



SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 19, 2015

A meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, June 19, 2015, at 9:33 am, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Colleen McGuinness, Interim Chair
Eva Beda
Thomas Crean
Beatrice Ho
Gudrun Langolf
Dellie Lidyard
Jim McCully
Angie Natingor
Scott Ricker, Interim Vice-Chair
Brian Tucker
Eva Wadolna
Jacquie Weiler
Bob Worcester

ABSENT: Eddy Elmer (Leave of Absence)
Lisa Low

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Council Liaison
Councillor Tim Stevenson, Council Liaison
Commissioner Erin Shum, Park Board Liaison
Trustee Fraser Ballantyne, School Board Liaison
Stephanie Kripps, Vancouver Public Library
Chris Morrissey, Past Chair

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

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The Committee agreed to hear Councillor Ball's comments immediately as she had to leave the meeting early.

For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Brian Tucker
SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard

THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence be for Eddy Elmer for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Committee agreed to add a number of items to the agenda.

Note: these items are recorded under "New Business"

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Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Scott Ricker
SECONDED by Gudrun Langolf

THAT the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting on March 20, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Gudrun Langolf
SECONDED Jacquie Weiler

THAT the working session notes of April 17, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Beatrice Ho
SECONDED by Gudrun Langolf

THAT the working session notes of May 15, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Engineering Presentation - Burrard Bridge Improvements

Paul Storer, Transportation 2040 Team, Engineering Services, provided an update on the Burrard Bridge Improvements and responded to questions regarding signal timings and traffic control at the north end intersection.

The Interim Chair noted that, for large projects, there is a need for very early engagement with the Committee so that staff proposals can accommodate advisory committee suggestions.

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The Committee agreed to hear Councillor Stevenson's comments next as he had to leave shortly for another meeting.

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The Committee recessed at 10:44 am and reconvened at 10:51 am.

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2. Committee Liaison Updates

a. Council Liaisons

Councillor Ball thanked the Committee for their work and noted that although she can only attend a few meetings, she keeps herself up to date on Committee activities by reading the minutes.

Councillor Stevenson noted the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee would like to have a close working relationship with the Seniors' Advisory Committee, to include a formal liaison at a later date.

b. School Board Liaison

Trustee Ballantyne provided an update on the possible closure of schools and noted that selling schools is not on the table. In discussion, it was suggested that, if schools are going to be empty, there are many community groups who need working space.

Trustee Ballantyne also provided an update on seismic upgrading.

c. Park Board Liaison

Commissioner Shum noted there may be possibilities for the Seniors Advisory Committee to work with the Renters Advisory Committee in addition to the LGBTQ2+ and Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee. She also provided an updated on the Brock House hedges and an update on the South Vancouver Seniors Centre.

d. Vancouver Public Library

Stephanie Kripps, Accessibility Services, Vancouver Public Library, noted she will be meeting with the Outreach Subcommittee for National Seniors' Day events to take place on October 1, 2015.

The Committee requested a tour of the new Vancouver Public Library Inspiration lab. Ms. Kripps agreed to set this up.

e. Staff Liaison

No report.

3. Subcommittee Updates

a. *Communication*

The Interim Chair requested everyone submit their 300 word biographies as soon as possible for upload to the website.

b. *Housing*

The Interim Chair requested members respond to her request to meet so they can meet and develop a work plan. She noted it would be good for the Committee to meet with the City's Chief Housing Officer to let him know they are there as a resource.

The Committee agreed to refer the matter of the False Creek Leaseholds to the Housing Subcommittee, noting people are having problems getting mortgages because the leasehold agreements are coming to an end.

c. *Outreach - Seniors Week Update*

Beatrice Ho provided an update (*subcommittee notes distributed - on file*)

d. *Transportation and Mobility*

Due to time constraints, the Committee agreed to review Transportation and Mobility Subcommittee meeting notes (*distributed - on file*) rather than hearing an update.

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At this point in the proceedings, the Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with two items of new business (the election of Chair and Vice Chair, and Lighting) prior to item 4.

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4. St. Paul's Hospital Relocation

The Chair suggested the Committee needs to have a discussion about St. Paul's Hospital and take a position on its closure and the new hospital in False Creek.

Anthony Kupferschmidt, West End Seniors Network (WESN), noted the WESN has been engaged by Providence Health Care as to services that should be at the new site.

Following discussion, it was agreed that WESN should be the point organization to this, with a liaison from the Committee who can communicate to both groups.

5. New Business

a. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Following due process, Colleen McGuinness was elected Chair, and Scott Ricker was elected Vice-Chair until the end of the term in February 2017.

b. Street Lighting

The Chair noted Eddy Elmer had worked on street lighting previously and that Engineering Services was looking for some feedback on three key questions. Eva Wadolna agreed to coordinate the Committee's input on this matter.

6. Roundtable

The Chair noted she had added "Roundtable" as an item to have more general conversations with Committee members and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Beatrice Ho
SECONDED by Tom Crean

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

Date	Meeting Type
July 17, 2015	Working Session
August 21, 2015	Working Session
September 18, 2015	Regular Meeting
October 16, 2015	Working Session
November 20, 2015	Regular Meeting
December 18, 2015	Working Session

TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 12:35 pm.

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