



SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2021

A meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, March 19, 2021, at 10:01 am, via electronic means.

PRESENT: Colleen McGuinness, Chair
Donna Clarke
Beatrice Ho*
Dellie Lidyard
Dale Lutes
Romy Senghera
Kala Singh
Jacqueline Weiler*
Marc White
Callie Wong*

ABSENT: Scott Ricker, Vice-Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Jean Swanson, Council Liaison
Commissioner Tricia Barker, Vancouver Park Board Liaison
Laura Mackenrot, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee Liaison
Tasia Alexis, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee Liaison
Winston Chou, Manager, Traffic and Data Management (Staff Liaison)
Karen Liebel, Coordinator, Accessible Services, VPL

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kevin Burris, 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

None.

Approval of Minutes - January 22, 2021

MOVED by Beatrice Ho
SECONDED by Jacqueline Weiler

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Friday, January 22, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Oakridge Bike Lane

Staff from the Transportation Design Branch presented planned changes to the Oakridge site. Staff covered the following topics, and subsequently responded to comments and questions:

- passenger pick-up and drop-off; and
- bike lane placement and features.

The Chair expressed concern with the planned changes, and stated that bicycles are being prioritized over pedestrians.

2. Bus Stop Balancing

TransLink staff Daniel Freeman, Senior Manager of Bus Priority Programs, Steve Newhouse, Project Manager of Bus Speed and Reliability, and Sonia Takhar, Senior Communications and Engagement Lead, were invited to provide an update on the agency's ongoing bus stop balancing project on lines 2, 17, and 25. Staff subsequently responded to questions and comments on the following topics:

- the response rate for the project's public engagement; and
- meaningful engagement with women, persons with disabilities, and People of Colour.

The Chair stated that a focus on transporting essential workers is important, but the engagement process and the project have fallen short with seniors and persons with disabilities.

3. Electric Vehicle Cords

Staff from the Sustainability group presented an overview on the City's electric vehicle charging cord licensing program, and subsequently responded to questions and comments on the following topics:

- the City's liability insurance;
- the amount of time it takes to charge an electric vehicle;
- accessibility concerns; and
- under-sidewalk options and the possibility of charging with streetlights.

4. Burrard Station

Staff from the Rapid Transit Office presented proposed upgrades to the Burrard SkyTrain Station, and responded to questions and comments.

Committee members urged staff to ensure that accessible washrooms be included in any plans.

5. New Business

a) SILAS Subcommittee

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard
SECONDED by Kala Singh

THAT the 2019–2021 Seniors' Advisory Committee recommends that the incoming Seniors' Advisory Committee establish a subcommittee responsible for overseeing the City's implementation of the SILAS (Social Isolation and Loneliness among Seniors) report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Beatrice Ho, Jacqueline Weiler, and Callie Wong absent for the vote)

b) Election Update

The Chair and Dellie Lidyard provided an update further to a meeting with the City's election planning team.

6. Subcommittee Updates

a) Engagement Subcommittee

None.

b) Housing Subcommittee

Marc White asked whether the Housing Subcommittee would continue in the new term. The Chair confirmed this.

c) Transportation and Mobility Subcommittee

None.

7. Liaison Updates

Laura Mackenrot, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee Liaison, thanked the Committee for its relationship with PDAC, and thanked the Chair for her leadership. Laura extended an invitation to all members to the next PDAC working session on April 8, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Dale Lutes
SECONDED by Colleen McGuinness

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Beatrice Ho, Jacqueline Weiler, and Callie Wong absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Friday, May 21, 2021
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 12:20 pm.

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