



North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission

Meeting of the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission

Thursday, February 18, 2016, 7:00 pm

**Committee Room – District Municipal Hall
355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Commissioner Doug Green
Commissioner Allison Rzen
Commissioner Holly Back
Commissioner Rod Clark
Commissioner David Porter
Commissioner Mathew Bond
Commissioner James Heth
Commissioner Darren Woodworth
Commissioner Cheryl Leia

Staff: Heather Turner, Director of Recreation & Culture
Leslie June, Manager, Recreation & Culture Services
Gary Houg, Manager, Maintenance & Engineering Services
Barb McLean, Cultural Services Officer
Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Commissioner Lisa Muri
Commissioner Franci Stratton

I. Call to Order

Director Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She welcomed the Commissioners to the first Commission Meeting of 2016.

II. Election of Officers for 2016

a) Chair

Director Turner asked for nominations. Commissioner Heth nominated Commissioner Green and he accepted. Commissioner Rzen seconded the nomination. Director

Turner asked if there were any more nominations and none were received. Commissioner Green was thereby appointed as Commission Chair.

b) Vice-Chair

Director Turner asked for nominations. Commissioner Green nominated Commissioner Heth and he accepted. Commissioner Back seconded the nomination. Director Turner asked if there were any more nominations and none were received. Commissioner Heth was thereby appointed as Commission Vice-Chair.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Clark; **seconded** by Commissioner Bond

THAT the meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

IV. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Bond; **seconded** by Commissioner Porter

THAT the minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2015, be adopted.

Carried

Director Turner spoke to the motion passed on Page 4 of the minutes relating to Sport and Recreation Travel Grants and advised that effective early December, the grant amounts disbursed by the City and District are the same.

Director Turner then clarified that regarding the last report on Recreation Facility Planning Updates, a more detailed design of the new Delbrook Community Recreation Centre will be presented at the next Commission Meeting.

V. New NVRC Website Presentation

Jeremy Neill, Marketing Specialist, presented on NVRC's upcoming new website. He then answered questions from the Commissioners.

VI. Director's Report

Director Turner highlighted the report's new format mentioning that it is now more strategically aligned. She welcomed feedback from the Commissioners. She then highlighted certain items in the report.

Director Turner provided information on the update of the Facility Plan. She added that the Commissioners will receive further information on the process in four to six months.

Director Turner then answered questions from the Commissioners.

On the topic of changing roles for municipalities in health and wellness services, Director Turner indicated that a conversation will be taking place at the Senior Staff Forum during the upcoming BCRPA Symposium. Leslie June added that the national agenda highlighted the role of municipalities in "serving the underserved". Director Turner informed the Commissioners that the national recreational framework helped shape NVRC's strategic directions.

Director Turner highlighted the annual report from North Shore Community Resources provided as an attachment.

Director Turned informed the Commission of a meeting held with the School District that same day regarding a potential pilot project for booking after school hours use of schools.

Director Turner highlighted the upcoming 50th anniversary celebration for Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre and Centennial Theatre, and provided information on the events.

Commissioner Clark then left the meeting.

VII. Items for Information

a) Recreation Facility Planning Updates

Moved by Commissioner Porter; **seconded** by Commissioner Rzen

THAT the report regarding Recreation Facility Planning Updates be received for information.

Carried

Gary Houg reviewed his report and advised the Commissioners that design visuals for the new Delbrook Community Recreation Centre will be presented at the next Commission Meeting.

b) 2016 Committee Appointments

Director Turner reviewed the list provided. She then advised the Commission that the City decided to disband the City of North Vancouver Parks & Environment Advisory Committee. She thanked Commissioner Woodworth for his time served, albeit brief, on the Committee as the Commission representative.

VIII. Items for Discussion/Decision

- a) 2016 Commission Meeting Dates for Approval

Moved by Commissioner Leia; **seconded** by Commissioner Porter

THAT the 2016 Commission Meeting Schedule be approved as presented.

Carried

Commissioners Porter and Back mentioned their unavailability on March 17, 2016. Commissioner Bond mentioned his unavailability on September 15, 2016.

Director Turner then asked the Commissioners to forward any date conflicts to the Executive Assistant.

- b) Program & Project Assistance and Celebration & Events Assistance Grants

Director Turner invited Barb McLean, Cultural Services Officer, to speak to this item. Barb McLean informed the Commission that this was the first intake under the new mandate, and that it was conducted with an interim review committee. She attended as staff support and Commissioner Rzen attended as Commission liaison.

Moved by Commissioner Leia; **seconded** by Commissioner Woodworth

THAT the Commission approve the recommendations of the interim Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee for Program & Project Assistance and Celebrations & Events Assistance grants totaling \$36,000 to seven organizations as outlined in Attachment 2.

Carried

Chair Green invited questions from the Commissioners. Commissioner Heth asked if the criteria were carried over from previous processes and if they will be adapted. Director Turner replied that there will be more attention paid to an organization's ability to become increasingly self-sufficient, especially for those who have received long standing funding. The goal is to have the criteria revised for the next intake, which will be March 2.

Following a question from Commissioner Woodworth on funding amounts awarded versus the amounts requested by the organizations, Barb McLean provided details and rationales.

c) 2016 Arts & Culture Core/Operating Grants

Director Turner informed the Commission that after 2016, there will no longer be a category called "Core Grants"; they will fall under Operating Grants. This is the last year in a three year cycle, and the recommendation is consistent with what Councils have approved in the last two years.

Moved by Commissioner Leia; **seconded** by Commissioner Back

THAT the Commission approve the following 2016 grants in fulfillment of the third year of multi-year funding arrangements:

1. North Vancouver Community Arts Council in the amount of \$ 207,285
2. BC Photography & Media Arts Society in the amount of \$ 147,285
3. Presentation House Cultural Society in the amount of \$ 119,575
4. Seymour Art Gallery in the amount of \$ 42,285

AND THAT these grants be paid in two equal installments: February 2016 and June 2016; the June payments subject to approval of the Commission's provisional operating budget by the City and District of North Vancouver.

Carried

Following a question from Commissioner Rzen as to the percentage of the funding awarded in relation to the overall budget, Barb McLean answered that it differs significantly per group; Director Turner added that the information can be provided in future reports.

Director Turned added that NVRC is preparing a call for candidates for the new Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee and that nominations will be brought back to the Commission for approval.

IX. Committee and Liaison Reports

a) Finance Committee of the Whole

No meeting was held since the last Commission Meeting; no report.

b) Policy & Planning Committee

No meeting was held since the last Commission Meeting; no report.

c) Parkgate Partnership Committee

No meeting was held since the last Commission Meeting; no report.

d) School District #44

Commissioner Stratton was absent; no report.

X. Other Business

No other business was brought forward.

XI. Next Meeting

The next Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

XII. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Leia; **seconded** by Commissioner Back

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Carried

Approved:

Recorded by:

Doug Green, Chair

Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Date