

MINUTES
OPEN NANAIMO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2017-MAY-17, AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Members: M. Ribicic, Chair
 Councillor J. Hong
 E. Burnley
 T. Campbell
 C. Leckenby
 A. Pawar
 C. Shuley
 B. Tagseth
 H. Waatainen

 Absent: A. Bonner
 C. Thompson

 Staff: J. Horn, Social Planner
 K. Kronstal, Social Planner
 B. Moore, Recording Secretary

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

The Open Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council Meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- (a) C. Leckenby advised that he would be bringing forward an additional item under Agenda Items (a) Other Business, regarding Scholarship Proposal.
- (b) J. Horn advised that he would be bringing forward an additional item under Agenda Item 5, Administration, regarding Scheduling.
- (c) Remove Agenda Item 5(c) iii. Banner Program.

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 noted that "ice rink" in the Canada Day 150 update has been removed as one of the possible activities.

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Open Meeting of the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre,

Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2017-APR-19 at 4:30 p.m., be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

5. ADMINISTRATION

(a) Scheduling

A. Bonner advised that he has a scheduling conflict and requested that the council consider changing the meeting dates.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council direct staff to review potential new meeting dates, including the second Wednesday and the fourth Wednesday of the month, and report back to the Council with the results. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Council Roles – Election and Definition

Council members voted for the following Council roles: Chair, Vice-Chair and Media Liaison. The results were as follows:

- Chair: M. Ribicic
- Vice-Chair: A. Pawar
- Media Liaison: T. Campbell

(c) Update on Strategic Planning Session

A number of Council members attended a Strategic Planning session on 2017-MAY-03.

T. Campbell gave the group a summary of the planning session and identified their main objectives as being Youth Poverty, Transportation and the hosting of a large, fundraising event to raise funds for a chosen organization in Nanaimo.

There was a request from the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council for Staff. to gather some information regarding crime and homelessness statistics in BC and Nanaimo. John Horn, Social Planner, met with a member of the RCMP and provided a summary of the information as follows:

The main issues in Nanaimo regarding crime are as follows:

- Theft as a result from addiction
- Cyber-bullying
- Bullying in schools
- Mischief-related charges

The crime statistics show a higher rate of juvenile crime in Nanaimo, which is also typically linked to an illicit substance. The overall crime rate in Nanaimo is relatively low, compared to other cities.

The Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council is interested in being involved with Island Health and a summer campaign they have in the works, regarding distracted driving and drinking in public. The Council is interested in participating in some public

service announcements, and it was suggested they could do them on the radio or on SHAW cable.

Looking further ahead into September, the Council would like to work with the School District to address the issue of bullying in schools and cyber-bullying.

Youth Poverty

John Horn, Social Planner, reported that the percentage of youth (15 and under) living in poverty in Nanaimo is 6%. The overall rate of youth living in poverty over BC is 3%. The Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council would like to raise money for youth poverty with their fundraising event. An organization will need to be chosen.

Transportation

Discussion took place regarding conducting an online survey, one through the School District and one through Vancouver Island University to gather thoughts on the current bus system in Nanaimo. John Horn mentioned there is a City document called the Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan and advised that if you can align your objectives with some of the objectives laid out in this plan.

Hosting a large fundraising event

Council discussion took place regarding the Council hosting a fun, family-oriented, inclusive event where Council can also raise money for youth living in poverty. August 12th was determined as the potential date. The drive-in movie was identified as the first event that NYAC would like to sponsor. K. Kronstal, Social Planner, to contact the Westwood Lake Administration to see about holding a drive-in movie at their location. T. Campbell to look into the cost of renting the movie screen from the rental company called Jump Around.

(d) Event Participation 2017

(i) Parade Float

Due to time constraints for planning and building the float, it was determined that the NYAC will not be participating in the Heritage Days parade this year.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council rescinds the \$500 previously allocated for the Heritage Days Float. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding participating in the Pride Parade, whether in a float, or just participating in the parade with a banner representing them, or volunteering at the event. M. Ribicic to contact the Pride society and inquire about volunteering. There is a Youth dance as part of the Pride celebration, and NYAC will advertise this on their Facebook page.

(ii) Teenfest

Committee discussion took place regarding Teenfest and the status of Teenfest remains unclear; however, the group will continue to plan as if they will be participating. At the next meeting, NYAC will discuss ideas for what they might want to do at their booth to make it fun and exciting. Teenfest has asked for City funding, so the group would not have to pay the \$500 for a table, as they would be considered gold members.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council rescinds the \$500 previously allocated for the cost of a table at the Teenfest event. The motion carried unanimously.

(iii) Logo Contest

The Nanaimo Youth Advisory has not received any submissions for the Logo contest. The Council decided to extend the deadline to Friday, June 16, 2017. T. Campbell will post information again on the NYAC Facebook page.

(e) Follow-Up – Facebook Bios

It was requested that anyone that has not updated their Facebook Bios to please do so as soon as possible.

(f) Nametags

Nametags for the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council were handed out to each member.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Scholarship Program

C. Leckenby brought forward an idea to sponsor a student with an interest in politics, possibly for a \$100 or \$250 scholarship for 2018. This idea was discussed, and referred back to staff to look into the feasibility of this idea.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:21 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.


CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


CORPORATE OFFICER