

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

PRESENT: Members: Michael Ribicic, Chair
 Councillor J. Hong
 Melanie Devjayanth
 Nicola McColl
 Aakash Pawar
 Clare Shuley
 Claudia Thompson

 Absent: Erin Burnley
 Katrin Hannesson
 Henry Waatainen

 Staff: K. Kronstal, Social Planner
 P. Humphreys, Recording Secretary

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

The Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council Meeting was called to order at 4:48 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

(a) Michael Ribicic, Chair, advised that he would be bringing forward an item under Other Business – Agenda Item 7 (a) Succession Planning.

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-JUN-20, at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Nanaimo Youth Poet Laureate – Kailey DeFehr

Kailey DeFehr spoke regarding her experiences and achievements as Nanaimo's first Youth Poet Laureate. Highlights included poetry presentations at high schools and events and a high school poetry contest. She recently set up a poetry station at a Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre event. She collected sticky notes written by attendees about what it means to be a youth in Nanaimo, and she will be writing a poem that encompasses these responses to be read to the Minister of Child and Family Development in August. Upcoming projects she is considering before the end of her term in January 2019 are combining visual art and poetry (possibly in a mural) and/or painting poems on concrete outside the library downtown in paint that only appears on rainy days.

Kailey DeFehr read her original poem entitled "Soul Hydration" to the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council members.

6. REPORTS:

(a) Bathtub Weekend Dunk Tank Update (Discussion)

The Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council will be operating a dunk tank on Victoria Road during the Bathtub Days Street Fair on Saturday, 2018-JUL-21 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Councillor Sheryl Armstrong has agreed to be dunked. Discussion took place regarding attendance shifts for members, supplies needed, and set up/take down arrangements. Donations will be accepted in support of Nanaimo Foodshare's Summer Lunch Program.

(b) Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Conference Participation Update (Discussion)

The UBCM Conference administration has not yet advised if the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council's application to participate was accepted. They will confirm after 2018-JUL-20, and then the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council will make the final decision of whether to attend or not. The conference fees will be ascertained at that time, also, and an accurate budget will be determined.

(c) Nanaimo Teenfest Event (Discussion)

Nanaimo TeenFest will take place in conjunction with Mosaic-Con (M-Con) on the weekend of 2018-SEP-15&16. The City's Parks, Recreation and Environment Department will be hosting a table and has invited the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council to join them.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council participate in the TeenFest event being held September 15-16, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Succession Planning

Michael Ribicic, Chair, suggested starting to think about succession planning for a new Chair in 2019 since the terms for him and Aakash Pawar (previous Chair) will expire at the end of December 2018.

Members said farewell to Clare Shuley as this would be her last meeting before resigning from the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council.

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

No one in attendance wished to ask any questions.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:25 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER