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

PRESENT:     Members:  B. Tagseth
              C. Leckenby
              C. Thompson
              E. Burnley
              H. Waatainen
              M. Ribicic
              T. Campbell

Absent:      Councilor J. Hong
              A. Pawar
              C. Shuley

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) J. Horn, Social Planner advised that he would like to bring forward three additional
       items under “Administration” regarding Council Roles, Food/Hospitality, and Canada
       150 update.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

   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-MAR-15 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The
   motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

Paris Gaudet – Provincial Election

(a) Paris Gaudet, a BC Liberal candidate for the upcoming provincial election, provided council with some information regarding her personal and professional background and the opportunities she sees in Nanaimo. Council members asked Paris some questions regarding the issues facing young people today, and how her party plans to address them. The Youth Advisory Council also shared some of their strategic priorities including:

- Transit/Buses
- Social Equity
- Creating and participating in events for youth
- Being engaged politically
- Environmental clean-ups and policy development
- Taking initiatives to Council

The upcoming election will be on May 9th, 2017 with advanced voting available April 29th, 30th and May 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

6. ADMINISTRATION

(a) Strategic Focus

Council members reviewed their list of strategic focus ideas. In order to select some key focus areas for this year, Council members decided to create a working group which will meet Wednesday, May 3rd at 5:00 p.m. A. Bonner to book a room at the Vancouver Island University for this date and time. A discussion ensued regarding providing food/beverages for this working group session.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council approve $50 to be spent on food and refreshments for the working group session on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Event Participation 2017

The event participation for 2017 will be discussed and narrowed down at the working group meeting on May 3rd, 2017. The goal is to have the event participation correspond with the main focus areas that are identified from the working group meeting.

(c) Serauxmen Sports Field – Letter of Support

The Serauxmen Sports Field has gone through and will be purchased by the City of Nanaimo. Therefore, there is no need for a letter of support from the Council.
(d) **Banner Program – NYAC Participation**

The Council would like to acquire more information regarding the banner program; such as the cost to enter, the timeline and the participation requirements. John H will bring follow-up information at the next scheduled meeting.

(e) **Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council (NYAC) Logo Contest**

A draft poster for the logo of the contest was shown to the Council members. A few suggestions were made such as including J. Horn’s email address for the main contact. The deadline for the contest is May 15th. The winning Logo will be posted on the walls at Vancouver Island University as well as the NYAC Facebook page.

(f) **Council Roles**

Council discussion took place regarding various roles the Youth Advisory Council would like to appoint. The roles the Council would like to see appointed are: Chair, Vice-Chair and Media Liaison. Members brought forward nominations for each category. The nominations were:

- Chair: A. Bonner, M. Ribicic
- Vice-Chair: C. Leckenby, M. Ribicic, B. Tagseth, A. Pawar
- Media Liaison: T. Campbell

Due to time constraint, specifics regarding the responsibilities of each role will be discussed at the next meeting.

(g) **Food/Hospitality**

Council members discussed whether or not to approve the allocation of funding to food/hospitality for their regular meetings as well as special events.

It was moved and seconded that there will be no food provided for their regularly scheduled meetings; and, food for special events will be approved on a case by case basis prior to the event. The motion carried unanimously.

(h) **Canada 150 Update**

M. Ribicic spoke regarding The Canada 150 ceremony. Grants have been secured and activities and events are currently being organized. Activities include a play put on by the Port Theatre, a zip line, fireworks, crafts, and a temporary ice rink. The Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council also discussed the possibility of setting up an information booth and volunteering at the event.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

(a) **Nametags**

The Council requested nametags be provided to them, as they will be representing the Council at certain public functions.
It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council approves the expense associated with acquiring nametags. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) **Bios on Facebook**

Some of the biography information on Facebook regarding Council members is out of date. Some members will need to update their bios, while former members will need to be removed, as well as new members added. J. Horn will circulate an email requesting members to send in their new or updated bios by Friday, May 5th.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

   It was moved and seconded at 6:01 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CHAIR

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CORPORATE OFFICER