



OLDER PERSONS AND ELDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 16, 2025

A meeting of the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee was held on Friday, May 16, 2025, at 10:04 am, via electronic means.

PRESENT:

Varouj Gumuchian, Chair
Warren Chan
Diane Gibney
Gloria Gutman
Dale Lutes
Marion Pollack
Andrea Sara

ABSENT:

Richard Earthy (Leave of Absence)
Andrea Krombein (Leave of Absence)
Beverley Pitman, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Tricia Sirrs (Leave of Absence)
Sana Aziz

ALSO PRESENT:

Anthony Kupferschmidt, Strategic Lead, Aging and Older
Persons; Staff Liaison
Glenys Acland, Alternate Member
Jaimie Ashton, Alternate Member
Young Joe, Alternate Member

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Connie Law, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Warren Chan

SECONDED by Marion Pollack

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Richard Earthy, Andrea Krombein, Beverley Pitman and Tricia Sirrs for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Warren Chan
SECONDED by Diane Gibney

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Friday, March 14, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Seasonal Readiness to Extreme Heat

Staff from Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

2. Older Persons Strategic Framework – Update

The Staff Liaison provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

3. Liaison Updates

None.

4. Working Session Updates

The Chair provided updates on the working session held Friday, April 11, 2025.

5. Subcommittee Updates

The Subcommittee Leads provided updates and the Committee engaged in discussion.

6. New Business

The Chair provided updates regarding his recent meeting with the Council Liaison.

The Staff Liaison confirmed that BC Seniors Advocate Dan Levitt will attend the upcoming Regular Meeting in June.

The Committee discussed the forthcoming Council Report titled “Report Back – Review of City of Vancouver Committee Structures and Systems”. Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Marion Pollack
SECONDED by Diane Gibney

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the Committee remain an advisory committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Dale Lutes abstained from the vote)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Marion Pollack
SECONDED by Warren Chan

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Friday, June 27, 2025
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Microsoft Teams Online

The Committee adjourned at 12:06 pm.

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