

MINUTES
OPEN NANAIMO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2018-MAR-21, AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Members: Michael Ribicic, Chair
 Erin Burnley
 Clare Shuley
 Claudia Thompson

 Absent: Councillor J. Hong
 Aakash Pawar
 Henry Waatainen

 Staff: Karin Kronstal, Planner
 Peggi 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 4:29 p.m.

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

3. 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-FEB-21 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Community Youth Art Project

Deborah Hollins, Executive Director, Nanaimo Family Life Association, and A.J. MacLeod, Generation Q, provided a presentation in support of a collaborative community youth art project.

The goal is for a diverse group of youth to create an art project that will honour teenager, Mikaela Chang, and promote healing around her tragic murder last year. The project is supported by Mikaela's family and is being led by experienced artist,

Yvonne Vander Kooi. The artwork will likely take the form of a mural that will incorporate different ideas and stories that empower youth and showcase their resiliency. The mural will also honour indigenous culture and involve an elder who will help with the healing experience. Youth from all walks of life are encouraged to join in this collective effort.

5. REPORTS:

(a) Youth Transportation Priorities Update

Michael Ribicic, Chair, gave an update on the presentation from the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council (NYAC) to Council at the 2018-MAR-12 Committee of the Whole meeting. Council endorsed NYAC's proposal to present its transportation priorities for youth to the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Transit Select Committee.

NYAC members worked on preparing the presentation to the RDN Select Committee to strongly support a proposal that 5000 extra transit hours be put toward increasing the capacity of Bus Route #40 that serves Vancouver Island University and Nanaimo District Secondary School.

By unanimous consent, the Committee that Michael Ribicic, Chair, and other available NYAC members would take turns speaking during the presentation at the RDN Select Committee meeting on Friday, 2018-MAR-23.

(b) Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) 2018 Convention Participation (Discussion)

Karin Kronstal, Planner, advised that she had spoken with the AVICC Convention Event Administrator regarding registration at the convention. The Event Administrator advised that she did not think there would not be an opportunity for NYAC members to make a presentation at the convention as the local youth advisory council in Victoria was not going to be involved. There might be an opportunity for NYAC to engage with attendees in the lobby but the Event Administer had not decided yet. The youth members would be allowed to register as guests at full price.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council strike a working group to create a presentation for the AVICC convention, dependent on if approval is received to make a presentation in the lobby. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council spend up to \$1000 on conference registration fees and travel expenses to allow members to attend the 2018 AVICC Conference in Victoria. The motion carried unanimously.

6. QUESTION PERIOD:

No one in attendance wished to ask questions.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:39 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER