



COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting – Wednesday, November 20th, 2019
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Committee Room
District Hall, 355 W. Queens Road, North Vancouver, BC

MINUTES

Present: Zari Abtahi
Ashraf Amlani
Emma Gibbons (Chair)
Cathy Harvey
CS Kim
Constantine McQuade
Victor Schwartzman
Claire Shepansky (Vice Chair)
Matina Spiropoulos
Pamela Wilkinson
Donna Zwickel

Regrets: Maryam Zarenejad

Staff: Cristina Rucci, Staff Liaison
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

Guest: Mayor Mike Little
Olivia Bornik, North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership

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1. Welcome

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved, seconded and resolved
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

A typographical error was noted on the minutes.

Moved, seconded and resolved
To adopt the amended minutes.

CARRIED

4. Mayor Mike Little

Mayor Mike Little provided a brief overview of the Official Community Plan, priorities and goals, as well as key aspects around housing and transportation. As well, members had an opportunity for a roundtable discussion with Mayor Little on community issues and the possible impact to organizations applying for grants.

Mayor Little thanked the Committee members for their time and work, and volunteering to serve on the Committee.

5. Presentation

Olivia Bornik, Manager, North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership (NSIIP) provided a presentation on the North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership, and some of the key highlights were as follows:

- Overview of NSIIP
- Why is Immigration Important?
- Our Changing Community: North Shore demographics
- NSIIP Projects & Accomplishments
- Future Considerations

The NSIIP is a coalition of community agencies & institutions focused on improving the settlement outcomes of new immigrants in order to ensure that all immigrants have opportunities to participate economically, culturally, socially and civically in community life. The NSIIP has recently updated their Strategic Plan which is proposed for the period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2025. The NSIIP planning table, which meets four times a year, is guided by this plan and 4 issue-based working groups have been created and are aligned with the priorities included in the strategic plan. These working groups include:

- Access to Information & Services

- Community Connections and Intercultural Relations
- Employment
- Representation

6. Presentations and Acknowledgements

Emma Gibbons and Zari Abtahi were acknowledged for completing their four-year terms on the Committee.

7. Any Other Business

No other business was presented.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15th, 2020.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

District Vision Statement

Our goal is to be recognized among the most sustainable communities in the world as demonstrated through our environmental stewardship, strong network of neighbourhoods, a vibrant economy and community-driven growth and change.