

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION COUNCIL with the Social Development Commission** held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on June 22, 2011 commencing at 3:35 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor James Atebe
Councillor Terry Gidda
Councillor Paul Horn (left at 4:45 p.m.)
Councillor Danny Plecas (arrived at 4:00 p.m.)
Councillor Jenny Stevens
Councillor Heather Stewart

Council Members Absent: Councillor Mike Scudder

Social Development Commission Members Present: Barb Strachan
Pam Willis
Gurpreet Chahal
Gail Franklin
Gary Van De Keere
Annie Silver

Staff Members Present: Glen Robertson, Chief Administrative Officer
Paul Gipps, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development
Tracey Takahashi, Administrative Clerk

1. DISCUSSION

Presentation – Manager of Social Development

The Manager of Social Development provided an overview of the Social Development program, including the following:

- Working Groups:
 - 40 Developmental Assets;
 - Central Resource Bureau/Interagency Alliance – infomission.ca website;
 - Town Squares – Rain Garden;
 - Housing – Affordable housing strategy; and
 - Outreach Network – Connect Events.
- Partner Groups:
 - Soapbox Community Garden;
 - Mission Central Elementary Neighbourhood Project;
 - Child and Youth Committee (Ministry of Child and Family Development);
 - Youth Fest – very successful in 2011, planning under way for even better event in 2012; and
 - UFV Partnerships (UFV Social Work program, partnership between Social Development and the Ministry of Child and Family Development for practicum students, summer Communications student currently working on the website, pamphlets and social determinants of health).
- Lessons learned:

- There is a need to be increasingly flexible and adaptable, transitioning with community interest as it evolves over time;
 - There is a need to be increasingly aware and appreciative of stretched volunteer resources;
 - The Social Development Plan relies heavily on volunteerism, which has proven unrealistic in its capacity for volunteer leadership, skill and interpersonal skills;
 - This results in the Social Development Manager heavily utilized to maintain group progress;
 - The SDC feels quarterly meetings would be a more effective use of time;
 - The SDC would like to increase its role as an Advisory body to Council; and
 - The Social Development Manager will liaison with Planning so that the SDC may play an increased Advisory role.
- Future opportunities:
 - Communications revisions – Summer 2011
 - Celebrate Community – September 2011
 - Planning Institute of BC – May 2012
 - Mission Youth Forum – May 2012
 - Mission Community Forum – May 2012
 - Provincial Forum – 40 Developmental Assets

Mayor Atebe thanked the Manager of Social Development for the presentation and opened the floor for questions and comments from Council.

Discussion ensued with regard to connections with other commission, use of social media, progress on the Rain Garden project, recruitment of volunteers for the 2014 BC Winter Games and various partnerships.

Mayor Atebe commended and thanked the Manager of Social Development for the work she does with the commission.

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Document Review

The Manager of Social Development overviewed the Social Development Commission Terms of Reference, the Social Development Vision, the Information Feedback Loop and the Social Development Timeline documents.

Discussion ensued with regard to the Commission meeting quarterly rather than monthly and whether such a change would positively or negatively impact attendance at meetings. It was noted that the Commission is working to improve attendance at meetings and will strive to ensure that time is used more effectively during meetings

Moved by Councillor Stevens, seconded by Councillor Gidda, and

RESOLVED: That the amendments and revisions to the Terms of Reference, the Social Development Vision, the Information Feedback Loop and the Social Development Timeline be received as information.

CARRIED

2. ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by Councillor Gidda, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



JAMES ATEBE, MAYOR



PAUL GIPPS, DEPUTY CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER