

NORTH SHORE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

MISSION STATEMENT

The North Shore Standing Committee on Substance Abuse will support community organizations to reduce the impact and incidence of substance abuse on the North Shore through advocacy, collaboration and leadership.

MEETING

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Committee Room, District Hall
355 W. Queens Rd, North Vancouver**

MINUTES

Present:

Constable John McCormack
Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, NS Medical Health Officer
Mardean Neuman, Tsleil Waututh First Nation

Cllr Doug MacKay-Dunn, Councillor, DNV
Trustee Jessica Stanley, NV School District

Staff:

Annie Mauboules, DNV Staff Liaison
Heather Evans, CNV Staff Liaison
Lea Howard (for Arleta Beckett), DWV Staff Liaison
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

Regrets:

Cllr Christine Cassidy, Councillor, DWV
Cllr Linda Buchanan, Councillor, CNV
Cllr Maureen Nicholson, Councillor, Bowen
Cpl Richard DeJong, RCMP
Chris Kennedy, RCMP, Superintendent
Tanis Evans, Vancouver Coast Health
Charmaine Thomas, Squamish First Nation
Trustee Dave Stevenson, WV School District
Joanne Ronsley, Lions Bay Representative

Guest:

Terry Bulych, Youth Hub

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Election of Chair / Vice Chair

Annie Mauboules assumed the role of Chair and called for nominations for the position of Chair. Jessica Stanley nominated Councillor MacKay-Dunn. Three more calls were made and no further nominations were received.

MOTION without objection
TO elect Councillor MacKay-Dunn as Chair

CARRIED BY ACLAMATION

Annie Mauboules called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Jessica Stanley nominated Dr. Lysyshyn. Three more calls were made and no further nominations were received.

MOTION without objection
TO elect Dr. Mark Lysyshyn as Vice-Chair

CARRIED BY ACLAMATION

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED BY Mark and seconded by Jessica
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes from October 5, 2016

MOVED by Mark and seconded by Cllr MacKay-Dunn
To adopt the minutes.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising

5.1 Terms of Reference – Committee Name Change

Members were reminded that at the October 5th meeting, the Committee terms of reference were raised for review. Discussion indicated a consensus that the Committee mission and goals, and mandate remain the same, but consensus was not indicated to the suggestion about including mental health/illness into the terms of reference. The Committee further agreed to revise the Committee name to North Shore Standing Committee on Substance Abuse, and agreement and approval was previously reached through email.

MOVED By Cllr MacKay-Dunn and seconded by Jessica

To approve the revisions to the Committee's Terms of Reference to indicate the name change to North Shore Standing Committee on Substance Abuse.

CARRIED

6. Financial Update

Heather Evans reported that the City of North Vancouver manages two accounts that support the Committee; an Implementation Account and a Project Account. For this year, the financial reporting is still in process and the financial summary not yet available.

Action: Heather will email an update once numbers are determined.

7. Presentation: Youth Hub

Terry Bulych, Clinical Planner presented a PowerPoint Presentation on a BC Integrated Youth Services Initiative (now called FOUNDRY). Some services provided by this initiative will include mental health counselling, addictions counselling, primary care, peer support, social service (ie., vocational, housing, etc.). FOUNDRY will open early summer 2017 and is one of only 5 sites across BC to provide these services to youth.

8. Update on Fentanyl (VCH)

November and December saw a record number of overdoses in emergency rooms. To deal with the increase, a mobile medical unit was deployed to the DTES to defray ambulance services and

temporary overdose prevention sites similar to supervised sites were put in place until such time as approved sites are established. There are approximately five in the downtown eastside which serve about 200 visits per day.

The North Shore continues to be one of the least affected areas in province; second after Richmond.

At the end of November, a community forum on fentanyl was held at the Centennial Theatre. The forum was well attended with approximately 650 participants; however, mixed feedback was received from parents attending the forum regarding some of the harm reduction messages. The forum also focused on how to talk to youth about substance use.

9. Turning Point Recovery Society Update (DNV)

Annie reported that a meeting was recently held with the neighborhood advisory committee at the Women's Recovery House to provide an update on the Men's Recovery House. Neighbors and community were provided with a progress report, as well as an overview of what the house would look like, and a sense of day to day operations of the home.

Members were informed that there has been a delay with the project as a result of a hydro pole, in front of the house, that is not providing power. This has caused delays and some cost overruns. It is anticipated that the issues will be resolved in the next few weeks, and that residents will be able to move in. Four men from other sites will initially move in first as they are familiar with the system, and then there will be a rolling intake of further residents.

A grand opening ceremony will be scheduled before the end of March, prior to the Provincial election.

Action: Annie will inform members when event is announced, and an invitation distributed.

10. Date of Next Meeting

As per past practice the Committee normally meetings three times per year and therefore the next meeting will be scheduled for April or May.

Action: Schedule Brenda Plant from Turning Point Recovery Society for a presentation on the Men's Support Recovery House.

11. Any Other Business

No other business was presented.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

