



OLDER PERSONS AND ELDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 21, 2025

A meeting of the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee was held on Friday, November 21, 2025, at 10:00 am, in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT:

Varouj Gumuchian, Chair
Glenys Acland
Sana Aziz
Warren Chan
Richard Earthy
Diane Gibney
Gloria Gutman
Dale Lutes
Marion Pollack
Andrea Sara*

ABSENT:

Jaimie Ashton (Leave of Absence)
Beverley Pitman, Vice Chair (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Mike Klassen, Council Liaison
Councillor Lucy Maloney, Council Liaison
Tim McMillan, Vancouver Public Library Liaison
Anthony Kupferschmidt, Strategic Lead, Aging and Older
Persons; Staff Liaison
Young Joe, Alternate Member

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Connie Law, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

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 Diane Gibney

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Jaimie Ashton and Beverley Pitman for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Marion Pollack
SECONDED by Glenys Acland

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting of Friday, September 26, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Accessibility Strategy

Staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services 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. Working Session Updates

The Committee received an update on the working session held Friday, October 24, 2025.

4. Liaison Updates

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

The Staff Liaison provided an update on behalf of the Vancouver School Board Liaison.

Subsequently, it was

MOVED by Marion Pollack

SECONDED by Richard Earthy

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee direct Varouj Gumuchian, Chair, to present to Council on behalf of the Committee at the Public Hearing on November 27, 2025, regarding Item 1, "Vancouver's Social Housing Initiative".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Subcommittee Updates

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

6. Motion to Request Proclamation for Alzheimer Awareness Month

The Staff Liaison introduced the item.

MOVED by Richard Earthy

SECONDED by Glenys Acland

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee request the City of Vancouver to issue a proclamation for Alzheimer's Awareness Month, to be observed in January 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Andrea Sara absent for the vote)

7. 2024-2025 Annual Report

The Chair and the Staff Liaison introduced the item and provided information.

8. New Business

The Committee discussed the Open Board Forum held by Vancouver Coastal Health in October, as well as potential dates and venues for a holiday celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Glenys Acland
SECONDED by Diane Gibney

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Andrea Sara absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Friday, January 16, 2026
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 12:05 pm.

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