



## SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

May 20, 2016

A meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, May 20, 2016, at 9:33 am, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Colleen McGuinness, Chair  
Eddy Elmer  
Beatrice Ho  
Gudrun Langolf  
Dellie Lidyard  
Jim McCully  
Scott Ricker, Vice-Chair  
Brian Tucker  
Eva Wadolna  
Jacqueline Weiler

**ABSENT:** Eva Beda (Leave of Absence)  
Thomas Crean (Leave of Absence)  
Anthony Kupferschmidt (Leave of Absence)  
Dale Lutes (Leave of Absence)  
Bob Worcester (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Vancouver City Council  
Taryn Scollard, Director of Street, Engineering

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

## Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Scott Ricker  
SECONDED by Jacqueline Weiler

THAT Eva Beda, Tom Crean, Anthony Kupferschmidt, Dale Lutes, and Bob Worcester be granted leaves of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Beatrice Ho  
SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard  
SECONDED by Scott Rickard

THAT the working session notes of April 15, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 1. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

### 2. Presentation: Killarney Seniors Centre

Sandra Korpan, Project Manager, Facilities and Design Management, provided an overview of the process for the Killarney Seniors Centre (*on file*), and introduced Craig West, Taylor and Kurtz Architecture, who presented the design plans for the Centre (*on file*). Ms. Korpan and Mr. West, along with Lisa Prescott, Manager of Recreation Services, Vancouver

Parks and Recreation, responded to questions and concerns raised by Committee members.

The Committee requested that the presenters return with an update before the report goes to Council.

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*At this point in the meeting, the Committee agreed to deal with the report of the Transportation Subcommittee as the next item of business.*

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

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### 3. Committee Liaison Updates

#### *a. Council Liaisons*

Councillor Ball responded to an enquiry regarding presentations to Council, and agreed to provide information to the Committee via staff when a presentation is of relevance to current work.

#### *b. School Board Liaison*

No report.

#### *c. Park Board Liaison*

No report.

#### *d. Vancouver Public Library Liaison*

Andrea Brown, Acting Vancouver Public Library Liaison, noted the new outreach coordinator for the library will be starting on May 31, 2016. She also provided an update on the Vancouver Public Library's Strategic Planning Process.

*e. Staff Liaison*

Taryn Scollard, Staff Liaison, noted two sessions have been scheduled for advisory committee members as follows:

- Advisory Committee Member Training Session - July 6, 2016 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- 2016 Council of Councils - October 26, 2016, from 5:30 pm to 8 pm

**4. Subcommittee and Working Group Updates**

*a. Communication*

No report.

*b. Community Engagement*

Beatrice Ho noted she, the Chair, and Jacqueline Weiler and Colleen met with the Vancouver Courier and they would like to write an article about the Seniors' Advisory Committee. Also the Courier is looking for outstanding volunteer nominations. She also noted that the Metro Vancouver Alliance will be hosting an event regarding the cancellation of the Bus #49 route, and agreed to forward the information.

*c. Housing*

The Housing Subcommittee noted members would like to meet with the City Manager regarding seniors housing. Councillor Ball agreed to help facilitate such a meeting.

*d. Social Isolation and Loneliness*

No report.

*e. Transportation and mobility*

*i. West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Motion*

Lon LaClaire, Acting Director of Transportation, and Dale Bracewell, Manager of Active Transportation, provided an overview of the proposed separated bicycle lanes near Vancouver General Hospital, and responded to questions.

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard  
SECONDED by Eva Wadolna

WHEREAS

1. In 2013, Council ratified the City's plan to seek formal recognition from the World Health Organization as a "Global Age-Friendly City;"
2. In 2014, the Province of British Columbia officially designated Vancouver as an "Age-Friendly Community;"
3. Both of these actions have committed the City to follow an "Age-Friendly Action Plan" which refers to "making streets and sidewalks more accessible and reviewing accessibility in areas where seniors live or gather;"
4. The Transportation 2040 Plan prioritizes the needs of pedestrians above all others and further states that "a special emphasis will be placed on safety for at-risk groups to get to where they need to go comfortably and safely";
5. Seniors require safe and efficient access to West 10th Avenue so they may attend the numerous medical facilities in the area, including the emergency department at Vancouver General Hospital; the BC Cancer Research Centre; the Eye Care Centre; the Arthritis Centre; the Blusson Spinal Cord Centre; the Centre for Hip Health and Mobility; and the Gordon and Leslie Diamond Health Centre;

6. The addition of a dedicated bicycle route would increase traffic along this route and therefore increase the risk for collisions with pedestrians, especially those who are disoriented or mobility-impaired;
7. The addition of the bicycle route would also leave inadequate space for taxis, HandyDart, private cars, or emergency vehicles (especially in cases of vehicle breakdown or catastrophic events);
8. The current plans do not provide safe, dedicated pick-up and drop-off locations for seniors accessing medical facilities;
9. The proposed removal of up to 77 parking spaces would require seniors and/or their caregivers to park and walk a much greater distance to and from medical facilities;
10. The current designs do not provide for sufficient lighting or other features that improve safety and comfort for vulnerable seniors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee request Council direct staff to:

1. Investigate more suitable options for the proposed protected bicycle lane, which may include relocating it to the designated bicycle path on West 7th Avenue between Oak and Ash Streets;
2. Ensure sufficient sheltered drop-off/pick-up locations in front of entrances to each medical facility along West 10th Avenue, directly connected by gentle ramps and raised crosswalks to slow traffic;
3. Ensure clear signage to caution motorists about vulnerable pedestrians and to give priority to emergency vehicles;
4. Ensure adequate lighting, crossing signals, and benches for the safety and comfort of vulnerable pedestrians.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. LaClaire and Mr. Bracewell agreed to return to a Committee working session to work on design of the area.

## 5. New Business

### a. *Barrier-Free BC*

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard  
SECONDED by Eva Wadolna

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT Council support the Barrier-Free BC 13 Principles for a British Columbians with Disabilities Act set out at the following link:  
<http://barrierfreebc.org/our-principles/>;

FURTHER THAT Council forward this motion of support to the UBCM for consideration at the September 2016 conference.

CARRIED

(Gudrun Langolf opposed)

(Brian Tucker abstained from the vote)

*Note: Section 145.1 of the Vancouver Charter states "Where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, they are deemed to have voted in the affirmative"*

### b. *Transportation*

The Chair noted that Councillor Stevenson is proposing a forum to discuss transportation in the West End, and asked whether the Committee would be in support. The Chair noted she advised that the Committee would be in support of such a forum, but on the condition that it would be a model for similar forums in other neighbourhoods.

*c. Seniors' Week Proclamation*

The Committee agreed to request a proclamation for Seniors' Week from the Mayor's Office. Councillor Ball agreed to assist.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Beatrice Ho  
SECONDED by Eva Wadolna

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: July 8, 2016  
TIME: 9:30 am  
PLACE: Committee Room 1  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 11:36 am.

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