

**MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING / SOCIAL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2005-DEC-07  
IN MILANOS RESTAURANT**

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**Present:** Bill Holdom, Chair                      Ralph Meyerhoff  
Val Alcock                                      Zeni Maartman  
Eileen Hooyberg                              Kathy Torhjelm  
Ralph Motzek

Staff  
Alison Millward, Social Planner  
Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:** Tony Davis                              TerryLynn Saunders  
Phil Field                                      Lynne Fraser  
Darcy Ross

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

The Agenda was approved with the following addition:

- Social Development Strategy Consultant Contract - A. Millward

**3. Adoption of Minutes:**

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by R. Meyerhoff that the Minutes of 2005-Nov-09 be adopted. CARRIED.

**4. Business Arising:**

- a) Harewood Co-op Community Centre - R. Motzek advised that he had recently attended a meeting held with the consultant who is doing a feasibility study on whether the Harewood Community Centre (old Harewood Elementary School) would be a suitable building to house a co-op of community services. The contract sub-contractor also gave a presentation on co-ops. At this point, they think it is unlikely that the building will be suitable as it is estimated that it would cost \$2 million to upgrade. The group who are looking into this re-use will wait until the feasibility study is complete before they consider approaching Council for any assistance.

Discussion followed and the Committee stressed that the Neighbourhood Association should become involved in order to fully access Community School Connection Funds available through UBCM.

- b) Reports to Council - Following A. Millward's update on each, the Committee discussed the following draft reports that are tentatively scheduled to go to Council on 2005-Dec-19:

**Youth Action Project** - Staff report updating Council on the purpose of the project, what's been done to date (Conference Nov. 17 & 18, Forum Nov. 18), and what's upcoming (Youth Conference, resource guide, establishing an addictions foundation)

**UBCM's Community Health Promotion Fund** - Staff report recommending that Council authorize the disbursement of the \$35,000 grant from UBCM to the partnership of organizations that put forward the proposal for a 'Low Literacy Family Kitchen Skills Handbook'. It was noted that this will be a handbook for people to develop recipes and test them so that instructions are written for low literacy people.

**Extension to SCPI** - SPAC report recommending that Council allocate bridge funding to the John Howard Society, Haven Society and Tillicum Lelum Society on a per bed basis, and also recommending that the City write to the Provincial Government urging them to make sustainable ongoing operating dollars available to those agencies.

The Committee requested that the paragraph under the heading 'Looking Ahead' be amended to indicate that it is referring to Willow WAI, the John Howard House, and the Friendship Haus Safe House. It was also suggested that 'Casino Revenue' be changed to 'General Revenue' in the first recommendation.

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by V. Alcock that the report, with the suggested amendments, be forwarded to Council. CARRIED.

**Request from Dr. Frankish, UBC** - SPAC report recommending that Council take no action on this request, as Dr. Frankish could not be reached for clarification on his proposal.

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by R. Meyerhoff that the report proceed to Council. CARRIED.

- c) Working Group on Homelessness' Affordable Housing Forum- A. Millward advised that this will be held on 2006-Feb-10. More info. will be provided at the next meeting.
- d) Casino Revenue - K. Torhjelm noted that the City receives \$3 million annually from casino revenue, out of which \$90,000 is set aside for social issues. She suggested that Council be asked to increase that amount.

B. Holdom advised that all of the casino revenue is committed, and that he did not think that Council would consider increasing the amount allocated to social purposes. Also, Council does not wish to take on services that they believe fall under the Provincial Government's jurisdiction.
- e) Temporary Drop-in - A. Millward advised that VIHA has awarded the contract to Island Christian Care Society to operate a temporary living room in the 100 block of Nicol Street.
- f) Social Development Strategy Consultant Contract - E. Hooyberg gave background information on the Social Development Strategy process to date. It was suggested that SPAC use some of their remaining budget funds to hire a consultant to:
  - analyze potential organizational models, and recommend one for a social development group in Nanaimo in order to facilitate implementation of the SDS;
  - organize and facilitate a Spring forum on issues highlighted by the SDS; and
  - work with the SDS Steering Committee to develop communication materials in preparation for the Spring forum.

MOVED by E. Hooyberg, SECONDED by Z. Maartman to allocate up to \$3,500 to hire a consultant to facilitate further SDS work. CARRIED.

5. **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006

6. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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