



OLDER PERSONS AND ELDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 17, 2024

A meeting of the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee was held on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 10:02, via electronic means.

PRESENT: Marc White, Chair
Susan Scott Gabe, Vice-Chair
Sana Aziz
Warren Chan
Varouj Gumuchian
Linda Johnston
Andrea Krombein
Dale Lutes
Andrea Sara
Tricia Sirrs
Kara Turner

ABSENT: Richard Earthy (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Christine Boyle, Council Liaison
Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky, Park Board Liaison
Detective Constable Anna Grigoletto, Vancouver Police Department Liaison
Trustee Jennifer Reddy, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Anthony Kupferschmidt, Strategic Lead, Older Persons, Staff Liaison
Marion Pollack, Alternate Member

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Susan Scott Gabe
SECONDED by Varouj Gumuchian

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Richard Earthy for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Dale Lutes
SECONDED by Sana Aziz

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Friday, March 22, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Warren Chan
SECONDED by Linda Johnston

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee vary the agenda to hear item 4, Liaison Updates before item 1, Motions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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4. Liaison Updates

The Staff Liaison provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

The Vancouver Police Department Liaison provided updates on seniors' scam prevention work and responded to questions.

The Vancouver School Board Liaison provided updates on 2024-2025 operating budget and responded to questions.

The Park Board Liaison provided updates and responded to questions.

The Council Liaison provided updates on the following:

- [Province takes action to prevent evictions in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside](#)
- [Approach to Renewing the Healthy City Strategy as Vancouver's Social Sustainability Plan](#)

1. Motions

MOVED by Dale Lutes
SECONDED by Susan Scott Gabe

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee confirm approval of Marc White's oral presentation to Council on May 8, 2024 supporting staff report: Approach to Renewing the Healthy City Strategy as Vancouver's Social Sustainability Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Susan Scott Gabe
SECONDED by Kara Turner

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee establish a working group to address the issue of Social Isolation and Loneliness, including advisory group members, content experts, community agencies, health authorities, academics, and identify opportunities to coordinate strategies to address this strategic priority.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Dale Lutes
SECONDED by Linda Johnston

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee formally recognize and commemorate BC Seniors Week, which runs from June 2 – 8, 2024;

FURTHER THAT, with the support of the Strategic Lead, Older Persons, the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee participate in an event on June 3, 2024, 11 am – 12 pm, at City Hall, Joe Wai Room, to celebrate active aging, highlighting innovative active transportation initiatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Susan Scott Gabe
SECONDED by Tricia Sirrs

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee appoint Sana Aziz, Andrea Sara, and Kara Turner as alternate members to the Accessibility Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Chair and Vice-Chair Report

The Chair and Vice-Chair provided reports and responded to questions.

3. Working Session Updates

The Chair provided updates on the working session held on April 19, 2024.

5. Subcommittee Updates

Subcommittee Leads provided reports and the Committee engaged in discussion.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Dale Lutes
SECONDED by Linda Johnston

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Friday, July 19, 2024
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 11:54 am.

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