

**NORTH SHORE SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKING GROUP**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The North Shore Substance Abuse Working Group 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

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

**MINUTES**

**Attended:**

Cpl Richard DeJong, RCMP  
Cst Nick Bell, WVPD  
Tanis Evans, Vancouver Coastal Health  
Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, NS Medical Health Officer  
Cllr Linda Buchanan, CNV  
Cllr Christine Cassidy, DWV

Cllr Doug MacKay-Dunn, DNV  
Cllr Maureen Nicholson, Bowen  
Trustee Dave Stevenson, WV School District  
Trustee Jessica Stanley, NV School District

**Staff:**

Annie Mauboules, DNV Staff Liaison  
Paul Penner, CNV Staff Liaison  
Arleta Beckett, DWV Staff Liaison  
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

**Guests:**

Kerrie Watt, Vancouver Coastal Health

**Regrets:**

Chris Kennedy, RCMP Superintendent  
Angela George, Tsleil Waututh First Nation

**1. Election of Chair**

Paul Penner assumed the role of Chair and called for nominations for the position of Chair. Councillor MacKay-Dunn nominated himself. Three more calls were made and no further nominations were received.

MOTION without objection  
TO elect Councillor MacKay-Dunn as Chair

**CARRIED BY ACLAMATION**

Paul Penner called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Councillor Buchanan 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**

**2. Welcome & Introductions / Adoption of agenda**

MOVED AND seconded:  
TO adopt the agenda

**CARRIED**

**3. Adoption of minutes from October 1, 2014**

MOVED AND seconded  
TO adopt the minutes

**CARRIED**

Previously Councillor Joanne Ronsley served on the Substance Abuse Working Group as the representative from Lions Bay but was not re-elected to Council in Fall 2014. As Joanne has indicated interest in continuing on the Committee as a community member representing the Village, and this is supported by the Lions Bay City Manager, discussion was undertaken on whether a member of the community appointed by Council, instead of an elected official, could serve on this Committee.

It was noted that Joanne Ronsley served on the Committee for a number of years and brings knowledge and valuable history to the Committee.

Members discussed allowing Joanne Ronsley to continue to serve on the Committee as a member of the community.

MOVED AND seconded

THAT staff liaise with Lions Bay regarding Joanne Ronsley and ask that Council move that she is a delegate of their Council and report back to Council the activities of this group.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Business Arising from Minutes**

Abuse of Prescription Drugs

Dr. Lysyshyn reported that he contacted John Weston's office and work will continue to try to partner with the national campaign.

**ACTION: Nick Bell to follow up.**

**ACTION: Nick Bell will get the contact information for the national coordinator.**

**ACTION: Councillor Nicholson will forward the Metro Vancouver Media Release on Returned Medication link to be circulated to the Committee.**

**5. Financial Update (*Paul Penner*)**

Members were provided with a financial update of the North Shore Substance Abuse Working Group. The City of North Vancouver manages the two accounts; an Implementation Account and a Project Account. The Implementation Account is for running the committee and as of January 1, 2015 had a balance of \$11,667.35. The Project Account is for specific initiatives and as of January 1, 2015 had a balance of \$15,945.81.

**6. Anti-bootlegging Campaign Proposal – Presentation (*Kerrie Watt*)**

Members viewed the anti-bootlegging campaign PowerPoint presentation and considered the Action on Prevention committee's request for support from the Substance Abuse Working Group for initiatives in the amount of \$3,000 each year for three years.

Concern was expressed with the proposed 2015 poster in that the poster may not be strong, and adequately target the proper audience.

MOVED AND seconded  
TO provide \$1,500 in funding for this year

**CARRIED**

There was a discussion on possible ways to bring more continuous awareness of anti-bootlegging to the various community bodies.

**ACTION: Arleta will contact preventables.ca**

**ACTION: Staff to compose a letter to be sent to the School Districts.**

**ACTION: City of North Vancouver to explore bringing forward a resolution of Council to request a discussion with senior levels of government to bring to their attention, from a municipal perspective, the possible impact of recent legislation on increasing the access of alcohol, and the benefits of an anti-bootlegging campaign.**

**7. Turning Point Recovery Society: Men's Support Recovery House DNV (*Annie Mauboules*)**

As background, the Committee funded a business case to determine the viability of developing a men's support recovery house, and the District Council subsequently identified a potential site. Residents were notified of a community information meeting to be held on Thursday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Parkgate Community Centre. The community information meeting will be an early opportunity for residents to hear about the project and for information gathering and no decisions will be made at that time.

There was a discussion with regard to preliminary concerns received from residents such as impact on the neighborhood, safety, increased crime, property values, proximity to child care centre and seniors' home.

With regard to the community information meeting, members discussed the role of the Committee in the project. Some suggestions included having a facilitator at the meeting, asking the local residents from Lloyd Street to attend and speak on the success of the Lloyd Street women's house and providing statistics and data on other neighborhoods that have support recovery homes.

**8. Municipal Alcohol Policy – DWV & VCH (Arleta Beckett & Dr. Lysyshyn)**

Members were informed that provincial liquor laws may, in some instances, allow municipalities to develop their own alcohol policies. As well, there was a discussion on the possibility of applying for a grant through BC Healthy Communities to undertake a community consultation with regard to alcohol use in public spaces. The District of West Vancouver has submitted a request to BC Healthy Communities for this funding to develop a Municipal Alcohol Policy.

**9. Take Home Naxlozone Program – (Dr. Lysyshyn)**

An overview was provided with regard to a provincial program wherein drug users are trained to administer the drug Naxlozone on themselves, or others. The Naxlozone medication can reverse the effects of a drug overdose and thereby resulting in less deaths. The program has been implemented across Vancouver and urban areas, and will soon be available in the North Shore.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The Committee determined that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:00 pm at the North Vancouver District Hall.

A call for agenda items will be made and any items arising can be forwarded to the Committee Clerk.

**ACTION: As suggested by Richard, needle disposal to be an April agenda item. It was also suggested that McCreary come to a future meeting of the working group to present on the results from the Adolescent Health Survey for the North Shore. Annie will contact them regarding availability.**

**11. Any other business**

Councillor Buchanan brought up an issue with regard to the recent and increasing youth use of “poppers”. It was suggested that data be gathered with regard to this issue.

**ACTION: This item will be put on the April agenda.**

**12. Adjournment**

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.