



OLDER PERSONS AND ELDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 13, 2026

A meeting of the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee was held on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 10:01 am, in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Lucy Maloney, Council Liaison
Detective Constable Jonathan Vegt, Vancouver Police
Department 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

None.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Richard Earthy
SECONDED by Beverley Pitman

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meetings of January 16 and January 22, 2026, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Gloria Gutman absent for the vote)

1. Remembering Dale Lutes

The Committee acknowledged the passing of former committee member Dale Lutes and shared reflections in remembrance of Dale.

2. Pathways To Play – System Review and Recommendations for Older Adults and Seniors in Recreation

Staff from Vancouver Park Board provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

3. Older Persons Strategic Framework – Update

The Staff Liaison provided updates.

4. Liaison Updates

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

The Vancouver Police Department Liaison provided an introduction and updates, and responded to questions.

5. Working Session Updates

The Committee received updates on the working session held Friday, February 20, 2026 and the Staff Liaison responded to questions.

6. Subcommittee Updates

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

7. Accessibility Committee Updates

MOVED by Richard Earthy
SECONDED by Diane Gibney

THAT the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee appoint Glenys Acland as alternate member to the Accessibility Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Marion Pollack absent for the vote)

8. New Business

The Committee discussed the topics of BC Seniors' Week and Heat Dome Remembrance and Celebration of Life.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Richard Earthy
SECONDED by Diane Gibney

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Marion Pollack absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Friday, May 22, 2026
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 12:04 pm.

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