THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON

Committee of the Whole AGENDA

Monday, February 19, 2018 at 1:00 PM
in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 310 Ward Street, Nelson, BC
(Acting Mayor takes the Chair)

1 Call to Order

2 Aboriginal Acknowledgement
   The City of Nelson acknowledges all Aboriginal peoples on
   whose traditional territories we stand. We honour their
   connection to the land and rivers and respect the
   importance of the environment to our strength as a
   community.

3 Introduction of Late Items

4 Adoption of Agenda

5 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings
   (a) Committee of the Whole meeting - January 22, 2018
   (b) Special Committee of the Whole meeting - January 18, 2018
   (c) Special Committee of the Whole meeting - January 16, 2018

6 Cultural Presentation
   (a) South Nelson Elementary School singers

7 Public Participation
   Acting Mayor permits comments or questions from the
   public (Maximum 15 minutes)

8 Delegations
   (a) Community Energy Association
   (b) Kutenai Art Therapy Institute (KATI)
   (c) Social Planning Network (SPAN) Funding Presentation
   (d) Nelson at its Best -
       Basic Guaranteed Income
9 Late Items
10 Resolution to Adjourn
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON
REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

DATE: February 19, 2018 Committee of the Whole
TOPIC: Cultural Presentation
PROPOSAL: South Nelson Elementary School singers
PROPOSED BY: CDC

ANALYSIS SUMMARY:
The City of Nelson celebrates and embraces diverse, rich and authentic cultural strength. The Cultural Development Committee (CDC) has arranged for talented artists to deliver short and vibrant presentations at the beginning of Committee of the Whole meetings. The CDC has invited South Nelson Elementary School children to sing to Council.

BENEFITS OR DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:
Council acknowledges that Nelson’s vibrant arts community; cultural life and preserved heritage buildings have a strong impact on Nelson’s local economy and recognizes that the arts, culture and heritage sector helps to keep Nelson an alluring and attractive destination.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS AND POLICIES:
It is within Council mandate and authority to receive this presentation.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:
There are no costs associated with the presentation.

IMPACT ON SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES AND STAFF RESOURCES:
Presentations of this nature are a means to promote and celebrate the vibrant arts culture and heritage sector that the Nelson is widely known for.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:
1. Receive and thank the performers
2. Refer to staff with direction

ATTACHMENTS:
N/A

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council receives and thanks the children from South Nelson Elementary School.

AUTHOR: REVIEWED BY:

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER CITY MANAGER
REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

DATE: February 19th, 2018, Committee of the Whole

TOPIC: Community Energy Association

PROPOSAL: Climate Leadership

PROPOSED BY: Trish Dehnel – Community Energy Association

ANALYSIS SUMMARY:
The City of Nelson is a new and valued Community Energy Association member.

BENEFITS OR DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:
The presentation is for Council and the public’s information.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:
There is no cost associated with this presentation.

IMPACT ON SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES AND STAFF RESOURCES:
Supporting this project is in alignment with the City’s Path to 2040 Sustainability Strategy.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:
1. Receive and thank the presenter
2. Refer to staff with direction

ATTACHMENTS:
- Presentation

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council receives the presentation from Trish Dehnel of the Community Energy Association and thanks her for the presentation.

AUTHOR: REVIEWED BY:

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER CITY MANAGER
City of Nelson
Climate Leadership

Trish Dehnel, Community Energy Association
February 19, 2017
Community Energy Association

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Accelerate Climate Action with People and Projects

www.communityenergy.bc.ca
Community Energy Association Members

District of North Vancouver
City of North Vancouver
The City of Delta
Castlegar
City of Nelson
Sparwood
Kimberley

West Vancouver
Bowen Island Municipality
New Westminster
City of Vancouver
Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
Municipality of North Cowichan
CVRD

City of Campbell River
District of Summerland
Our regional climate advisors from left to right: Dany Robidoux, Samantha Peverill, Laurent Pilon, Marie-Claire Dumont, Dale Littlejohn, Eddie Oldfield
Five-Milestone Framework

1. Establish a baseline GHG inventory and forecast
2. Set GHG reduction targets
3. Develop a local action plan
4. Implement the plan or set of activities
5. Monitor progress and report results
Climate Action Program - Senior Energy Specialist

- RDCK Sustainability Program
- Regional approach to Step Code and Sustainability Checklist
- Identify and implement low carbon energy initiatives
- Education and promote energy efficiency/conservation solutions
Recognizing Nelson Leadership

Just a few achievements....

☑ EcoSave Energy Retrofits Program
☑ Green Home and Energy Show
☑ LED Business Lighting Installation Campaign
☑ Energy Conservation Education – Elementary School Outreach
☑ Net metering for PV Solar for Nelson Hydro customers
☑ LED lighting installs
☑ Community Solar Garden
☑ RDCK Senior Energy Specialist
☑ Prepare for BC Energy Step Code
☑ EV Level 2 Public Charging Station
☑ Laneway housing review
Policy and Program Development

- Sustainability Checklist
- Regional approach to Step Code
- Regional “EcoSave” program
- Policies for Energy Efficient Existing and New Homes

Training and Education

- Community Home shows
- **Builders Workshop April 6**
- Elected Official Step Code workshop

Promotion of Energy Efficient Programs
Performance Compliance

Energy Modeling by Natural Resources Canada Certified Energy Advisor

Air-Tightness Testing
• Achieve minimum performance levels

No Prescriptive Energy Requirements
ECAP - Honorarium

- Honorarium to community service group
- Full service program
  - Energy assessment
  - Direct installed products
    - Lighting
    - Refrigerators
    - Insulation
    - Furnaces
  - Advice
- For income-qualified households

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Accelerate Kootenay Network
Questions?

Trish Dehnel
Community Energy Association
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250-505-3246

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON
REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

DATE:        February 19th. 2018, Committee of the Whole
TOPIC:       Kutenai Art Therapy Institute (KATI)
PROPOSAL:    Requesting Support from the City for their application to the BC Ministry of Advanced Education
PROPOSED BY: Terence Buie and Monica Carpendale of KATI

ANALYSIS SUMMARY:
The Kutenai Art Therapy Institute (KATI) was founded by Monica Carpendale in 1995. KATI operates under the umbrella of the Kutenai Art Therapy Institute Association (KATIA), a nonprofit society incorporated in February 1995. KATIA is also a registered charitable organization. The Board of Directors of KATIA governs the Institute and its programs, services, workshops and professional development.

The Kutenai Art Therapy training program is comprised of theoretical, practical, experiential and clinical components based on the application of art to therapy. The program emphasizes the creative process as a way of learning, integrating different cultural views of self, symbolism and interpretation. The Institute is an art-oriented environment. The program is designed so that theoretical, experiential, and clinical components reflect and complement each other.

BENEFITS OR DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:
The presentation is for Council and the public's information.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:
There is no cost associated with this presentation.

IMPACT ON SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES AND STAFF RESOURCES:
Supporting this project is in alignment with the focus area of Healthy Living and Social Well-Being from the City’s Path to 2040 Sustainability Strategy.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:
1. Receive and thank the presenter
2. Refer to staff with direction

ATTACHMENTS:
- Executive Summary
- Presentation

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council receives the presentation from Terence Buie and Monica Carpendale of KATI and thanks them for the presentation.
The Kutenai Art Therapy Institute

The Kutenai Art Therapy Institute (KATI) was founded by Monica Carpendale in 1995. KATI operates under the umbrella of the Kutenai Art Therapy Institute Association (KATIA), a nonprofit society incorporated in February 1995. KATIA is also a registered charitable organization. The Board of Directors of KATIA governs the Institute and its programs, services, workshops and professional development.

On April 1, 1995 KATI was registered as a Private Post-Secondary Institution in BC, and has been accredited through the Private Career Training Institutions Agency since July 1, 2000. The Institute is a Designated Learning Institution meeting the Education Quality Assurance (EQA) standards set by the province of B.C under the Private Training Institutions Branch (PTIB). KATI’s programs are recognized and approved by the Canadian Art Therapy Association (CATA), and the British Columbia Art Therapy Association (BCATA).

KATI offers a post-baccalaureate two-year Diploma program in Art Therapy that emphasizes an awareness of the therapeutic needs of rural communities, with a focus on training culturally sensitive and responsive art therapists.

The KATI Art Therapy Program offers two forms of delivery: a campus program that also serves the wider community by providing art therapy services, and a blended distance/campus delivery that supports students in developing a practice in their home communities. KATI has recently launched the Groundwater Initiative in conjunction with the blended delivery program, addressing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, by means of:

- Consulting with indigenous elders, leaders and professionals in education and health care with regards to providing services to indigenous communities
- Developing culturally safe and responsive curricula
- Increasing the number of professionally trained indigenous art therapists
- Increasing cultural competency among art therapists and health care professionals.

Art Therapy

Art therapy is a form of expressive therapy that is used in therapeutic treatment, prevention and rehabilitation, when working with children, adolescents and adults. The visual and plastic arts permit direct expression of dreams, fantasies, fears, and other inner experiences, bypassing the secondary process of language.

Art therapy offers an opportunity to take active creative responsibility in the therapeutic process, to express grief and release trauma in a supportive atmosphere using the universal language of pictures. Art therapy is now recognized as a valuable approach to healing. It also allows individuals to engage in a world of unlimited imaginative potential, to relax and play, to take risks and create new possibilities; in essence, to make meaning out of lived experience.

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1 For example, The National Geographic, February 2015, [www.nationalgeographic.com/healing-soldiers/](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/healing-soldiers/)
The Kutenai Art Therapy Institute Program

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The Diploma in Art Therapy is completed through a 24-month program of coursework (600 hours and 54 credits), after which students have two years to complete their thesis or major project (40 hours and 6 credits). Students must also complete 700 hours of clinical placement, which includes 350 hours of direct client contact providing art therapy services, and 160 hours of supervision (four times the CATA Standards of Practice).

The program focuses on training culturally sensitive art therapists, who are responsive to the therapeutic needs of diverse communities. The current program is equivalent to a Master’s degree in number of credits, level of study and required coursework.

The clinical placement component offers experience working with a wide client base including the elderly, addiction services, hospice, mental health clients, transitional training programs, adolescents, parent/child dyads, community service centers, elementary and secondary school programs, pain groups, professionals in transition, and individuals seeking self-exploration.

Students are currently awarded a Diploma in Art Therapy upon successful completion of all program requirements, including their thesis/major project. Graduates are qualified to be practicing professional art therapists, and can work towards Canadian Art Therapy Association registered status as a Registered Canadian Art Therapist (R.C.A.T.)

Master of Arts in Art Therapy

KATI’s Diploma program currently meets the Canadian Art Therapy Association’s educational standards for recognition as a Master’s degree. The highest level of credential in art therapy studies in Canada is a Master’s degree, or equivalent post-baccalaureate Diploma, offered through University and Institute programs.

Art therapists are increasingly required to have Masters accreditation in order to be current with trends in professional status. A Master of Arts degree will be a true reflection of the high quality of the program currently offered at the Kutenai Art Therapy Institute.

Impact on the City of Nelson

2 Concordia University, Montréal, QC: Masters of Arts (MA) in Creative Art Therapies
Athabasca University, Athabasca, AB: Master of Counselling, Art Therapy
(affiliated with Vancouver Art Therapy Institute)
St. Stephen’s College, Edmonton, AB: Master of Psychotherapy and Spirituality (Art Therapy specialization)
Adler University, Vancouver, BC: Master of Counselling Psychology: Art Therapy
Langara College, Vancouver, BC: Expressive Arts Therapy Certificate
Kutenai Art Therapy Institute, Nelson, BC: Diploma in Art Therapy
Vancouver Art Therapy Institute, Vancouver, BC: Art Therapy Diploma
Toronto Art Therapy Institute, Toronto, ON: Diploma in Art Therapy
In the past 22 years, KATI has made an important contribution to the City of Nelson and surrounding communities through its practicum placements, conferences and other local events sponsored by the Institute, as well as direct and indirect contributions to local businesses.

Accreditation with a Master of Arts degree will significantly raise the profile of KATI, both within British Columbia and across Canada, as KATI could be the first independent Art Therapy School in Canada offering a post-graduate degree. We expect that the increased visibility of the Institute will be of notable benefit to Nelson and the surrounding communities.
BC Non-profit society (KATIA)

Registered charity: donation receipts tax-deductible

In operation for 23 years

Designated Learning Institution under the Private Training Institutions Branch, licensed by Ministry of Advanced Education

Programs approved by the Canadian Art Therapy Association and the BC Art Therapy Association
Art Therapy Diploma Program

- Launched in 1995 with seven students
- 2017 cohort ~ 28 students from across Canada and around the world
- 100+ Diplomas in Art Therapy granted
- Two-year program in two formats: Campus and Blended Distance
- Diploma requirements equivalent to Master’s degree
Art Therapy Diploma Program

- Students are required to have first degree or post-baccalaureate equivalent
- Academic coursework: 600 hours & 54 credits
- Clinical placement & supervision: 700 hours (includes 350 hours of direct client contact) plus 160 hours of supervision
- Thesis or Major Project: 40 hours & 6 credits
- Presentation of personal process as a clinical case study prior to graduation
Art therapy programs responding to local community needs

- Rosemont Elementary, South Nelson Elementary, Trafalgar Middle School, The Waldorf school, Wildflower, Redfish Elementary School
- Seniors’ facilities: Mountain Lakes, Jubilee Manor, Passmore Lodge
- Adult Special Education: Selkirk College, Bigby Place
- The Clubhouse, Our Daily Bread, Kootenay Kids, McKim Cottage & Anderson Gardens
- In-patient psychiatric programs & Harbour House (Trail)
- Ongoing groups and individual therapy hosted by KATI for women, caregivers, children and adolescents
KATI’s Vision

- Achieve Master of Arts accreditation in 2019
- Amend art therapy program to respond to Calls for Action from the Truth & Reconciliation Commission
- Purchase premises for KATI
- Initiate East Coast cohort program
Benefits of Accreditation

- Ensures KATI's long-term success: Master’s degree needed to stay current with trends in professional status
- First independent Art Therapy Institute with a Master’s degree in Canada
- First post-graduate accreditation in the Kootenays
Challenges

- Over 80% of Institute funding from tuition fees
- Current Baker Street rental: $57k annually
- Competition from other art therapy programs in Canada
KATI Master’s Accreditation Timeline

Full Program Proposal & Organization Review
- April 2018

External Experts Review
- August 2018

Degree Approval
- March 2019

Master’s Program Launch
- September 2019
Cost of Accreditation

- Ministry of Advanced Education fees:
  - $3,500 Full Program Proposal application
  - $6,000 External Experts review
  - $6,250 Independent consulting fees: Human Resources & Application reviews
- $1,750 Administrative expenses
- Total budget: $17,500
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON
REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

DATE: February 19th, 2018, Committee of the Whole
TOPIC: Social Planning Action Network (SPAN)
PROPOSAL: Community participation in planning positive change
PROPOSED BY: George Chandler & Rona Park

ANALYSIS SUMMARY:
Nelson’s Social Planning Action Network exists to help provide and promote a view of community planning and development as seen through the lens of well-being and quality of life for all citizens if Nelson. SPAN includes all aspects of community life and their inter-connectedness.

BENEFITS OR DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:
The presentation is for Council and the public's information.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:
There is no cost associated with this presentation.

IMPACT ON SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES AND STAFF RESOURCES:
SPAN is in alignment with the City’s Path to 2040 Sustainability Strategy.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:
1. Receive and thank the presenter
2. Refer to staff with direction

ATTACHMENTS:
• Presentation

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council receives the presentation from George Chandler and Rona Park of Span and thanks them for the presentation.

AUTHOR: REVIEWED BY:

[Signatures]

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER CITY MANAGER
Nelson’s Social Planning Action Network

Community participation in planning positive change

Why does SPAN exist in Nelson?

To help provide and promote a view of community planning and development as seen through the lens of well-being and quality of life for all citizens of Nelson.
Nelson’s Social Planning Action Network

*Community participation in planning positive change*

Why does SPAN exist in Nelson? ... so that:

- Nelson can become an even more caring, inclusive, dignified and socially just community, one that is healthy and safe for everyone.
- Everyone has an equal voice in defining problems and offering solutions to improve quality of life and well-being.
Nelson’s Social Planning Action Network

*Community participation in planning positive change*

Critical Clarifications  SPAN Nelson is:

1) **NOT** a social service body

2) **NOT** a social sector-only initiative

Rather, social planning includes all aspects of community life ...
Nelson’s Social Planning Action Network

*Community participation in planning positive change*

... social + economic + cultural + health
+ recreation + environmental + transportation
+ political + education + public safety + ...

... and especially, their **inter-connectedness**
Nelson’s Social Planning Action Network

Community participation in planning positive change

How does SPAN Nelson operate?

- in collaboration, cooperation and coordination among all sectors of the community

- striving for and encouraging community participation and input from a variety of voices around current and emerging issues impacting our quality of life
Nelson’s Social Planning Action Network

Community participation in planning positive change

What does SPAN do?

- Identify community quality of life issues as they emerge
- Generate research and information on these issues
- Educate the larger community about these issues and the inter-connectedness of sectors in resolving them
- Act as a catalyst by providing recommendations for action to appropriate community and governmental agencies
Nelson’s Social Planning Action Network

*Community participation in planning positive change*

What has SPAN accomplished since 2006?

- 2012 Community Survey identified key community concerns around poverty, mental health and housing
- *Nelson at its Best* project to end poverty
- Community Mapping project  ➔ Nelson Housing Committee
- Two focused community meetings -- Life on Baker St.
- Feasibility study for a Nelson Volunteer Hub 2017
- All-Candidates Reverse election for a since 2009
- Public education events
Nelson’s Social Planning Action Network

*Community participation in planning positive change*

Proposal for City of Nelson Support of SPAN

SPAN Nelson is asking Council to create a stronger commitment to the important work of this community quality of life action network

...by making SPAN a part of City of Nelson budget on an ongoing basis
Nelson’s Social Planning Action Network

Community participation in planning positive change

SPAN’s ongoing community engagement and research work needs financial support to:

➢ expand and strengthen community sector participation

➢ continue to identify community well-being needs, including addressing emerging issues

➢ coordinate activities to respond to these needs
Nelson’s Social Planning Action Network

Community participation in planning positive change

Some emerging issues:

- Effects of minimum wage increase across sectors
- Transportation, including but not limited to seniors
- Rise in discrimination, as population diversifies
- ???
Benefits for City:

- Dedicated multi-sectoral public entity to keep an active eye on the community’s quality of life
- Responsive public engagement capacity for creating dialogue around issues related to quality of life
- Complementary third leg of a balanced stool supporting the community -- that is, arts/cultural, economic + social planning
- Supports the aspirations and goals of the City’s *Path to 2040* sustainability strategy
Project Coordination Annual Budget

Coordination $11,650
Supplies and materials $1,200
Convening expenses $2,150

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$15,000
Nelson’s Social Planning Action Network

Community participation in planning positive change

SPAN exists and works in Nelson so that:

- Nelson can become an even more caring, inclusive, dignified and socially just community, one that is healthy and safe for everyone

- Everyone has an equal voice in defining problems and offering solutions to improve the quality of life.
Nelson’s Social Planning Action Network

*Community participation in planning positive change*

Questions?
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON
REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

DATE: February 19th, 2018, Committee of the Whole
TOPIC: Nelson at its Best
PROPOSAL: Universal Basic Guaranteed Income
PROPOSED BY: Nelson at its Best Steering Committee

ANALYSIS SUMMARY:
Nelson at its Best aims to “help residents, businesses and community leaders develop a long-term strategy to reduce poverty and make our community the best place it can be” by reducing poverty. A Basic Income Guarantee ensures everyone an income sufficient to meet basic needs and live with dignity, regardless of work status.

BENEFITS OR DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:
The presentation is for Council and the public's information.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:
There is no cost associated with this presentation.

IMPACT ON SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES AND STAFF RESOURCES:
Nelson at its best is in alignment with the City’s Path to 2040 Sustainability Strategy.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:
1. Receive and thank the presenter
2. Refer to staff with direction

ATTACHMENTS:
• presentation

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council receives the presentation from the Nelson at its Best steering committee and thanks them for the presentation.

AUTHOR: REVIEWED BY:

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER CITY MANAGER
nelson
at its best
Poverty in Nelson

- In 2015, 19.3% of Nelson residents lived in poverty compared to 15.5% of BC residents overall.

- 18.6% of working age adults (18-64 years) or 1,230 individuals lived in poverty in Nelson compared to 14.8% for BC.

- Child poverty (0-17 yrs) in Nelson rose from 21.6% in 2012 to 24.1% in 2015. The rate for BC overall was 18.5%.

- 16.7% of Nelson seniors (65 and over) lived in poverty in 2015 compared to 14.9 for BC.
What are the impacts and consequences of poverty?

What can be done to reduce or end poverty?

What priority actions should be included in a poverty reduction strategy?
Nelson at its Best

Poverty reduction legislation must:

- empower people to participate meaningfully and with dignity in community

- narrow the gap between the richest and poorest amongst us

- disrupt systemic drivers of social and economic inequality
Nelson at its Best

Universal Guaranteed Income

a ‘trickle up’ approach
“Mincome provided the Richardsons with financial predictability and a sense of stability. There was always food on the table. The bills were paid. The kids stayed in school.

And when Gordon’s health took a turn for the worse ..., the family still made ends meet.”
Kingston becomes first Canadian municipality to call for basic income guarantee

Posted by Roderick Benns on December 16, 2015

By Roderick Benns

Publisher of Leaders and Legacies, a social purpose news site

The City of Kingston has become the first municipality in Canada to call for the development of a basic income guarantee for all Canadians.

Council recently and unanimously passed a motion calling for a national discussion on the issue, hoping this will lead the provinces and federal government to work together to “consider, investigate, and develop a
Basic income pilot: Mental health, resilience will surely improve

Posted on News by Roderick Benns · November 30, 2017 10:56 AM

Roderick Benns

Basic income open enrollment sessions begin this week here in Lindsay, as well in Hamilton and Thunder Bay. If you haven’t registered and you think you might be ‘working poor’ or on Ontario Works, you should **check out the simplified process**.

The basic income pilot is an incredible opportunity. It not only has the capacity to change individual lives, but to create community-level change, too, especially in Lindsay where half the pilot participants live.

**Read more**
Quebec to offer basic income for 84,000 people unable to work

Posted on News by Roderick Benns · December 11, 2017 8:45 AM

CBC News

Quebecers who have a severely limited capacity to work will gradually be able to access a guaranteed minimum income beginning next year, Premier Philippe Couillard's government announced Sunday.

The measure is part of a $3-billion action plan to fight poverty and promote "economic inclusion," but falls short of offering a basic income for all Quebecers, a demand of many anti-poverty groups.
A May 2017 document outlining the NDP-Green Party agreement to govern includes a pledge to design and implement a basic income pilot testing if providing a basic income is effective in reducing poverty, and improving housing, health and employment.

Nelson at its Best strongly supports this policy initiative and believes Nelson to be an ideal pilot community.
Proposed City Council Resolution

- Whereas, in British Columbia, poverty rates and in particular child poverty rates exceed the 14.9% overall poverty rate for Canada;

- and whereas extreme wealth and income inequality are creating social conflict and eroding community health and well-being;

- And whereas, in Nelson, indicators of extreme inequality, poverty and in particular child poverty exceed both federal and provincial rates;

- And whereas, guaranteed basic income strategies offer significant potential to mitigate poverty and inequality,

Nelson City Council resolves its support for the Government of British Columbia’s intent to pilot one or several guaranteed basic income approaches to reduce and prevent poverty in BC and calls on the Government to include the City of Nelson as the subject of any such guaranteed basic income pilot study.
DATE: February 19th, 2018, Committee of the Whole
TOPIC: Downtown Nelson Street Outreach Project
PROPOSAL: Update – Year One
PROPOSED BY: Lynda Dechief, Rona Park & Nelson Police Department

ANALYSIS SUMMARY:
The Downtown Nelson Street Outreach Project began in October 2016 as a way to provide caring, comprehensive, and direct response to the immediate and longer-term needs of Nelson’s growing "street culture" population.

BENEFITS OR DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:
The presentation is for Council and the public's information.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:
There is no cost associated with this presentation.

IMPACT ON SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES AND STAFF RESOURCES:
The Nelson Street Outreach Project is in alignment with the City’s Path to 2040 Sustainability Strategy.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:
1. Receive and thank the presenter
2. Refer to staff with direction

ATTACHMENTS:
None

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council receives the presentation from Lynda Dechief and Rona Park of the Downtown Nelson Street Outreach Project and thanks them for the presentation.

AUTHOR: REVIEWED BY:

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER CITY MANAGER
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON
REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

DATE: February 19th. 2018, Committee of the Whole
TOPIC: Downtown Nelson Street Outreach
PROPOSAL: Update
PROPOSED BY: Shawn Zukowski, Nelson Police Department

ANALYSIS SUMMARY:
The Nelson Police Department has increased their presence in the downtown core by scheduling a regular beat officer. The beat officer works with the street outreach team, bylaw officers and other service agencies to ensure our downtown is a safe and welcoming place.
Constable Zukowski will provide and update to Council on these activities.

BENEFITS OR DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:
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COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:
There is no cost associated with this presentation.

IMPACT ON SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES AND STAFF RESOURCES:
Downtown Nelson Street Outreach is in alignment with the City’s Path to 2040 Sustainability Strategy.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:
1. Receive and thank the presenter
2. Refer to staff with direction

ATTACHMENTS:
None

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council receives the presentation from Shawn Zukowski from the Nelson Police Department and thanks him for the presentation.

AUTHOR: [Signature]
REVIEWED BY: [Signature]

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER 
CITY MANAGER