

NWCPRC

Date: 17 January 2019

Time: 12:30pm – 2:00pm

LIVE MEETING or Dial-in: City of New Westminster
City Hall Council Chambers, City Hall

Attendees: John Stark, Lisa Paterson, Sukdeep Jassar, Murray Baker, Saul Doria, Deanna Tan, Alex Kwan, Betina Wheeler, Shannon Patrick

Regrets: Pat Steiner, Tristan Johnson

Agenda/Meeting Notes

ITEM	TIME	PRESENTER	MATERIAL	DECISIONS/ ACTIONS/COMMENTS
1. Introductions/Regrets	5 mins	JS		
2. Updates:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Financial empowermentCouncil Endorsement for #AllonBoardNew Westminster Food Security Action PlanFood Costs Report & Food Security Action Plan	50 mins		Feedback	<p>Family Services of Greater Vancouver will provide financial empowerment training for Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction staff at the end of January. This training is open to members of the committee. Two more tax clinics are planned for Queensborough in March. The Financial Literacy and Empowerment working group would like to increase the number of tax clinics in New Westminster. Council endorsed the #AllonBoard campaign Dec 3, 2018 Action: Lisa and Tristan to work with the library on the tax clinic calendar.</p> <p>The city applied to the Vancouver Foundation for a grant to develop a food security action plan, resulted in two food summits. The framework has been presented to Council who has endorsed it in principle. Now up to the community to action the framework. Alex Kwan (Healthy</p>

				<p>Built Environment Specialist) and Deanna Tan (Public Health Dietitian) from Fraser Health presented on the Food Costing in BC 2017 report that was released in the fall. The presentation highlighted the connection between household food insecurity, poverty and the need for income-based solutions, particularly those that increase disposable income, and the role of Poverty Reduction Committee in support of these actions.</p>
3. Short term action plan	20 mins	JS/ALL		Updates/progress report
4. Other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic income pilot (feedback from committee) Housing Lunch and learn – poverty reduction 	15 mins	ALL	https://feedback.engage.gov.bc.ca/212765?lang=en	<p>There is opportunity to give feedback on a potential basic income pilot by Feb 15. More information on pilots can be found here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basic_income_pilots</p> <p>Action: committee members to contact Lisa if they wish to give feedback as a group.</p> <p>The City is undertaking a rental revitalisation program through the use of business licences. This is to prevent renovations. They have developed a tax exemption so that property owners can invest in their properties.</p> <p>Action: committee members to send speaker suggestions to John</p>
Check out the new Poverty Reduction webpage				