



## **SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**July 20, 2018**

A meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, July 20, 2018, at 10:04 am, in the Town Hall, Main Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Colleen McGuinness, Chair  
Monica Camporese  
Thomas Crean  
Eddy Elmer  
Clemencia Gomez  
Beatrice Ho  
Anthony Kupferschmidt  
Gudrun Langolf  
Dellie Lidyard  
Dale Lutes  
Elaine Wass  
Jacqueline Weiler

**ABSENT:** Ashok Puri  
Scott Ricker (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Council Liaison  
Trustee Carrie Bercic, Vancouver School Board Liaison  
Chris Morrissey, Past Chair, Seniors' Advisory Committee  
Laura Mackenrot, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee Liaison  
Tasia Alexis, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

#### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Beatrice Ho  
SECONDED by Anthony Kupferschmidt

THAT Scott Ricker be granted a Leave of Absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Jacqueline Weiler  
SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard

THAT the minutes of the Seniors' Advisory Committee meeting held May 11, 2018, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Parking By-law – Report-Back**

John Turecki, Parking Management, Engineering Services, presented an update to the Committee summarizing the Administrative Report, dated June 25, 2018, entitled "[Parking By-law Updates to Achieve Transportation 2040 Actions](#)", that was considered by Council at the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities, on July 25, 2018. Mr. Turecki responded to questions from the Committee.

### **2. Liaison Reports**

Trustee Carrie Bercic, Vancouver School Board Liaison, provided an update on the proposed BC Hydro Substation in the West End which was carried (with 2 Trustees in opposition) and will now move ahead. Trustee Bercic noted that the building of the substation will impact Nelson Park.

### **3. Subcommittee Reports**

#### **a. Housing – Scott Ricker**

None.

#### **b. Transportation – Dellie Lidyard**

None.

#### **c. Engagement – Beatrice Ho**

Colleen McGuinness and Beatrice Ho suggested the Committee organize an event to celebrate and thank the participants in the world cafes that were part of the Social Isolation and Loneliness Among Seniors (SILAS) project. The Chair noted that details will follow once funding is arranged.

#### **d. Dogwood - Colleen McGuinness**

None.

**e. Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee Update – Laura Mackenrot**

None.

**4. Oakridge Development - Presentation**

Michelle Schouls, Associate Director, Facilities Planning, James O'Neill, Social Planner, Social Policy and Projects and Catherine Buckham, Senior Social Planner, Social Policy and Projects, presented a progress update on the Oakridge Civic Centre 55+ Activity Centre. Staff responded to questions.

The Committee assigned Anthony Kupferschmidt and Beatrice Ho as Committee liaisons in the Oakridge Development consultation.

The Committee highlighted the importance of accessible washrooms to be included in the future park planning.

**5. Crofton Manor Redevelopment**

This item was postponed.

**6. Isolation and Loneliness Among Seniors (SILAS)**

None.

**7. New Business**

**a) Ensuring Public Access to Privately-Owned Public Spaces (“POPS”)**

Eddy Elmer introduced the following motion regarding public access to privately-owned public spaces.

MOVED by Eddy Elmer  
SECONDED by Gudrun Langolf

WHEREAS

1. In 2013, Vancouver City Council approved the Age-friendly Action Plan and the City of Vancouver's intention to seek recognition from the World Health Organization as a “Global Age-friendly City;”
2. Key features of an age-friendly city are adequate, safe, and accessible public spaces designed for relaxation and social activity;
3. The Seniors' Advisory Committee recently published a report ([www.seniorsloneliness.ca](http://www.seniorsloneliness.ca)) underscoring the role that such spaces play in preventing social isolation and loneliness; and

4. Developers are often required to provide such spaces for public use as a condition of rezoning.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct staff to:

1. Seek a statutory right-of-way for all current and future privately-owned public spaces to ensure that they remain fully accessible to all members of the public;
2. Prohibit property managers from restricting or discouraging access to these spaces; and
3. Ensure appropriate signage is available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**b) Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law and Building By-law - Accessible Path of Travel Policy Review – Report**

Tasia Alexis, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee Liaison, updated the Committee on the Policy Report, dated June 5, 2018, entitled "[Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law and Building By-law - Accessible Path of Travel Policy Review](#)," and noted she spoke in opposition, alongside nine other members, at the Public Hearing on July 18, 2018.

**c) Provincial Initiatives that Encourage the Government to Provide Services for Seniors**

Anthony Kupferschmidt attended the Provincial Summit on Aging and inquired with the Committee to consider supporting as a whole the *Declaration of the Community-Based Seniors' Services Sector in BC (declaration sheet distributed and on file)*. The Committee agreed to further discuss at their next regular meeting whether or not they will move this initiative further.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard  
SECONDED by Anthony Kupferschmidt

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Working Session:**

DATE: Friday, August 17, 2018  
TIME: 10:00 am  
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room  
Main Floor, City Hall

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Friday, September 21, 2018  
TIME: 10:00 am  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room  
Second Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 12:59 pm.

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