



OLDER PERSONS AND ELDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 27, 2025

A meeting of the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee was held on Friday, June 27, 2025, at 10:01 am, in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT:

Varouj Gumuchian, Chair
Sana Aziz
Warren Chan
Richard Earthy
Diane Gibney
Gloria Gutman
Andrea Krombein
Dale Lutes
Beverley Pitman, Vice-Chair
Marion Pollack
Andrea Sara
Tricia Sirrs

ALSO PRESENT:

Trustee Jennifer Reddy, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Mark Koep, Vancouver Public Library Liaison
Anthony Kupferschmidt, Strategic Lead, Aging and Older
Persons, Staff Liaison
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 Richard Earthy
SECONDED by Beverley Pitman

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee approve a retroactive leave of absence for Sana Aziz, for the meeting on May 16, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Marion Pollack

SECONDED by Richard Earthy

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting of Friday, May 16, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Guest Speaker – BC Seniors Advocate Dan Levitt

BC Seniors Advocate Dan Levitt provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

Subsequently, it was

MOVED by Beverley Pitman

SECONDED by Richard Earthy

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee meet with the Office of the Seniors Advocate in the near future to provide information on the Broadway Plan and its impacts on the dislocations of senior renters, and explore opportunities for collaboration to address the situation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Older Persons Strategic Framework – Update

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

3. Election Advisory Committee and 2025 By-election Feedback Survey

The Chair introduced the item.

Subsequently, it was

MOVED by Marion Pollack

SECONDED by Beverley Pitman

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee select Richard Earthy as the representative and Gloria Gutman as the alternate member for the Election Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Liaison Updates

The Vancouver Public Library Liaison provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

The Vancouver School Board Liaison provided updates.

5. Subcommittee Updates

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

6. New Business

The Committee discussed available venues for the upcoming working session.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Richard Earthy
SECONDED by Beverley Pitman

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Friday, September 26, 2025
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 12:08 pm.

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