



COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting – Wednesday, September 18th, 2019
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Committee Room
District Hall, 355 W. Queens Road, North Vancouver, BC

MINUTES

Present: Zari Abtahi
Emma Gibbons (Chair)
Cathy Harvey
CS Kim
Victor Schwartzman
Matina Spiropoulos
Pamela Wilkinson
Maryam Zarenejad

Regrets:
Ashraf Amlani
Constantine McQuade
Claire Shepansky (Vice-Chair)
Donna Zwickel

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

Guest: Arleta Beckett, Community Services & Community Development Manager
District of West Vancouver

1. Welcome

2. Adoption of Agenda

The following items were added to Other Business:

- PTE
- Membership Terms

MOVED, seconded and resolved
To adopt the amended agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED, seconded and resolved
To adopt the June 5, 2019, June 19, 2019 and June 26, 2019 minutes.

CARRIED

4. West Vancouver Grants Process

Arleta Beckett, Community Services & Community Development Manager, District of West Vancouver provided a presentation on the West Vancouver grants process. Some of the key highlights included background information on the transition to a new grant process, as well as some similarities and differences between the new process and that of the City and District of North Vancouver.

5. Discussion on Grant Process

Members discussed this year's grant process, and some feedback included the following:

- Consider a cap on how much one organization can request, particularly the larger organizations.
- Some organizations request funding for several different programs, and possibly consider a maximum amount per grant.
- When reviewing the grant applications, ensure that there is sufficient accountability on how the funding is being spent and how many people are benefitting from the program.
- When reviewing the grant applications, only review for the current year, as some could be in the second year of other programs.
- Consider the organization's services that are being delivered and as long as the organization is credible, organizations should not be penalized for offering a variety of programs.

6. Speakers for October Meeting

There was a discussion on possible presenters/speakers for the October meeting, and some suggestions were as follows:

- A representative or volunteer member from the OCP Committee.
- A member from other grants committee, possibly the Child Care or the Arts and Culture Committee to speak on their grant process.
- Consider holding a “mixer” event for an opportunity to connect one on one with other committees for information sharing and perspectives with respect to reviewing grant applications.
- Information on trends in the community and how well we are doing collectively across these programs and whether we are addressing emerging problems.
- Consider committees like Arts and Culture and Sports Travel grants and having that kind of information of their respective processes, and a discussion on priorities.
- There may be some value to speak to other volunteers with respect to priorities.
- Consider a presentation from the North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues or the Heritage Advisory Committee.
- A representative from, or a visit to, the Multicultural Society.
- A panel representing different topic areas, perhaps organizations that are provided with core grants for youth.

7. Any Other Business

Membership Terms

There was a discussion on committee recruitment, and that for next year, the Committee will be looking at filling two vacancies as Zari Abtahi and Emma Gibbons will have completed their two 2-year terms on the Committee.

Permissive Tax Exemptions

Members were informed that the report is going to Council and will include notes from the Committee discussion.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16th, 2019

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.