



OLDER PERSONS AND ELDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 16, 2026

A meeting of the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee was held on Friday, January 16, 2026, at 10:00 am, in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Varouj Gumuchian, Chair
Glenys Acland
Jaimie Ashton
Sana Aziz
Richard Earthy
Diane Gibney
Gloria Gutman
Dale Lutes*
Beverley Pitman, Vice-Chair
Marion Pollack
Andrea Sara

ABSENT: Warren Chan (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

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 Beverley Pitman

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee approve leave of absence for Warren Chan, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Dale Lutes absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Diane Gibney
SECONDED by Beverley Pitman

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting of Friday, November 21, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Dale Lutes absent for the vote)

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

MOVED by Richard Earthy
SECONDED by Sana Aziz

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee appoint Varouj Gumuchian as Chair of the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee for a term ending November 1, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Dale Lutes absent for the vote)

MOVED by Glenys Acland
SECONDED by Sana Aziz

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee appoint Beverley Pitman as Vice-Chair of the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee for a term ending November 1, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Dale Lutes absent for the vote)

2. Older Persons Strategic Framework – Update

The Staff Liaison provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

3. Annual Report Approval

The Committee discussed progress on the annual report. Subsequently, it was

MOVED by Sana Aziz

SECONDED by Diane Gibney

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee approve the Annual Report in principle.

LOST (Glenys Acland, Jaimie Ashton, Sana Aziz, Richard Earthy, Diane Gibney, Varouj Gumuchian, Gloria Gutman, Dale Lutes, Beverley Pitman, Marion Pollack, and Andrea Sara opposed)

During debate, members expressed a preference to allow additional time to incorporate edits and feedback into the draft report, and agreed it would be more appropriate to consider a finalized version at a future meeting. Following the vote, it was

MOVED by Richard Earthy

Seconded by Jaimie Ashton

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee request a virtual special meeting on January 22, 2026, at 5 PM, for the purpose of considering approval of the Annual Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Liaison Updates

The Vancouver Public Library Liaison provided an introduction and updates, and responded to questions.

The Council Liaisons provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

5. Subcommittee Updates

None.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Richard Earthy
SECONDED by Sana Aziz

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Friday, March 13, 2026
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 12:12 pm.

* * * * *