



## **SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**Friday, September 20, 2013**

A meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee was held on Friday, September 20, 2013, at 9:30 am, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Chris Morrissey, Chair  
Thomas Brunker  
Eddy Elmer  
Sharon Fenton  
Clemencia Gomez  
Scott Graham  
Dellie Lidyard  
Colleen McGuinness, Vice-Chair  
Carol Oreck  
Rowena Tate  
Eva Wadolna

**ABSENT:** Colin Lazzerini

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Tony Tang, Vancouver City Council  
Alina Cheng, Engineering Services

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

None.

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Colleen McGuinness  
SECONDED by Sharon Fenton

THAT the minutes of the May 17, 2013, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Rowena Tate  
SECONDED by Colleen McGuinness

THAT the notes of the August 16, 2013 working session, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with item 3b first. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.*

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### **1. Business Arising from the Meeting of May 17, 2013**

#### **a. Community based care motion second follow-up**

Sharon Fenton provided an update on the Community-Based Care motion, noting Better At Home will be working with Vancouver Coastal Health Authority to fill some gaps in service provision.

Scott Graham and Eva Wadolna agreed to work with Ms. Fenton to bring a motion forward to the Committee at the November meeting.

#### **b. Fees for wheel chairs – BC Health Coalition petition**

No report.

**c. Pearson Dogwood follow-up**

Sharon Fenton provided an update on the proposed redevelopment of the Pearson-Dogwood site. Along with Tasia Alexis, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, Ms. Fenton noted that there is a lack of clarity on the types of housing that will be provided at the redeveloped facility. Ms. Alexis also noted the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee will be reporting back to City staff on issues related to the proposed development.

**d. Brock House/Point Grey Road follow-up**

Rowena Tate noted the Transportation Subcommittee will be taking a look at this matter in conjunction with City staff. The Chair suggested inviting a Brock House representative to that meeting.

**2. Sub-Committee Reports**

**a. Communication and Outreach**

Eddy Elmer, Chair, reported on a special joint meeting with Engineering Services (Streets Division) and members of the LGBTQ and Women's Advisory Committees to discuss concerns about the adequacy of street and sidewalk lighting, as well as the timely replacement of burned out street lights. Members from the three committees will work with Staff and Council Liaisons in an attempt to resolve these issues. Mr. Elmer also reminded those in attendance that the October meeting will be held at Champlain Heights Community Centre.

**b. Housing**

Dealt with under item 3b.

**c. Transportation and Mobility**

No report.

**d. Pets and apartments**

No report.

### **3. Presentations**

#### **a. Planning Updates:**

Brian Jackson, General Manager, Planning and Development Services, provided an update on the proposed new building by-law and the next steps for community plans. Mr. Jackson also responded to questions and issues raised around full accessibility for new single-family residences.

#### **b. Housing**

Judy Graves provided an update on current issues with housing, noting she will be working with the Housing Subcommittee and to work with the Tenants' Rights Action Coalition (TRAC) to ensure that people in housing can have the quiet enjoyment of their residence they are entitled to. Ms. Graves also responded to questions.

### **4. Committee Liaison Reports**

Councillor Tang provided an update on the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) conference, noting that the SAFER motion proposed by the Committee through Vancouver City Council was approved by the UBCM. Councillor Tang also provided an update on the building collapse in Chinatown, noting residents have all been housed.

### **5. New Business**

#### **a. COSCO Update**

Tom Bruner provided an update on COSCO, including information on joining and emerging issues with the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP). Mr. Bruner also noted there is an opportunity for the Committee to join COSCO as an organization.

The Committee adjourned at 12:05 pm

### **Next Working Session**

DATE: October 18, 2013  
TIME: 10:00 am  
PLACE: Champlain Heights Community Centre  
3350 Maquinna Drive

### **Next Regular Meeting:**

DATE: November 15, 2013  
TIME: 9:30 am  
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room  
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

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