

**MINUTES**  
**OPEN NANAIMO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE**  
**411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC**  
**WEDNESDAY, 2018-SEP-19, AT 4:30 P.M.**

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**PRESENT:**   **Members:**   Michael Ribicic, Chair  
                                  Katrín Hannesson  
                                  Nicola McColl  
                                  Aakash Pawar  
                                  Henry Waatainen

**Absent:**     Councillor J. Hong  
                                  Erin Burnley  
                                  Melanie Devjayanth  
                                  Claudia Thompson

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

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

Michael Ribicic, Chair, acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

The Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council Meeting was called to order at 4:36 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(e) regarding Succession Planning for the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council Chair Position.
- (b)   Michael Ribicic, Chair, advised that he would be bringing forward an item under Other Business Agenda Item 7.(f) regarding Nanaimo's Draft Youth Poverty Reduction Strategy.
- (c)   Michael Ribicic, Chair, advised that Agenda Item 5.(a) Constable Misty Dmytar, Nanaimo RCMP, presentation on youth issues in the community is to be removed due to the presenter being unable to attend the meeting.

**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-JUL-18, at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS:

(a) 2018 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention Debrief (Verbal Report)

Seven Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council (NYAC) members and K. Kronstal, Social Planner, participated in the UBCM Convention in Whistler on 2018-SEP-12/13. The group provided a workshop about how youth councils contribute to municipal governments. Group feedback indicated that their presentation was well attended and the audience was engaged. A number of municipal officials expressed interest in establishing a youth council in their own areas. NYAC was invited by a Powell River Council member to join in the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Convention being hosted in Powell River next April 2019. Members agreed that attending the UBCM Convention was a positive, team-building, learning experience for them individually and as a group. For future conferences, it was suggested to allow more time so that members could attend other workshop sessions to learn about outside issues.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Information Item: Call for Youth Poet Laureate

The City of Nanaimo is currently advertising for nominations for its next Youth Poet Laureate. The age range for this position is from 13 to 21 years old. NYAC members were asked spread the word amongst youth in the community through friends/high schools/universities.

(b) Information Item: 2019 Temporary Public Art Recommendations

Nanaimo's current Call for Artists for its Temporary Public Art Program includes welcomes submissions from youth as well as adults.

(c) Information Item: 2019 Culture & Heritage Awards

Nominations for Nanaimo's 2019 Culture & Heritage Awards are currently being accepted. One award category of particular interest to youth is the Emerging Cultural Leader for a person who is no older than age 30. NYAC members were asked to spread the word to encourage nominations for this award.

(d) Information Item: Poetry in Transit Program – Call for Poets

Youth are welcome to submit entries for the Poetry in Transit Program to have their poems displayed on transit buses.

(e) Succession Planning for the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council Chair Position

Michael Ribicic, Chair, invited discussion on succession planning for a new NYAC Chair beginning in January 2019. He will consider presenting information about Chair responsibilities and duties at the NYAC meeting in October. Since the terms for all NYAC members expire on 2018-DEC-31, it may be that a new Chair cannot be chosen prior to the appointment of new NYAC members in 2019.

(f) Draft Youth Poverty Reduction Strategy


A 2016 draft copy of Nanaimo's Strategy to Address Child Poverty was distributed for NYAC members to review. Members will be asked for feedback on its contents at the 2018-OCT-17 NYAC meeting. Suggestions will be considered for inclusion in the final document. It was noted that all statistics in the 2016 draft will need to be updated to reflect current conditions.

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

No one in attendance wished to ask questions.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:03 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

  
CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
CORPORATE OFFICER