

## 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, February 13, 2019 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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

### MINUTES

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#### Present:

Cllr James Hanson, Councillor, DNV  
Chris Kennedy, RCMP Superintendent  
Constable Nick Bell, WV Police Dept.

Deanna Lewis (substitute for Charmaine  
Thomas, Squamish First Nation)  
Trustee Dave Stevenson, WV School District

Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, NS Medical Health Officer

#### Staff:

Natasha Letchford, DNV Staff Liaison  
Heather Evans, CNV Staff Liaison  
Arleta Beckett, DWV Staff Liaison  
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

#### Regrets:

Cllr Peter Lambur, Councillor, DWV  
Cllr Maureen Nicholson, Councillor, Bowen Island  
Joanne Ronsley, Lions Bay Representative  
Mardean Neuman, Tsleil Waututh First Nation  
Susan Skinner, NV School District  
Shazeen Tejani, DNV Staff Liaison

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#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.

#### 2. Election of Chair / Vice Chair

Natasha Letchford called for nominations for the position of Chair. Dr. Lysyshyn was nominated and no further nominations were received.

MOTION without objection  
To elect Dr. Lysyshyn as Chair.

**CARRIED BY ACLAMATION**

Natasha Letchford called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Cllr Hanson was nominated and no further nominations were received.

MOTION without objection

To elect Cllr Hanson as Vice-Chair.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Under Other Business, Turning Point Update was added.

MOVED, seconded and resolved  
To adopt the amended agenda.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

MOVED, seconded and resolved  
To adopt the February 28, 2018 minutes.

**5. Financial Report – Update on Budget**

Members were provided with a financial update of the North Shore Standing Committee on Substance Abuse. The City of North Vancouver manages the two accounts for the Committee; an Implementation Account and a Project Account. The Implementation Account is for running the committee and the Project Account for specific initiatives.

**6. Update on Legalization of Cannabis (Dr. Mark Lysyshyn)**

Municipalities were asked to report on plans and progress regarding retail cannabis sales in their jurisdiction.

VCH reported on the ongoing federal consultation regarding cannabis edibles and other additional cannabis products.

Committee members engaged in discussion on cannabis legalization and potential harms and benefits.

**7. Update on Fentanyl (VCH)**

Mark Lysyshyn, NS Medical Health Officer provided a summary on highlights of Provincial Opioid Overdose Emergency Surveillance & Monitoring.

**8. Any Other Business**

**Turning Point Update**

Both of Turning Point's sites on the North Shore are full. There are 9 women and 12 men on the waitlists.

Turning Point is exploring opportunities to develop second stage housing on the North Shore (such as developed in Richmond) for graduates of the programs to continue care in the comprehensive After Care program.

**9. Next Meeting Date**

Members will be polled to determine the next meeting date for either Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, or Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**10. Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.