MINUTES
OPEN NANAIMO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2018-APR-18, AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Members: Michael Ribicic, Chair
Councillor J. Hong
Erin Burnley
Aakash Pawar
Clare Shuley
Claudia Thompson
Henry Waatainen

Staff: Karin Kronstal, Social Planner
Peggi Humphreys, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE NANAIMO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER:

Michael Ribicic, Chair, acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

The Open Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

(a) Michael Ribicic, Chair, requested to add new Agenda Item 5. (b) Presentations - Nancy Mitchell, Community Engagement Committee, regarding an upcoming public engagement session.

(b) Michael Ribicic, Chair, requested to add new Agenda Item 7. (b) Other Business – Nanaimo Affordable Housing Expo.

(c) Michael Ribicic, Chair, requested to add new Agenda Item 7. (c) Other Business – Call for Applications for Council Committees.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council held in the Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2018-MAR-21 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Katimavik Youth Programs

Adim Hebert, Youth Development Coordinator, and Andy Garrow, Director of Youth Development, spoke regarding youth programs being offered by Katimavik. Katimavik places 11 youth from across Canada ages 18-25 years old to live together in a home in two different communities over a six-month period (3 months in each location). The youth will perform volunteer work at non-profit organizations for 30 hours per week to build connections and take part in leadership opportunities in the community where they are living. The main focus for projects will be truth and reconciliation with Indigenous communities to promote understanding of the impact of colonization and contributions of Indigenous people. Projects on other topics (i.e. environment, mental health, youth issues) where youth involvement will benefit the community are welcome, as well.

Nanaimo has been chosen as one of six cities in Canada to host a Katimavik community project. Katimavik is currently looking to secure a house in Nanaimo for the youth and chaperones to live in. This year's program launches on 2018-JUL-03.

(b) Public Engagement Pilot Program Session 2

Nancy Mitchell, member of the Community Engagement Task Force, spoke regarding the upcoming Public Engagement Pilot Session 2 on Thursday, 2018-APR-26. People will have the opportunity to sit at a table with different Council members to discuss methods of public engagement and ideas of importance in the community. Youth and all members of the public are welcome.

6. REPORTS:

(a) 2018 Strategic Directions – Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council

It was moved and seconded that the 2018 Strategic Directions for the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council be endorsed as follows:

Item 1: Youth Poverty
Item 2: Transportation
Item 3: Event Participation and Organization

The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Youth Transportation Priorities (Verbal Update)

Michael Ribicic, Chair, Erin Burnley and Clare Shuley attended the meeting of the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Transit Select Committee held 2018-MAR-23. The three Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council members provided a presentation stating that the preference that additional transit bus hours be used to increase capacity for Bus Route #40. They reported that several other groups were

advocating strongly for various bus routes, making it a contentious issue. The members appreciated the opportunity to express their point of view at the RDN Transit Select Committee meeting and were thankful for assistance received from RDN staff.

(c) Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) 2018 Convention and Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention Participation (Discussion)

Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council members did not attend the AVICC 2018 Convention as considered at their 2018-MAR-21 meeting. No members attended due to the high cost of registration and lack of participation opportunities.

Councillor Hong attended the convention and reported Nanaimo Council presented four resolutions regarding the following topics: sale of pets in retail stores; breach of confidentiality measures; municipal election term reduction from 4 years to 3 years; and allowance of Development Cost Charges (DCCs) to be used to fund parks projects. Councillor Hong advised that none of the four motions proposed by Nanaimo Council for consideration were approved.

The Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council is now investigating attending the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention being held in Whistler in September 2018. UBCM organizers responded enthusiastically to an initial inquiry from Karin Kronstal, Social Planner, at having youth council members participate in the conference, and the fees are reasonable at $150 each. The logistics of participating and travelling to Whistler will be further examined at the next Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council meeting on 2018-MAY-16.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Information Item: High School Poetry Contest

Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council members were encouraged to spread the word to local high school students regarding the 2018 High School Poetry Competition being organized by the City of Nanaimo's Youth Poet Laureate, Kailey DeFehr. The deadline for poetry submissions is Monday, 2018-APR-30.

(b) Nanaimo Affordable Housing Expo

Youth and people of all ages are invited to attend the Nanaimo Affordable Housing Expo on Saturday, 2018-APR-28 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. It is an interactive, family-friendly event that allows people to give feedback on affordable housing issues in the city that will contribute to the Affordable Housing Strategy currently being prepared.

(c) Call for Applications for Council Committees

The City is now advertising for applications for all Council committees that currently have vacancies to be filled. There are four vacancies for at-large members for the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council; two other positions designated for Snuneymuxw

First Nation youth members that are currently unfilled are determined by appointment so are not included in the open call for applications. The application deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 2018-MAY-01.

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

No one in attendance wished to ask questions.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:26 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

M. Rivière
CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Dana Merrie
CORPORATE OFFICER