



Meeting of the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission

**Thursday, September 24, 2020, 5:30 pm
Virtual Meeting**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Commissioner David Porter
Commissioner Holly Back
Commissioner Megan Curren
Commissioner Cyndi Gerlach
Commissioner Angela Girard
Commissioner Colleen Gray-Hewett
Commissioner Cheryl Leia
Commissioner Lisa Muri
Commissioner Franci Stratton
Commissioner Bernice Timmer

Staff: Heather Turner, Director of Recreation & Culture
Jennifer Wilson, Manager, Recreation & Culture Services
Gary Houg, Manager, Maintenance & Engineering
Karen Bickford, Finance Section Manager
Anne Rodgers, Communications Coordinator
John Rice, Cultural Services Officer
Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Commissioner Brian Lynch

I. Call to Order

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Back

THAT the meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

III. Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Girard

THAT the minutes of the meeting of June 25, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

IV. Director's Report

Director Turner highlighted items in the report.

On the topic of anti-racism/anti-discrimination initiatives, Commissioner Back suggested the Commission work with the School Board. Commissioner Stratton agreed, and suggested that this be included in the Commission's annual priorities/service plan.

Commissioner Curren spoke to a series of ongoing workshops hosted by the North Shore Multiculturalism Society, and the development of a North Shore Racial Equity Strategy. There are opportunities for the Commission to work across organisations and local governments, and Commissioner Girard suggested North Shore Restorative Justice as an example.

Director Turner introduced Anne Rodgers, Communications Coordinator, to present on "NVRC's Marketing, Communications and Participation during COVID-19" highlighting initiatives over the summer.

Commissioner Curren asked about how the summer program participation compares to normal years. Director Turner stated that this was a very atypical year as all facilities were closed and the program offerings were much less and different from normal years. Participation numbers are usually much higher. Data could be provided to the Commission if desired.

Director Turner spoke to 2020 financials, and extended her thanks to staff; the Council representatives in turn expressed their thanks to Commission staff for their continued efforts.

V. Items for Discussion/Decision

a) 2020 Arts & Culture Grants

Director Turner spoke to the report.

Following a question, Director Turner provided confirmed that any funded organisation must be able to prove they can comply with current health authority guidelines. J. Rice, Cultural Services Officer, provided additional details on grant applicant requirements.

Moved by Commissioner Curren; **seconded** by Commissioner Stratton

THAT the Commission approve the disbursement of Arts & Culture grants in the amount of \$36,250.

Carried

b) Policy 103 – Access to Facilities & Programs

Director Turner provided background information on Parkgate Society's request to the Commission to reconsider changes to Policy 103. Commissioner Timmer, Policy & Planning Committee Chair, spoke to the Committee's consideration of this request at their August meeting and the committee's consensus that the policy be upheld.

Moved by Commissioner Stratton; **seconded** by Commissioner Muri

THAT the Commission, in response to a request from Parkgate Society to rescind changes to the Commission's Policy 103 and, as recommended by the NVRC Policy & Planning Committee, uphold the revised Policy 103 and new Policy 121 related to Access to Facilities & Programs;

AND THAT this decision be communicated to the Parkgate Society Board.

Carried

c) 2021 Priorities/Service Plan

Director Turner reviewed the service plan, and identified a missing element regarding anti-racism/anti-discrimination initiatives and collaboration.

A number of suggestions were made regarding the format of the plan. Following a question from Commissioner Girard, Director Turner spoke to the Strategic Plan renewal including an arts & culture strategy. It was also agreed that collaboration with First Nations will be included in the service plan.

Chair Porter suggested that an amended version of the service plan be presented to the Commission at the following meeting (after review by the Policy & Planning Committee). Director Turner stated that formatting will be further reviewed in 2021.

Chair Porter asked that the motion be amended to add "draft":

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Leia

THAT the Commission approve the draft 2021 Priorities/Service Plan.

Carried

VI. Other Business

Commissioner Gerlach spoke to the motion approved by the School Board earlier in the week regarding an internal look at systemic racism within the School District and forming working committees with facilitators to support challenges, with recommendations to the School District to follow.

VII. Next Meeting

The next virtual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020, and will be preceded by the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Girard

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Carried

Approved:

Recorded by:

David Porter, Chair

Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Date