors. D. Brennan advised that it was her understanding that Council previously rejected an application from the NMRC on the basis of a recommendation from the Grants Advisory Committee that this was perceived to be a conflict of interest.

Some other suggestions/comments made were:

- Might be useful next year if members of the Committee liaised with the organizations submitting full applications to support them in the application process.
- The follow-up reports that the organizations are required to submit at the end of the year should be forwarded to SPAC for their information. In the past, they have been received and filed in the Community Planning Division.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2008-Jan-09.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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