



SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 20, 2022

A meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 10:08 am, via electronic means.

PRESENT:

Linda Johnston (Co-Chair)
Marc White (Co-Chair)
Susan Scott Gabe (Co-Vice Chair)
Stuart Alcock
Sana Aziz
Conrad Guelke
Varouj Gumuchian
Jenny Konkin
Anthony Kupferschmidt
Dale Lutes
Andrea Sara
Jacqueline Weiler
Margaret Young

ABSENT:

Donna Clarke (Co-Vice Chair) (Leave of Absence)
Tricia Sirrs (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
Commissioner Tricia Barker, Vancouver Park Board
Liaison
Karen Liebel, Vancouver Public Library Liaison
Laura Mackenrot, Persons With Disabilities Advisory
Committee
Tasia Alexis, Persons With Disabilities Advisory Committee

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Brian Fukushima, Committee Clerk

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 Marc White
Seconded by Linda Johnston

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve Leave of Absence requests for Donna Clarke and Tricia Sirrs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

MOVED by Dale Lutes
SECONDED by Varouj Gumuchian

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve the Consent Agenda as circulated (appended), including Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2022 Regular Meeting, Vancouver Public Library Report, Park Board Report, Community Services and Programming (Task Group A and B) Update Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Councillors' Updates

Councillor Boyle provided updates on the following:

- The Broadway Plan;
- The Capital plan; and
- Building code changes regarding air filtration and cooling in new buildings.

Councillor Swanson provided updates on the following:

- The Broadway Plan;
- Climate motions passed in light of the SAC meeting on the heat dome; and
- Motion regarding SRO hotels.

2. Motion to Approve Accessibility Task Force Report

MOVED by Andrea Sara
SECONDED by Dale Lutes

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee support the Report "Transforming Attitudes, Embedding Change: City of Vancouver's Accessibility Strategy (Phase 1)."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Marc White
SECONDED by Sana Aziz

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve a Committee representative to speak to Council in support of the Report "Transforming Attitudes, Embedding Change: City of Vancouver's Accessibility Strategy (Phase 1)."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. SAC Letter to City Manager re: Motion Planner for older adults

MOVED by Marc White

SECONDED by Susan Scott Gabe

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee draft a letter to the City Manager and Council to seek an update on the motion regarding reallocation of funds for an Older Persons and Elders Planner; and

FURTHER THAT the Committee request budget work being prepared for including an Older Persons and Elders Planner in the next budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Marc White

SECONDED by Susan Scott Gabe

THAT The Seniors' Advisory Committee strongly endorses key points articulated in Marc White's presentation to Council regarding the Broadway Plan specifically noting that SAC does not support the Broadway Plan as it currently stands. Specifically SAC would like:

- Greater attention to the creation of social amenities within buildings to support social interaction (e.g. libraries, meeting spaces, hobbies/clubs, resident meetings, etc.);
- Greater support for variances that provide office and program spaces in buildings to support NGO's delivery of programs and services;
- Expansion of Neighbourhood Houses and Seniors' Hubs and Seniors' Centres across neighbourhoods represented in the Broadway Plan; and
- Specific ongoing and long-term affordable housing targets for older adults and elders using a diverse social economic intersectionality lens commensurate with renter populations with core housing needs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Climate change and emergency planning – report on May 16th event

Conrad Guelke presented a report on the event stating it was a successful example of a low budget event. Recommendations from the event will be brought to the next working group.

5. Transportation

Andrea Sara outlined the Planning Together agenda, which will focus on preparing sustainable multimodal transportation options for Vancouver's aging population.

6. Jurisdictional scan

Susan Scott Gabe reported on the progress of the jurisdictional scan, stating a Toronto meeting has been confirmed and eight scans have been completed with the acquired data.

7. SharePoint

Susan Scott Gabe provided an update on SharePoint, noting barriers to accessibility such as two-factor authentication. Recommendation that the city clerk office could budget for and provide cell phone loaners to advisory committee members who do not have secondary devices.

9. Programs and Services

Susan Scott Gabe reported on the following topics:

- Meeting guidelines in alignment with the TOS of this committee have been approved;
- The work plan has been amended;
- Support for a for seniors planner; and
- Development of a framework for communications for new events

8. Housing

Marc White reported on the following topics:

- Skeena Terrace;
- BC Housing waitlists; and
- The Broadway Plan's impact on seniors.

10. Liaison Reports

Commissioner Barker noted the Park Board is not supportive of the Broadway Plan, stating it does not include enough community centres and park space.

Karen Liebel provided an update on the Heat Dome event.

Laura Mackenrot provided an update from the Persons With Disabilities Committee, outlining issues with wheelchair-accessible housing units.

Winston Chou provided an update on crosswalk crossing times, describing the standard 6-second walk signals standard at all pedestrian and cycle crossings and the following 5-second solid hand signal.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Jackie Weiler
SECONDED by Anthony Kupferschmidt

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Friday, July 15, 2022
TIME: 10 am
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, City Hall / WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 12:21 pm.

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Appendix A: Consent Agenda

CITY OF VANCOUVER | Seniors' Advisory Committee

Working Meeting Date		Friday, 20 May, 2022, 10am	
Co-chairs		Marc White and Linda Johnston	
	DESCRIPTION	Accountable	Time
1	Welcome, land acknowledgment, leave of absence requests, membership update	Linda	5 mins
2	Approval of Agenda Including the Consent Agenda Minutes of April 28th Library report	Linda Susan VPL Liaison	5 mins
BUSINESS ARISING AND ACTION ITEMS			
3	Councilors' updates	Councilors Swanson and Boyle	15 mins
4	Motion to Approve Accessibility Task Force Report	Andrea Sana and Dale Lutes	5
5	SAC Letter to City Manager regarding Motion Planner for older adults	Marc	10 mins
6	Climate change and emergency planning – report on May 16 th event	Conrad and Marc	20 mins
7	Transportation	Andrea	10 mins
8	Jurisdictional scan	Susan and Donna	10 mins
9	SharePoint	Susan	10 mins

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS			
10	Housing	MEETING AGENDA	Marc 15 mins

11	Programs and services	Susan/Donna	5 mins
12	Operations and policy (nil report)	Linda	
13	Liaison Reports Park Board PDAC Library	TBD	5 mins
14	Adjournment	Linda	2 mins

Appendix B: Parks Report

Parks and Recreation Report – May 20, 2022

Community Centre Operations:

Strategically positioned community centres continue to support Vancouver Coastal Health by providing space for their neighbourhood focused vaccine clinic initiative. The next round of clinics will be fourth dose clinics, targeting vulnerable populations and seniors and are summarized below:

1) Clinics for May:

W/C	#	Date	Clinic	Clinic Hours
May 4 th – 7 th	1	May 5 th	Marpole Oakridge	10:30am - 5:30pm
	2	May 6 th	Marpole Oakridge	10:30am - 5:30pm
May 11 th – 14 th	3	May 11 th	West End	10:30am - 5:30pm
	4	May 12 th	West End	10:30am - 5:30pm
May 18 th – 21 st	5	May 18 th	Sunset	10:30am - 5:30pm
	6	May 19 th	Sunset	10:30am - 5:30pm
May 25 th – 28 th	7	May 27 th	Kerrisdale	10:30am - 5:30pm
	8	May 28 th	Kerrisdale	10:30am - 5:30pm

Park Board Meeting Highlights:

Community Centre Strategy:

The Board approved the Vancouver citywide “Community Centre Strategy,” which includes recommendations for service targets and prioritization approach to guide community centre renewals in Vancouver. The Board endorsed the Community Centre Renewal List as a means to inform capital planning for recreation facilities and directed staff to initiate scoping and preliminary planning work for Kensington, Renfrew, and Hastings Community Centres for renewal.

The Community Centre Strategy prioritization approach **was** based on the following criteria:

- #1 Quality Infrastructure
- #2 Equitable and Inclusive Infrastructure for all
- #3 Demonstrated Service Need
- #4 Efficient Use of Land Resources.

The project team applied this approach to the 11 community centres deemed necessary for renewals and developed the following prioritization list:

Community Centre	Step 2 Rank	District	Weighted Scoring Rank (maximum possible pts= 102)
Kensington	1	District 1	70
Renfrew	2	District 1	69
Hastings	T3	District 2	66
Strathcona	T3	District 2	66

Thunderbird	5	District 2	62
Douglas Park	6	District 3	59
Kitsilano	7	District 4	58
Kerrisdale	8	District 5	55
Champlain Heights	9	District 6	53
West Point Grey	10	District 4	49
Dunbar	11	District 5	46

Appendix C: Library Report

Vancouver Public Library Update

May 20, 2022 Meeting

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

With the lessening of restrictions by the Public Health Officer, Vancouver Public Library is now following a communicable diseases plan and is continuing to expand in-person programming in a cautious and safe manner. Children's programs continue to be added to the schedule, and some adult programs are being tested as hybrid programs to determine if future programs can be hybrid, in-person, or online. Expansion will continue over the next few months.

[Connecting Families](#) is an initiative by the Government of Canada to provide low-cost internet access to eligible families. This program has just been expanded to include seniors who receive the maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). VPL is able to provide support to seniors who have received an invitation letter for this program to be able to access the \$10 per month internet package.

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).

- [Community Death Care Project – This series of workshops and presentations are co-organised by the Carnegie Centre and VPL's Carnegie Branch, and centre on death-related conversations.](#)
 - [Tales of a Funeral Director: AMA \(Ask Me Anything\) – Thursday, May 19: 2:00-3:30pm – Join this Q&A with funeral director Emily Bootle, who will answer participants' questions about what happens to your body when you die. In-person at Carnegie Theatre at Carnegie Centre.](#)
 - [GRIEFWAVE – Thursday, May 26: 6:00-7:00pm – GRIEFWAVE is an elgiac project by artist and writer Nikki Reimer in response to the death of her brother, Chris Reimer, who was a musician. She will present tips for creating a digital memorial for loved ones. In-person at Carnegie Theatre at Carnegie Centre.](#)
- [Elamin Abdelmahmoud: Son of Elsewhere](#) – Tuesday, May 24: 7:00-8:00pm – *Son of Elsewhere* is a memoir by Sudanese-born, now-Canadian Elamin Abdelmahmoud, of his recollections of popular media on an impressionable 12-year-old. Join author Elamin Abdelmahmoud in conversation with Kamal Al-Solaylee, Director of the School of Journalism, Writing and Media at the University of British Columbia. **In-person at Central branch.**
- [Bob Stenhouse: A Cop's Cop – Until He Blew the Whistle on the RCMP](#) – Wednesday, May 25: 1:00-2:00pm – Troubled by the RCMP's administrative bureaucracy, destructive leadership, and police propaganda, former RCMP officer Bob Stenhouse acted as a whistleblower to an investigative journalist who published RCMP documents without authorization. Hear about what happened in a conversation with CFE Director James L. Turk. Online by Zoom.
- [Indigenous Storyteller in Residence Finale: The Eden Fine Day Variety Hour! – Wednesday, May 25: 7:00-8:00pm – Join in a celebration of Eden Fine Day's many talents to conclude her residency with VPL. She will be performing songs and presenting excerpts of her new novella *Dreamwalker*. In-person at Central branch.](#)
- [Advance Planning: Powers of Attorney, Joint Bank Accounts, and Representation](#) – Thursday, May 26: 1:00-2:30pm – In partnership with Seniors First BC, this workshop will discuss the

importance of planning healthcare and financial decisions through later stages of life. Online by Zoom.

- [Hallyu: K-pop and Activism](#) – Thursday, May 26: 7:00-8:00pm – Learn more about the fascination with K-pop stars, the fandom and Korean culture with Dr. Cedarbough Saeji (aka the K-pop Professor), superfan Emily Wang, YA K-pop author Stephan Lee, and moderator Dr. Benjamin Cheung of UBC. Online by Zoom.
- [Summer Poetry Reading in Chinese and English 夏之音中英詩歌朗誦會](#) – Thursday, June 9: 6:30-8:00pm – Join in this unique poetry reading in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, and other dialects. Online by Zoom.
- [Financial Literacy: Understanding Budgets and Goals with CFA Society Vancouver](#) – Monday, June 13: 11:00am-12:00pm – In the inflationary environment we currently live in, learn how to budget and set financial goals. Online by Zoom.
- [Using Google Sheets to Manage a Budget](#) – Tuesday, June 14: 10:00am-12:00pm – Google Sheets is a free online spreadsheet program that comes with your Gmail account. Participants must have a Gmail account before registering. Discover how to set up a budgeting spreadsheet. In partnership with Canada Learning Code. Online by Zoom.
- [Racial Politics in the post George Floyd Era](#) – Tuesday, June 14: 1:00-2:00pm – Is equity, diversity and inclusion the answer to address the social debates in the “post George Floyd” era? Join journalists, authors, and professors Desmond Cole, El Jones, and Adolph Reed, Jr. as they discuss racial politics. Online by Zoom.
- [Let's Talk: Self-Learning](#) – Monday, June 20: 11:00am-12:00pm – This session will cover various self-learning techniques and learning resources available at Vancouver Public Library on a wide range of topics. Online by Zoom.
- [Tenants' Rights and Responsibilities](#) – Wednesday, June 22: 3:00-5:00pm – Are you a renter? Need more information about your legal rights and responsibilities as a renter? Join SUCCESS and Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre for this free educational workshop. Online by Zoom.
- [Indigenous Genealogy Research with Library and Archives Canada](#) – Tuesday, June 28: 12:00-1:00pm – Join Library and Archives Canada staff to discover how to access collections of Indigenous materials held with the LAC. Online by Zoom.

Ongoing Series

- [VPL Chinese Book Club in Mandarin 線下星期五中文讀書會 – Friday, May 20: 11:00am-1:00pm – Join this in-person book club held at Renfrew. This session will discuss *Ways of Seeing* by John Berger, and will be conducted in Mandarin with Cantonese support. **In-person at Renfrew branch.**
 - \[June 3 & 17: Beijing ling gong li\]\(#\)](#)
- [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.
- [Connection to Kith and Kin – Tuesday, May 24: 2:30-4:30pm – Weekly on Tuesdays. Experts help Indigenous participants search online records for family documents. These sessions are in partnership with Indian Residential School Survivors Society, Britannia Community Services Society, and Library and Archives Canada. Online by Zoom. Additional dates:](#)
 - [May 31](#)
 - [June 7](#)
 - [June 14](#)
- **Writers Showcase** – Tuesday, May 31: 7:00-8:30pm – Established and up-and-coming local writers showcase their works in an elevator pitch format. **In-person at Central branch.**
 - [Tuesday, May 31: 7:00-8:30pm](#) - Olga Campbell, Nadia Serry, Martha Stainsby, and Naomi Steinberg.

- [Tuesday, June 28](#): 7:00-8:30pm – Anthony Bidulka, S. Portico Bowman, Joanne Jackson, Kelly Kaur.
- [Book Lovers Reading Circle Online – Friday, June 3: 3:00-4:30pm – Share your favourite reads in this interactive conversation with other book lovers. Online by Zoom.](#)
- [Library Stitch-Up](#) – Tuesday, June 7: 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:
 - [Picnics in the Park](#) – Wednesday, June 15: 11:00am-12:00pm – Discuss the art of the packed lunch and best picnic recipes. Online by Zoom.
- Screen from Home – Watch movies from the comfort of your home. **Online by registration only.** Links to the movie will be emailed prior to the day of screening.
 - [My Salinger Year](#) – Friday, May 20: all day
 - [I am Greta](#) – Friday, June 10: all day
 - [Unusual in Every Way](#) – Friday, June 24: all day
 - [Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am](#) – Friday, July 8: all day
 - [Big Giant Wave](#) – Friday, July 22: all day
- [Story Stream: Storytime for Adults](#) – Friday, May 27: 10:00-11:00am – Sit back and listen to a reading of *The Aunt and Amabel* by Edith Nesbitt, read by Kim Searle. Online by YouTube.
- Digital Essentials series – Learn more about the internet, internet security, and more. Online by Zoom.
 - [Let's Talk Photo Editing: Fun Effects](#) – Saturday, May 28: 11:00am-12:30pm – Are you curious about adding fun effects to your photos but not sure where to start? This online workshop will cover creative tools to use to edit your photos. Online by Zoom.
 - [Drop-in Computer Help](#) – In partnership with Marpole Neighbourhood House at 8585 Hudson Street, library staff can help with computer, email, internet, and library resources for a monthly drop-in session. In-person at Marpole Neighbourhood House.
 - Wednesday, May 25: 2:30-3:30pm
 - [Internet Essentials: Let's Talk About Participating Online](#) – Tuesday, June 7: 2:00-3:30pm – Explore safe social networking and Internet privacy, and learn how to manage your digital identity. Online by Zoom.
 - [Zoom Skills](#) – Thursday, June 16: 6:30-8:00pm – Attend this hands-on session to practice your Zoom skills, learn how to set up an account and how to schedule a meeting. Online by Zoom.

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

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

Thank you,
 Karen Liebel
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