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) 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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