



## SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

September 12, 2014

A meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, September 12, 2014, at 9:35 am, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Chris Morrissey, Chair  
Eddy Elmer  
Sharon Fenton  
Clemencia Gomez  
Scott Graham  
Dellie Lidyard  
Colleen McGuinness, Vice-Chair  
Carol Oreck  
Rowena Tate  
Eva Wadolna

**ABSENT:** Tom Brunner (Sick Leave)  
Alan Herbert (Sick Leave)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Tony Tang (Council Liaison)  
Commissioner Melissa De Genova  
(Park Board Liaison)  
Taryn Scollard, Director, Streets Division,  
Engineering Services (Staff Liaison)  
Stephanie Kripps, Coordinator, Accessible  
Services, Vancouver Public Library  
(Library Liaison)

**CITY CLERK'S  
OFFICE:** Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

### Leave of Absence Requests

No leave of absence requests were received.

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Eddy Elmer  
SECONDED by Eva Wadolna

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting on May 9, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Eva Wadolna  
SECONDED by Sharon Fenton

THAT the meeting notes of the working session on June 20, 2014,  
be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Rowena Tate  
SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard

THAT the meeting notes of the working session on July 18, 2014,  
be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item 2 as the first item of business. For clarity the minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

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## 2. Presentations

### (a) Age-Friendly Recognition

Carol Ann Young, Senior Social Planner, provided an update on recent events related to the Age-Friendly Action Plan and the Healthy City Strategy, as a follow up to her presentation at the Seniors' Advisory Committee meeting in May.

Ms. Young advised the City of Vancouver application to be designated as an Age-Friendly City, was approved. She requested input from the Committee on allocation of funding approved as part of the designation; noting that one of the main issues brought forward in previous consultations from Park Board and other City departments was training around dementia. The Committee expressed agreement to allocate funds toward training on dementia issues.

During discussion it was noted the Healthy City Strategy report to Council is tentatively slated for September 30, 2014, followed by hearing from speakers at the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on October 1, 2014. Ms. Young agreed to provide an update on the matter at a future Committee meeting.

## **1. Unfinished Business**

### **(a) Pearson Dogwood**

The Chair provided an update on the Pearson Dogwood development, and advised public workshops to gather input on internal design are being held September 25, October 23 and November 27, 2014, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. She noted more information is forthcoming and requested one Committee member attend the workshops on the Committee's behalf.

## **3. Committee Liaison Reports**

### **(a) Staff Liaison Report**

The Staff Liaison provided updates on a number of topics including the 2015-2018 Capital Plan. She also advised a delegation from Denmark that is studying group care for seniors and other seniors' issues has requested to meet with the Committee on October 23, 2014, at 9:00 am. Eddy Elmer agreed to follow up on the request.

### **(b) Park Board Liaison Report**

The Park Board Liaison provided updates on a number of topics including:

- Southeast Seniors Centre
- Oakridge Seniors Society 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Designated parking for seniors at Brock House
- Special Park Board meeting regarding the practice of keeping captive cetaceans in Stanley Park
- National Seniors' Day

#### **(c) Library Liaison Report**

The Staff Liaison provided updates and discussion ensued regarding preparations for the National Seniors' Day event being held at the Vancouver Public Library Central Branch, on October 1, 2014. For 2014 National Seniors Day, the Committee agreed to focus its efforts on partnering with the Library on the October 1<sup>st</sup> event.

Discussion ensued on details of the event including:

- Requesting the Mayor or his alternate to open the event
- Roles and duties of Committee members on the day of the event
- Facilitating the participation of members of the public

The Meeting Coordinator agreed to contact Corporate Communications about providing nametags for Committee members.

#### **(d) Council Liaison Report**

The Council Liaison provided updates on several Council-related matters.

### **3. Subcommittee Reports**

#### **(a) Communication and Outreach**

The Committee discussed preparation of a presentation on the Committee's significant activities and accomplishments for the Council of Councils meeting on November 24, 2014. It was agreed to include this as an item for discussion at the October meeting.

It was noted the motion entitled "Street Lighting" is being presented by Councillor Tang at the Regular Council meeting on September 16, 2014, and that speakers from the public will be heard at the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on September 17, 2014.

The Committee thanked Eddy Elmer for his work in coordinating the street lighting issue and designated him as the presenter to the Standing Committee.

**(b) Housing**

No report.

**(c) Transportation**

The Committee acknowledged Dellie Lidyard and the Staff Liaison for their work in advocating for a new crossing at Brock House on Point Grey Road.

Rowena Tate will attend a Taxi Driver Training Video showing on October 15, 2014. She advised she is still attempting to obtain a copy of the manual to share with the Committee.

**(d) Pets and Apartments**

No report.

**4. New Business**

**(a) Communications**

The Meeting Coordinator explained the use of City's "Lyris Listserve" email distribution program.

**(b) Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry**

Eva Wadolna provided an overview of the Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry.

**(c) UBC Research Request**

Eva Wadolna advised UBC is recruiting women over 65 years of age for research interviews. She agreed to provide a link with more information on the matter.

**(d) October and November Meeting Change**

It was agreed to change the October 17, 2014, meeting to a working session and the November 21, 2014, meeting to a regular meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Eva Wadolna  
SECONDED by Eddy Elmer

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Working Session:**

October 17, 2014, 9:30 am, Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, City Hall

**Next Regular Meeting:**

November 21, 2014, 9:30 am, Town Hall, Main Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 12:34 pm.

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