



## SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**MARCH 6, 2020**

A meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on March 6, 2020, at 10:02 am in the Business Centre, Second Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Colleen McGuinness, Chair  
Monica Camporese  
Beatrice Ho  
Dellie Lidyard  
Dale Lutes  
Scott Ricker, Vice-Chair  
Vernon Wang\*  
Jacqueline Weiler  
Marc White  
Callie Wong

**ABSENT:** Donna Clarke (Leave of Absence)  
Najmah Mohamed  
Romy Senghera (Leave of Absence)  
Kala Singh (Leave of Absence)  
Eric Szeto (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Christine Boyle, Council Liaison  
Councillor Jean Swanson, Council Liaison  
Commissioner Tricia Barker, Park Board Liaison  
Trustee Janet Fraser, School Board Liaison  
Winston Chou, Manager, Traffic and Data Management  
Susan Mele, Acting Recreation Manager, West Region  
Karen Liebel, Coordinator, Accessible Services, VPL  
Laura Mackenrot, Persons with Disabilities Advisory  
Committee Liaison  
Taisa Alexis, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee  
Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

## **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Jacquie Weiler  
SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve leaves of absences for Donna Clarke, Romy Senghera, Kala Singh and Eric Szeto for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Vernon Wang absent for the vote)

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Dale Lutes  
SECONDED by Monica Camporese

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 10, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Vernon Want absent for the vote)

### **1. Presentation – Micro-mobility**

Winston Chou, Traffic and Data Management, Staff Liaison, provided a presentation on micro-mobility devices to the Committee, including an overview on scooters, mobility devices, charging cord ramps, hazards and the Province's limited trial-use of the devices. Winston also spoke on the electric vehicle charging cords which included background, applicability, the City of Seattle system and support for home owner users' of electric vehicles. Questions followed by members.

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The Committee agreed to hear item 3, Liaison Updates and discuss 5 a) Coronavirus, prior to item 2. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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### **3. Liaison Update**

Councillor Swanson, Council Liaison, provided brief updates on the motion "Rescind Rental Zoning in C2-Zones" and the motion "Declaring a Homelessness Emergency: Making an Emergency Plan to Drastically Reduce Homelessness".

Councillor Boyle, Council Liaison, provided brief updates on the following:

- C2 Zoning;
- Curb cuts and main arterials;
- Water and washrooms as a human right;
- Small business support and protection on main arterials; and
- Vancouver (City-wide) Plan update.

Trustee Fraser, School Board Liaison, provided brief updates on the following:

- Building to Learn, School Board version;
- Coalition on Healthy School Food program;
- Schools in Olympic Village needed;
- UNDRIP, colonial audit; and
- Budget process.

Commissioner Barker, Park Board Liaison, provided brief updates on the following:

- Golf report;
- 420 Event;
- Oppenheimer Tent City; and
- "Thanks in Advance" transit button bus etiquette.

Winston Chou, Manager, Traffic and Data Management, Staff Liaison, provided updates on the Committee's inquiries regarding hand flashing at pedestrians' crosswalks. Karen Liebel, Coordinator, Accessible Services, Vancouver Public Library, asked for an update to the City webpage, to alert pedestrians on the hazards of crosswalk walking when the hand is flashing.

Karen Liebel, Coordinator, Accessible Services, Vancouver Public Library, also provided updates on library activities including, the networking event entitled "Too Young to Retire" at the downtown library branch, and the Death Café March 31 event at the Kerrisdale Community Centre.

## **5. New Business**

### **a. Coronavirus**

Dellie Lidyard, inquired on the City's actions and pre-cautionary measures regarding the Coronavirus. In response, Councillor Swanson indicated Council will receive an update on March 9, and Councillor Boyle reaffirmed the City's efforts to protect the public from the virus. In addition, Commissioner Barker reaffirmed the Park Board's efforts to protect the public.

Karen Liebel, Coordinator, Accessible Services, Vancouver Public Library, shared that the Vancouver Public Library is working with the Vancouver Coastal Health on simpler language for the public on their website, regarding the Coronavirus.

## **2. Petitions – Council Member Motion**

The Chair led a discussion on Councillor Hardwick's motion "Strengthening Representative Democratic Practices in the City of Vancouver" and, specifically on public feedback. The Vice-Chair spoke on the subject, indicating they will share their points and best practices with Committee members for feedback via email, and then forward to Councillor Boyle for review.

## **4. Subcommittee Updates**

### **a. Housing**

Marc White, Vice-Chair, provided an update on the geo-mapping project of the city's housing, with written update to be sent to committee members.

### **b. Transportation and Mobility**

Dellie Lidyard, provided an update on subcommittee activities. Tasia Alexis, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee Liaison, asked for feedback from Committee members on their meaning of inclusion.

### **c. Engagement**

Jacque Weiler and Tasia Alexis attended the International Women's Day event at City Hall, and will provide a link to the Committee members via email.

### **d. Persons with Disabilities**

Laura Mackenrot, Vice-Chair, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, provided information on the casting call and photo-shoot for flexible plastic straw users in the city of Vancouver.

## **5. New Business**

### **b. Oakridge Mall Development**

The Chair shared feedback on the Oakridge Mall development, specifically drop-off zones, followed by discussion and input from Committee members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard  
SECONDED by Dale Lutes

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Regular Meeting:**

DATE: May 1, 2020  
TIME: 10:00 am  
PLACE: Town Hall  
Main Floor, City Hall

**Next Working Session:**

DATE: April 1, 2020  
TIME: 10:00 am  
PLACE: Business Centre  
Second Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 12:18 pm.

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