



SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2022

A meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, March 11, 2022, at 10:00 am, via electronic means.

PRESENT:

Linda Johnston (Co-Chair)
Marc White (Co-Chair)
Donna Clarke (Co-Vice Chair)
Susan Scott Gabe (Co-Vice Chair)
Stuart Alcock
Sana Aziz
Conrad Guelke
Varouj Gumuchian
Jenny Konkin
Anthony Kupferschmidt*
Dale Lutes
Tricia Sirrs
Jacqueline Weiler

ABSENT:

Andrea Sara (Leave of Absence)
Margaret Young (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Christine Boyle, Council Liaison
Councillor Jean Swanson, Council Liaison
Winston Chou, Manager, Traffic and Data
Management (Staff Liaison)
Ian Broadbent, Supervisor, Recreation Services, Park
Board
Karen Liebel, Vancouver Public Library
Tasia Alexis, Persons with Disabilities Advisory
Committee
Chris Morrissey, Persons with Disabilities Advisory
Committee

**CITY CLERK'S
OFFICE:**

Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies
Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

WELCOME

Co-Chair Johnston called the meeting to order and acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Conrad Guelke
SECONDED by Tricia Sirrs

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve Leave of Absence requests for Andrea Sara and Margaret Young.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Anthony Kupferschmidt absent for the vote)

1. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

MOVED by Linda Johnston
SECONDED by Dale Lutes

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve the Consent Agenda for March 11, 2022, meeting as circulated, including Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2022 Regular Meeting, Vancouver Public Library Report, Park Board Report, Motions from Vancouver Food Policy Council, Community Services and Programming (Task Group A and B) Update Report, TAMS Report, SAC Housing Report, and SAC Education Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Anthony Kupferschmidt absent for the vote)

2. Councillors' Reports and Comments

Councillor Swanson provided updates on the following and responded to questions and comments:

- Heat Dome memorandum;
- Seniors' Housing Initiative and future staff engagements with the Seniors' Advisory Committee.

Councillor Boyle provided an update on the following and subsequently responded to questions and comments:

- Motion on the upcoming Council agenda around protecting small culturally significant businesses.

3. Liaison Reports

Chris Morrissey provided updates on the following:

- Two motions regarding the upcoming municipal election were passed unanimously at the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee meeting on March 10, 2022.
- Phone voting will not be available due to required Provincial legislative change, but Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee suggested another option for homebound voting.

Winston Chou provided updates on the following:

- Crosswalk on Dunbar being reviewed by staff due to concerns raised by Committee;
- Contacted Planning staff regarding the Seniors' Planner Position.

Karen Liebel submitted a written update prior to the meeting (appended) and reported on the following:

- "Advance care planning (ACP) is part of life planning" event on March 24, 2022, at Carnegie Theatre and online;
- Mask requirement being lifted at public libraries due to Public Health Order.

Ian Broadbent submitted a written update prior to the meeting (appended) and reported on the following:

- Provincial Conference on Ageing held in Richmond this year, both virtually and in-person;
- Mask requirement being lifted at community centers due to Public Health Order.

4. Comments, Reports and Work Plan Updates from SAC Committees or Task Groups

a) Community Services and Programs

Co-Vice-Chair Scott Gabe reported on the significant amount of work that has been done regarding the heat dome.

c) Housing

Co-Chair White notified members of a date and time change for the Housing Subcommittee, and will circulate agenda to all SAC Members in case they are interested in participating.

d) Education Committee

Co-Chair White noted the need for each committee considering education programming to secure a volunteer to participate on the Education Committee. The Education Committee will draft recommendations concerning timelines, checklists, target audience, learning objectives, marketing strategies and materials are addressed as well as commitment of volunteers to address all operational requirements.

Co-Vice-Chair Scott Gabe updated the Committee on the prospective lineup of speakers for upcoming education series related to Ageing in Community for SAC consideration.

5. Update on the Status of Seniors' Planner from the City of Vancouver representative

Addressed by Councillors earlier.

6. Setting a date for the Neighbourhood Traffic Management Program Presentation

Co-Chair Johnston suggested moving discussion to a separate meeting and inquired about Committee members' availability.

7. SharePoint Pilot Project Introduction

Co-Vice-Chair Scott Gabe and Ana Denissenko introduced the SharePoint Pilot to the Committee and responded to questions and comments.

8. New Business

a) Report on the results of the review of Advisory Committees from the Manager, Civic Agencies

The Manager, Civic Agencies, provided an update on the Review of Advisory Bodies Report, including action items, and responded to questions and comments.

b) Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia (SPARCBC) Presentation

Co-Chair White introduced the work being done by the Seniors' Advisory Committee with the Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia.

Amelia Moretti, Director of Research, Planning and Community Development, SPARCBC, provided a presentation on healthy ageing in Metro Vancouver, and responded to questions and comments.

Co-Chair White summarized the Committee input recommending that WHO Decade 2021-2030 for Healthy Ageing be the primary framework to link existing data from various sources (e.g. Peter Marriot City Data, City Senior Lab Findings, SPARC BC, National Community Data) to identify and then be able to prioritize data gaps. Given high Seniors' Advisory Committee and City priority issues – COVID-19, heat dome, impact of isolation/ death, it was suggested mapping seniors' concentrations in neighborhoods and community services /facilities /resources could assist planning and coordination of services across vulnerable populations. Committee members suggested historical and current census data on household composition in West End, Cambie Corridor, and

Broadway Plan would inform community discussions relevant to Seniors Housing Strategy, and planning for age-friendly city.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Varouj Gumuchian
SECONDED by Sana Aziz

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Friday, May 20, 2022
TIME: 10 am
PLACE: TBD

The Committee adjourned at 11:50 pm.

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Vancouver Public Library Update

March 11, 2022 Meeting

Thank you for the opportunity to share information about what's happening at Vancouver Public Library this month.

With the ongoing updating of health orders, VPL will gradually reintroduce in-person programming where it makes sense to with expanded attendance. Currently in-person children's programs are starting to rollout, with StoryTimes and other family programs. Check the Events listings or contact the information line (604-331-3603) for in-person programs in the coming months.

Public meeting rooms are available for use for free in the Central branch. The rooms on Levels 4, 5 and 6 are bookable on the day of use; first come, first served.

<https://www.vpl.ca/location/central-library>

There will also be an expansion of room rentals over the coming months in Central and branch locations, with a focus on private meetings to start. The restart plan agreed to by the VPL Board in February 2021 was delayed due to the changing health orders, and can now begin in 2022. Please read through the restart Phases and adjust 2021 and 2022 to 2022 and 2023:

<https://www.vpl.ca/sites/vpl/public/COVIDRecoveryProgramRentalPhasingReport.pdf>

A fun program we've been running quietly since 2021 is Caring Cards, which allows the general public to bring in or create an anonymous, glitter-free card to be included in deliveries to our Accessible Services patrons, who may be isolated. Branch locations have additional information. The feedback from recipients has been heartwarming and impactful thus far.

Upcoming [programs](#) may be of interest. These are programs that may be of particular interest to [Seniors](#):

The listings will indicate if the event is online or in-person (please note: all adult programs are currently online only; a limited number of children's programs are in-person).

- [Introducing Eden Fine Day: 2022 Indigenous Storyteller in Residence](#) – Tuesday, March 15: 6:00-7:00pm – Join an evening of storytelling and song as Eden Fine Day shares her short story *Up North* about a pivotal year in her childhood living in Fort St. James. Online by Zoom.
- [The Future of Democracy in an Era of Social Fragmentation – Tuesday, March 15: 1:00-2:00pm – Toronto journalist Tara Henley will be in conversation with Samir Gandesha, Director of the Institute for the Humanities at SFU, to talk about the worsening inequality in our society, putting democracy in peril. Online by Zoom.](#)
- [Being Prepared: How to Navigate Local Legal Resources](#) – Tuesday, March 15: 5:00-6:00pm – Learn essential legal resources that you can access for free to educate yourself on legal matters. Online by Zoom.
- [Writing the City: Crafting Poems about Place](#) – Saturday, March 19: 2:00-3:30pm – This online workshop led by Vancouver's Poet Laureate, Fiona Tinwei Lam, will discuss poetic tools to help participants write poems about significant places in their lives. Online by Zoom.
- [Library Champions Information Session](#) – Tuesday, March 22: 6:30-7:30pm – Are you a Permanent Resident who loves libraries? Consider becoming a Library Champion volunteer, to connect with other immigrants and share what you know about what their local library offers. Online by Zoom.
- [Let's Get Thready: Hand Embroidery Basics](#) – Thursday, March 25: 6:00-7:00pm – This introductory class will help first-timers learn the basics of hand embroidery. Online by Zoom.
- [Does Cabinet Secrecy Unduly Undermine Open Government & the Public's Right to Know?](#) – Wednesday, March 30: 1:00-2:00pm – Join Associate Professor in Law, Yan Campagnolo, and

Appendix A – VPL and Park Board Updates

former Clerk of the Privy Council, Mel Cappe, as they discuss Cabinet secrecy in an era of the push for government transparency. Online by Zoom.

- [Plant-Forward Cooking](#) – Tuesday, April 5: 11:00am-12:00pm – Learn about plant-forward cooking strategies to create satisfying and healthy plant-centred dishes. Online by Zoom.
- [Celebrate the Cherry Blossom Festival with Your Own Haiku - 櫻花時節吟俳句](#) – Thursday, April 7: 5:30-7:00pm – Celebrate the Cherry Blossom Festival with a fun and interactive poetry appreciation event hosted by poet Anna Yin. Conducted in English and Mandarin. Online by Zoom.

Ongoing Series

- [Chinese Friday Morning Book Club \(in Mandarin\) 星期五中文讀書會\(國語\)](#) – Friday, March 25: 11:00am-1:00pm – Every month we read a book and meet twice to engage in lively discussion. Conducted in Mandarin with Cantonese support. Online by Zoom.
- [ESL Conversation Practice Online for Vietnamese Speakers](#) – Tuesday, March 22: 10:30-11:30am – Make new friends and practice your English conversation skills with other English language learners. This is a supportive and casual meet-up using Zoom. Online by Zoom.
Additional dates:
 - [April 5](#)
 - [April 19](#)
 - [May 3](#)
 - [May 17](#)
- [ESL Conversation Practice](#) – Wednesdays 11:00am-12:00pm – This weekly online conversation allows participants to practice their language skills in a supportive and casual way. Online by Zoom.
- [Book Lovers Reading Circle Online](#) – Friday, May 6: 3:00-4:30pm – A fun way to share what you are reading with other book lovers, monthly starting in May. Online by Zoom.
- [Library Stitch-Up](#) – Tuesday, March 15: 6:30-7:30pm – Connect monthly to other fibre craft enthusiasts and talk about what you're working on! There will also be a discussion about VPL's craft resources. Online by Zoom.
- Cook and Tell series – A monthly online Zoom discussion with other food lovers. There is an upcoming session:
 - [Marvelous Muffins](#) – Wednesday, March 23: 11:00am-12:00pm – Share your favourite recipes and learn about baking resources at VPL. Online by Zoom.
- Digital Essentials series – Learn more about the internet, internet security, and more. Online by Zoom.
 - [Internet Essentials: Participating Online - Thursday](#), March 17: 6:00-7:00pm – Explore safe social networking and Internet privacy, and learn how to manage your digital identity. Online by Zoom.
- [Story Stream: Storytime for Adults](#) – Tune in to hear live storytelling, every second week on Fridays from 10:00-11:00am. Online by Zoom. Upcoming sessions:
 - March 18

Many past programs are also available on the VPL YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/vancouverlibrary/videos>

Thank you,
Karen Liebel
Coordinator, Accessible Services, Vancouver Public Library

Parks and Recreation Report – March 3, 2022

Community Centre Operations:

With the Gathering & Events Public Health Order update from February 17, 2022, Community Centres have re-introduced programs and services that were previously postponed or restricted. Community Centre operations are largely operating as “normal” without limits placed on program type or capacity.

Safety measures that remain in place consist of mandatory masking indoors, proof of vaccination requirements, 2 metre physical distancing for all staff and publicly accessible areas, and a COVID-19 safety plan.

Vancouver Coastal Health has reached out to specific community centres for the purpose of establishing third dose vaccination clinics:

#	Clinic	Clinic Dates
1	Mount Pleasant CC	February 22 nd & 23 rd
2	West End CC	February 24 th
3	Sunset CC	March 3 rd
4	Kerrisdale CC	February 11 & March 4 th

On behalf of the Recreation Department, I will be attending virtually the 2022 Provincial Summit on Aging, hosted by [United Way British Columbia's Healthy Aging \[uwlm.ca\]](http://uwlm.ca) from April 27 to 29.