

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, CULTURE AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES



Minutes of the Community Engagement, Culture and Inclusion Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele (Chair)
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MEMBERS ABSENT

Nil

1. Call To Order

Chair Thiele called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval Of The Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Minutes

(a) Minutes of the Meeting held on June 8, 2017

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT,
CULTURE AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
JUNE 8, 2017 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.”**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Business Arising From The Minutes

Nil

5. Unfinished Business

Nil

6. New Business

(a) **Poverty Reduction Strategy**

Committee reviewed the letter and toolkit from Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.

Action Item: Request that staff promote the Government of Canada Poverty Reduction Strategy to raise awareness and share information about how members of the public can partake in the process of reducing poverty and help improve the economic well-being of all Canadian families. The link for the toolkit is: www.canada.ca/reduce-poverty.

Members reported that they do not have sufficient data for how Anmore might be directly affected by poverty.

Action Item: Request that staff to provide members with future correspondence regarding poverty reduction.

(b) **Age-Friendly Planning**

The following comments were presented relative to the Proposed Strategies & Actions section of the Age Friendly Plan (page 18):

- Create an online volunteering section of the Village of Anmore website to incorporate volunteer opportunities with the various community groups. This would be a central location to communicate opportunities for volunteering. For those without access to the internet, the material could be available at City Hall.

- Creating an online volunteer section on the website is the top recommendation
- Promote youth activities on the Village website

- Host a volunteer drive event with the various community groups during Ma Murray Days to recruit volunteers.

- Developing a volunteer drive / program seems unrealistic

- Develop a skills bank which inventories peoples experience, interests and talent.

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- Continue to recognize the volunteer efforts of those in the community.

- Volunteers are recognized at the annual Volunteer Appreciation event

- Address local transportation needs to access programs and resources either through improved transit schedules or volunteer drivers.

- The transit system will be improved with an increase in service

- Provide information on volunteer driving on the Village sign board, on the Village web site or through a future Seniors Resource Guide.

- Consider printing and posting to the website a care package or resource guide
- Look into partnership with United Way and Healthy at Home program

- Facilitate active participation of older persons and youth on Advisory Committees and Working Groups.

- The Village encourages everyone to participate

- Support a volunteer-led “Welcome Wagon” to provide basic information about the Village to new residents.

- Support would be granted for a Welcome Wagon, but it would not be led by the Village due to limited capacity; this is something not normally led by a municipality

- Consider establishing an Age-Friendly Committee to assist in the implementation of recommendations in the Plan.

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“AFTER HAVING REVIEWED THE VILLAGE OF ANMORE AGE FRIENDLY PLAN THAT WAS DEVELOPED IN OCTOBER 2013, THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLAN TO COUNCIL:

THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP A SENIOR’S RESOURCE GUIDE IN PRINT FORM AND DIGITAL FORM FOR OUR WEBSITE WHETHER IT BE USING AN EXISTING DOCUMENT OR CREATING ONE;

THAT COUNCIL PROMOTE OUR ANMORE YOUTH GROUP AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES ON THE ANMORE.COM WEBSITE;

THAT COUNCIL KEEP TOP OF MIND THE NEED FOR A GATHERING PLACE FOR SENIORS, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ALL THE RESIDENTS OF ANMORE;

AND THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO KEEP AN EYE OPEN FOR AGE FRIENDLY GRANTS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE; THAT MIGHT BE USED TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE AGE FRIENDLY PLAN.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“TO ADJOURN.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Certified Correct:

C. MILLOY

Christine Milloy
Manager of Corporate Services

Approved:

A. THIELE

Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele
Chair, Community Engagement, Culture
and Inclusion Committee