

MINUTES
OPEN NANAIMO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2017-SEP-20, AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Members: A. Pawar, Chair
 Councillor J. Hong
 E. Burnley
 C. Shuley
 C. Thompson
 H. Waatainen
 M. Ribicic (arrived at 5:23 pm)

Absent: A. Bonner
 T. Campbell
 C. Leckenby

Staff: C. Barfoot, Culture and Heritage Coordinator
 K. Kronstal, Social Planner
 P. Humphreys, Recording Secretary

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

The Open Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council Meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

3. 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, 2017-JUL-19 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Alexis Peterson, MacKenzie Consulting, spoke regarding her personal experiences with poverty-stricken youth while working for the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Committee members identified how they might recognize poverty in youth. Substandard food, hygiene, clothing, mental focus and behaviour were named as possible signs of poverty. Ms. Peterson explained that children living in poverty often develop diminished expectations for themselves in life because of repeated disappointments. There are numerous organizations offering programs to help

impoverished youth in Nanaimo, by providing food, school supplies, and counselling. Ms. Peterson suggested the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council initiate a project that might fill a gap in services currently provided to help assist one specific aspect of youth poverty.

A. Peterson vacated the Board Room at 4:57 p.m.

5. ADMINISTRATION:

(a) Nanaimo Culture & Heritage Award Nominations: Emerging Cultural Leader

C. Barfoot, Culture and Heritage Coordinator, introduced the Emerging Cultural Leader Award, which is available annually through the Culture and Heritage Awards program. The award honours up-and-coming young people under age 30 that have had an impact on the cultural scene in Nanaimo. Members were asked to share information about the award with peers and/or consider submitting a nomination if they know of an outstanding individual in arts, dance, poetry, or sports areas. Application forms were distributed. The deadline to receive nominations is 2017-NOV-17. The awards will be handed out at the Culture and Heritage Awards Ceremony in April 2018 at the Port Theatre, which is a free event celebrating cultural vitality in our community.

(b) Bathtub Weekend Debrief

The dunk tank operated by the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council during Bathtub Weekend on Saturday, 2017-JUL-22, was a success. Many people were dunked, including numerous volunteers from Nanaimo Foodshare. A total of \$630 was raised, which the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council donated to Nanaimo Foodshare in support of its Summer Lunch Munch meal program.

(c) TeenFest 2017 Follow Up

Members of the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council had a booth at the 2017 TeenFest event on Saturday, 2017-SEP-16, at the Beban Park Social Centre. It was a satisfactory event but they recommend not using the comment board next year, as most ideas written down were not relevant or achievable. They would like to concentrate on making the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council booth a fun place to stop, and they would like to have business cards and application forms to hand out to interested teens. They felt the event was bettered attended in previous years when it was held outside where there were more food options and activities available.

(d) Joe Roberts – The Push for Change

E. Burnley and H. Waatainen attended The Joe Roberts - Push for Change speaker event on 2017-SEP-11 at the Service and Resource Centre. They were impressed with the amazing story of Joe Roberts, who changed his life from being a homeless youth to becoming the wealthy CEO of a successful software company. Joe Roberts is in the last kilometers of pushing a shopping cart across Canada in The Push for Change campaign to raise awareness and funds in support of youth homelessness.

(e) Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council Logo Contest

A graphic of a logo design featuring the Bastion was distributed to members.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Bastion style design to be the new logo for the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council. The motion passed unanimously.

(f) Transportation Survey

Councillor Hong confirmed he would ask the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board to add the transportation survey item to an upcoming RDN meeting agenda. The question to be asked is: Would the RDN like to collaborate with the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council in conducting a transportation-related survey?

(g) Upcoming Presentation to Regional District of Nanaimo

As requested by M. Ribicic at the last meeting, members were asked to provide feedback on what to include in a presentation to be made at a future Regional District of Nanaimo Board meeting. The purpose of the appearance is to ask the RDN Board to consider acknowledging the value of youth input by establishing youth councils in municipalities within the RDN (including Parksville, Qualicum Beach, and Lantzville).

Committee members expressed difficulty in discussing the presentation content while M. Ribicic was not present.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council defer discussion of the presentation to the Regional District of Nanaimo Board to the next Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council meeting scheduled for 2017-OCT-18. The motion carried unanimously.

(h) NYAC Membership Post-September 2017

B. Tagseth has officially resigned from the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council. C. Leckenby and A. Bonner have each indicated they are no longer able to attend meetings but have not yet submitted official resignations. The six members present at the meeting confirmed they wish to remain as members.

The City will be advertising for replacement members for all City committees including the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council in October. Also, the Terms of Reference for all committees will be examined by Staff and Council and may be changed.

Councillor Hong asking Council to add 2 member positions to the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council to increase the total membership from 11 to 13 people. He feels that the extra two members would allow for enough people to host events.

It was moved and seconded to ask Council to increase the membership of the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council from 11 to 13 members. The motion carried.
Opposed: C. Shuley

M. Ribicic entered the Board Room at 5:23 p.m.

(g) Upcoming Presentation to Regional District of Nanaimo (continued)

M. Ribicic re-started the discussion to obtain feedback regarding an upcoming presentation at an RDN Board meeting. The RDN Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for 2017-OCT-10 at 3:00 p.m. or the regular RDN Board Meeting set for 2017-OCT-24 at 7:00 p.m. are the first available options. M. Ribicic will check with the RDN staff to see which meeting would be most suitable. He encourages all members to attend, if possible.

It was moved and seconded to rescind the motion passed earlier in this meeting that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council defer discussion of the presentation to the Regional District of Nanaimo Board to the next Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council meeting scheduled for 2017-OCT-18. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council proceed with requesting to speak at an upcoming Regional District of Nanaimo Board meeting with regard to regional youth councils. The motion carried unanimously.

6. QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no members of the public in attendance to ask questions.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:32 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.



CHAIR

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