



## SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

January 15, 2016

A meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, January 15, 2016, at 9:35 am, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Colleen McGuinness, Chair  
Eva Beda  
Thomas Crean  
Eddy Elmer  
Beatrice Ho  
Gudrun Langolf  
Dellie Lidyard  
Jim McCully  
Scott Ricker, Vice-Chair  
Brian Tucker  
Eva Wadolna  
Jacquie Weiler  
Bob Worcester

**ABSENT:** Lisa Low  
Angie Natingor (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Elizabeth Ball (Council Liaison)  
Trustee Fraser Ballantyne (School Board Liaison)  
Commissioner Erin Shum (Park Board Liaison)  
Stephanie Kripps, Accessibility Services  
(Library Liaison)  
Chris Morrissey, Past Chair  
Taryn Scollard, Director, Streets Division,  
Engineering Services (Staff Liaison)

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

## **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Gudrun Langolf  
SECONDED by Scott Ricker

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Angie Natingor for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard  
SECONDED by Jackie Weiler

THAT the minutes of the Seniors' Advisory Committee regular meeting on December 18, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard  
SECONDED by Eva Wadolna

THAT the meeting notes of the Seniors' Advisory Committee working session on November 20, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Business arising from the minutes**

#### **(a) Taxi Driver Training Program**

Dellie Lidyard provided an update on the taxi driver training program and training manual being produced by the Justice Institute in collaboration with interest groups. Various aspects of the program and process were discussed. It was agreed to turn the matter back to the Transportation Subcommittee and to continue monitoring the progress of the program.

### **4. Committee Liaison Updates**

#### **(a) Council Liaison**

Councillor Ball provided an update regarding the increase in property assessments. Discussion ensued about how this will affect seniors. It was agreed to explore inviting City staff to present on the matter at a future meeting.

**(b) School Board Liaison**

Trustee Ballantyne provided updates on various topics including the long range facilities plan with regard to seismic upgrades for schools and concerns expressed by citizens regarding the proximity of medical marijuana dispensaries to schools.

**(c) Park Board Liaison**

The Committee acknowledged receipt of the December 2015 Park Board Liaison Report previously distributed via email.

**(d) Vancouver Public Library Liaison**

The Library Liaison provided updates on library programs as they relate to seniors. She noted the library has increased the number of programs brought in to seniors care homes, and that the library is seeking feedback on what software or devices the library can incorporate to increase access for seniors and persons with disabilities.

**(e) Staff Liaison**

The Staff Liaison noted that the report "Application to UBCM Age-Friendly Community Planning and Projects Grant" will be considered by Council at the Standing Committee meeting on January 20, 2016. In response to a suggestion regarding the need for a bus shelter at Broadway and Windsor, the Staff Liaison advised she will look in to the matter.

**4. Subcommittee Updates**

**(a) Communication**

Eddy Elmer advised he will prepare a letter on behalf of the committee regarding the community action participation project proposed by Dr. Atiya Mahmood from SFU.

**(b) Community Engagement**

Beatrice Ho and Jackie Weiler provided updates on recent activities and events. An update was provided regarding the 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue bus route and it was noted that the subcommittee had drafted a letter and motion. The Chair advised she will circulate the drafts to the committee for review.

**(c) Housing**

Scott Ricker and Chris Morrissey provided updates regarding development of a checklist for developers with regard to seniors housing, and the subcommittee's follow-up with the Chief Building Official regarding accessibility and the building code.

**(d) Social Isolation and Loneliness**

Brian Tucker made note of a webinar on age friendliness scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 10 am, which will also be available on Facebook and the Committee's website.

**(e) Transportation and Mobility**

Dellie Lidyard provided an update, noting the Subcommittee's summary report is attached to the working session notes of November 20, 2015.

**(f) Draft letter re BC Transit**

This item was postponed.

**5. Other Business**

**(a) Compass Card Outreach**

The Committee discussed options to reach out to seniors and seniors organizations to share information on the Compass Card program. It was agreed that the Chair write a letter with Compass Card resource and contact information to be circulated to the Committee's contact list.

**(b) Chinatown Housing Issues**

This item was postponed.

**(c) Application to UBCM Age-Friendly Community Planning and Projects Grant**

The Chair noted the above-noted report is being considered by Council on January 20, 2016. The Committee expressed general support for the report and discussed aspects that relate to dementia, the train the trainer program, and essentials for age-friendly cities. It was agreed that Scott Ricker will speak at the meeting on behalf of the Committee, and that Brian Tucker and Thomas Crean will also attend.

**(d) Property Assessment Increases**

The Chair raised the issue of the impact of property assessments on seniors with fixed or low income, and the need for more information on the matter. It was agreed to refer the issue to the Housing Subcommittee.

**(e) Low Income Housing for Syrian Refugees**

The Committee discussed the need for low income housing for Syrian refugees and how this will impact seniors who are also in need of low income housing.

**(f) 2016 Work Plan**

It was agreed to postpone discussion on the 2016 Work Plan to the next working session meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Scott Ricker  
SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meetings:**

February 19, 2016 - Working Session  
March 11, 2016 - Regular Meeting

TIME: 9:30 am  
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1,  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 11:30 am.

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