

MINUTES
OPEN NANAIMO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2017-JUL-19, AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Members: M. Ribicic, Chair
 Councillor J. Hong
 E. Burnley
 T. Campbell
 A. Pawar (entered 4:38 p.m.)
 C. Shuley (vacated 5:40 p.m.)
 B. Tagseth (entered 4:56 p.m.)
 H. Waatainen (vacated 5:45 p.m.)

 Absent: A. Bonner
 C. Leckenby
 C. Thompson

 Staff: J. Horn, Social Planner
 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 4:35 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

(a) M. Ribicic, Chair, advised that he would be bringing forward the following items under Other Business:

- Scheduling Update
- Transportation Survey
- Logo Contest
- Bathtub Race Weekend
- Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council Meeting with Council
- Staff Liaison for Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council

(b) M. Ribicic, Chair, advised that he would be bringing forward the following items under Reports:

- Waterfront Walkway
- Canada 150 Celebration

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 Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2017-JUN-21 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Pawar entered the Board Room at 4:38 p.m.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) A.J. Hustins introduced “Career Cruising”, a career development software program being proposed for School District 68 this fall. This platform is currently being used successfully by local institutions including Vancouver Island University, University of Victoria, and Discovery College, as well as other Canadian and U.S. cities. It is a tool to help students of all ages discover their interests and aptitudes for future careers, whether in trades, academics or otherwise. The business community is supportive of the program as it has the capability to enhance the qualifications of young people entering the workforce. A pilot project for Grades 10-12 students is planned to launch in School District 68 this August. Mr. Hustins asked the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council to help create awareness of “Career Cruising” by spreading the word through social media or other means.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council receive the delegation from A.J. Hustins. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Tagseth entered the Board Room at 4:56 p.m.

6. REPORTS:

(a) TeenFest 2017 – Verbal Update

J. Horn, Social Planner, confirmed that Council approved funding for the TeenFest event, which will take place on 2017-SEP-16. Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council will host a booth at the event from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity to engage with a large group of teens in one location. Committee discussion took place regarding activities to include at this year’s TeenFest booth. It was decided to have similar activities to last year’s TeenFest booth which include the following:

- A teen survey asking a question relative to youth in Nanaimo;
- Sign-up list with names entered in a draw to win a gift card;
- Games, like table bingo;

- Handing out Nanaimo pins and candy.

Members should bring their ideas for survey questions to the 2017-AUG-16 Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council meeting. Questions should relate to the Strategic Directions for the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council direct Staff to purchase a \$50 Woodgrove Mall gift card for the winner of the TeenFest survey draw. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Waterfront Walkway

M. Ribicic represented the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council at a Waterfront Walkway Open House held in May, advocating for suitable bicycle transportation throughout the proposed walkway. Feedback from many members of the public indicated bicycle access was important to them.

(c) Canada 150 Celebration

M. Ribicic participated at the Canada 150 Committee booth at the City's Canada Day celebrations at Maffeo Sutton Park on 2017-JUL-01. Public feedback indicated enthusiasm for the fireworks and in bringing back a zipline over the lagoon.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Scheduling Update:

Committee discussion took place regarding availability of committee members and future meetings.

By unanimous consent, the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council determined Avery Bonner could resign his seat but stay involved in event activities or come to the first part of meetings and then leave early if his schedule allowed.

It was requested that members provide their availability for September before the next scheduled meeting 2017-AUG-16.

(b) Transportation Survey:

Staff suggested the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council contact the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) before launching its proposed transportation survey since the RDN operates transit buses in Nanaimo. Improvement ideas mentioned included tracking buses and paying fares electronically. The Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council is considering appearing before the RDN Board to discuss the survey. In the meantime, the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council will post a request on its Facebook page asking followers to submit their transportation-related questions for consideration in the survey. K. Kronstal, Social Planner, will summarize the suggestions received for discussion at the 2017-AUG-16 Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council meeting.

(c) Logo Contest

C. Schuley volunteered to deliver the gift cards approved at the last Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council meeting of 2017-JUN-21 to the two logo contest participants. Councillor Hong is aiming to present a new logo proposal at the 2017-AUG-16 Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council meeting.

(d) Bathtub Race Weekend

Councillor Hong advised that the boat suggested previously for use in the Bathtub Race is no longer available due to mechanical issues. The Youth Council will not participate in the race itself but will host a dunk tank during the festival on Saturday, 2017-JUL-21. A schedule for members to operate the dunk tank was established as follows:

10 am – 12 pm: B. Tagseth and C. Leckenby

12 pm – 2 pm: H. Waatainen

2 pm – 4 pm: E. Burnley and C. Schuley

By unanimous consent, the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council agreed to donate funds raised by the dunk tank booth to Nanaimo Foodshare to support its Summer Lunch Munch program.

Members were asked to put the word out to friends, family and anyone else in the community that volunteers to be dunked are needed.

C. Shuley vacated the Board Room at 5:40 p.m.

(e) Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council Meeting with Council

A meeting with Nanaimo Council to discuss youth-related issues is planned for October 2017.

H. Waatainen vacated the Board Room at 5:45 p.m.

(f) Staff Liaison Change:

J. Horn, Social Planner, announced that K. Kronstal will be replacing him as Staff Liaison for the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council. The members thanked him for his years of involvement with NYAC since the Youth Council's inception in 2014.

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

No one in attendance wished to ask questions.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:46 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

Michael Rittner
CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Shirley Murrie
CORPORATE OFFICER