



To:	Richmond City Council	Date:	September 4, 2007
From:	Councillor Linda Barnes, Chair Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee	File:	01-0060-20- BCHC1/2007-Vol 01
Re:	B.C. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITMENT		

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee, at its meeting held on July 24, 2007, considered the above matter, and recommends as follows:

Committee Recommendation

That the City confirm its commitment to participate on the Steering Committee of the B.C. Healthy Communities Coalition for a further two year term.

Linda Barnes, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Attach.

Subject: FW: Steering Committee Membership appointments

From: Jodi Mucha [mailto:jmuch@bc.ca]
Sent: Thu 2007-07-05 1:17 PM
Cc: Richard Taylor
Subject: Steering Committee Membership appointments

*To Parks, Rec & Culture - Jul 24, 2007
01-0060-BCHCI*

Dear Steering Committee members,
Congratulations on two-years of success!!

As you know, the BCHC Steering Committee membership is nearing the end of its first 2-year appointed term. We have made considerable progress in moving the BCHC initiative forward and I acknowledge each of you for the contributions you have made thus far. Exciting times are ahead of us.

I am emailing to invite you to reconfirm your organization's interest in remaining on the Steering Committee, and if so, to confirm your future appointments. You have the following options for remaining involved:

1. Confirm appointment for 1 more year (as a staggered term) ending September 2008
2. Confirm appointment for another 2 year term ending September 2009

I would appreciate if you could notify me of your choice no later than **July 23, 2007**.

Thanks again for the time and energy you have put forth to build the foundation of BCHC. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Jodi

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BC Healthy Communities Accomplishments Brief July 2007

The BC Healthy Communities (BCHC) initiative was established in September 2005 with funding support from the Ministry of Health. The initiative is designed to support the MoH's broader Healthy Communities mandate- addressing the multiple determinants of health. As part of the international Healthy Cities/Healthy Communities movement, BCHC takes a capacity building approach, fostering collaboration across sectors to strengthen social, cultural, environmental and economic assets that support health, well-being and human development.

As one of the 15 member steering committee, Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) also acts as a steward agency for BCHC, involving hiring and housing staff and providing financial and human resources management through the UBCM's existing systems.

Highlights of BCHC activities to date include:

Accomplishments in Brief

- ✓ The **Ministry of Health** provided \$116,000 additional funds to support BCHC
- ✓ **BCHC Regional Facilitators** active in each of the 5 health regions (increased from 0.6FTE to 0.8FTE)
- ✓ **Provincial Facilitator** working 0.5FTE to support BCHC at the Provincial level and to support/mentor Regional Facilitators
- ✓ **Learning Events Coordinator** hired to coordinate and implement Provincial Conference and other BCHC Learning Events and activities
- ✓ **Communications Coordinator** hired to support Central Office Staff and Regional Facilitators and to develop communications materials
- ✓ **Seed Grant Program** 21 successful Healthy Community projects from Phase I, Phase II launched May 29 (Seed Grants are \$2,500 each) (Funding for Seed Grants was given to BCHC by UBCM through the Community Health Promotion Fund)
- ✓ **Seed Grant Learning Event** pilot successfully completed with others planned around the province (to support Seed Grant recipients to implement the Healthy Communities Approach)
- ✓ **5 Regional Forums** successfully completed around the Province, planning in progress for 5 more in different locations in each region
- ✓ **BCHC Province-wide Network** established and growing
- ✓ **BCHC website, regional e-bulletins and newsletter** developed as key community resources
- ✓ **Local government engagement strategy** implementation underway including presentations at UBCM convention
- ✓ **2007-2010 Strategic Plan** finalized
- ✓ **Evaluation Framework** developed
- ✓ **Strategic partnerships** built to advance key initiatives: e.g. Provincial Health Services Authority and the Built Environment; UBCM and the Community Health Promotion Fund; Public Health Agency of BC and 2007 **Provincial Conference**
- ✓ **Presentation at IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion and Health Education**, Planning Institute of BC Conference, Building on Sustain Able Communities, and others

Attached for background info.



City of Richmond

Report to Council

To: Richmond City Council
From: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair, General Purposes Committee
Re: BC Healthy Communities Coalition Steering Committee Representative

To Council - Sep 6, 2005
Date: August 31st, 2005
File: 01-0100-01

The General Purposes Committee, at its meeting held on Monday, August 29th, 2005, considered the attached report, and recommends as follows:

Committee Recommendation

That Councillor Linda Barnes be appointed to serve on the Steering Committee of the BC Health Communities Coalition until the inaugural meeting in December, 2005.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
General Purposes Committee

Attach.

VARIANCE

Please note that staff recommended the following:

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To: General Purposes Committee

From: David Weber
Director, City Clerk's Office

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Staff Report

Origin

The City has received a request to appoint a member of Council to serve on the Steering Committee of the new BC Healthy Communities Coalition.

Analysis

Funded through the Ministry of Health Services, the BC Healthy Communities Coalition has been established to develop and implement the Healthy Communities Initiative. The overall goal of this initiative is to increase the capacity of communities in BC to create more supportive environments and to address issues that will lead to the improved health of BC residents (see **Attachment 1** for an executive summary of the program).

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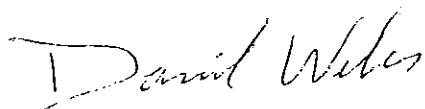
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Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

That Council accept the invitation to participate on the Steering Committee of the BC Healthy Communities Coalition by appointing a Council member to serve on the Steering Committee.



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Executive Summary of the Proposal

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- ❖ An independent BC Healthy Communities Coalition (BCHCC) will be formed and primarily funded by the Ministry of Health Services to develop and implement a Healthy Communities Initiative within the overall ActNow BC initiative.
- ❖ The BCHCC will be led by a 15 member Steering Committee plus an ex officio representative from both MOHS and ActNow BC.
- ❖ The BCHCC will be hosted within the Union of BC Municipalities who will serve as the administrator of the grant from MOHS.
- ❖ A clear MOU between UBCM, the Steering Committee and MOHS needs to be developed regarding accountabilities and responsibilities.
- ❖ In addition to the Steering Committee, there would be a larger provincial Advisory Committee with representatives from all of the related provincial organizations and each of the Health Authorities.
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- ❖ The role of the Steering Committee, and Central and Regional staff, would be to foster and support community-based committees and healthy community activities. These may be new committees or existing networks and bodies. Local government participation in these local bodies is encouraged, but is not required.
- ❖ These community-based committees would be encouraged to register with BCHCC and to share their plans and initiatives with other communities.

The overall Goal of the Healthy Communities Initiative is to increase the capacity of communities in British Columbia to create more supportive environments and address issues that will lead to the improved health of their citizens. Some objectives are:

- To strengthen and create strategic alliances between provincial and regional organizations which result in positive, healthy impacts at the local level.
- Encourage and support the development of local healthy community networks, including existing ones, resulting in more comprehensive approaches to the health and vitality of communities.
- Enhance communication, cooperation and mutual support between and among communities.
- To have a positive influence on the development of healthy public policy.
- To contribute to the planning and development of community environments that support healthy lifestyles.
- To contribute to the goals and objectives of ActNow BC.

This proposal was developed under the guidance of a **Planning Group** that included representatives of key provincial organizations (see Section 2). These organizations were: UBCM, Planning Institute of BC (PIBC), Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC), BC Healthy Living Alliance (BCHLA), 2010LegaciesNow, a representative of the Health Authorities, and MOHS representatives.



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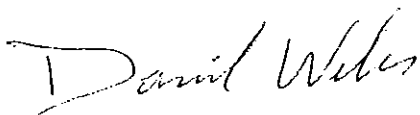
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