



SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 18, 2015

A meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, September 18, 2015, at 9:30 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
Angie Natingor
Scott Ricker, Vice-Chair
Brian Tucker
Jacquie Weiler
Bob Worcester

ABSENT: Lisa Low
Eva Wadolna (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Steve Brown, Manager, Traffic & Data Management,
Engineering Services (Acting Staff Liaison)
Trustee Fraser Ballantyne, School Board Liaison
Tim McMillan, Vancouver Public Library
Chris Morrissey, Past Chair

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard
SECONDED by Scott Ricker

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Eva Wadolna for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Scott Ricker
SECONDED by Eva Beda

THAT the minutes of the Seniors' Advisory Committee regular meeting on June 19, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Gudrun Langolf
SECONDED by Thomas Crean

THAT the revised notes of the Seniors' Advisory Committee working session meeting on July 17, 2015, be approved as amended at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Beatrice Ho
SECONDED by Angie Natingor

THAT the notes of the Seniors' Advisory Committee working session meeting August 21, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. POSTPONED - Providence Health Care Redevelopment Project Team

Presentation by Providence Health Care Redevelopment Project Team was postponed to a future meeting.

2. Jim Deva Plaza - Davie Village

John Grottenberg, Planner, Vancouver - Downtown, Planning and Development Services, provided a follow-up presentation on the conceptual plan for Jim Deva Plaza public space improvements in Davie Village (Project webpage: vancouver.ca/heartofdavie).

Mr. Grottenberg, along with Hayley Rowlands, Strategic Transportation, and Neal Peacocke, Strategic Transportation, responded to questions regarding various aspects of the project including transportation impacts, lighting, seating, signage, use of the space, and safety and management strategies.

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The Committee agreed to hear the School Board Liaison update next as he had to leave shortly for another meeting. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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3. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

Liliana Quintero, Traffic & Data Management, Engineering Services, provided a presentation regarding a trial crosswalk signal program involving solar powered flashing beacons. Ms. Quintero, along with Steve Brown, responded to questions regarding various aspects of the project including costs and pedestrian safety.

4. Committee Liaison Updates

a. *Council Liaison*

None.

b. *School Board Liaison*

Trustee Ballantyne provided an update and responded to questions regarding various topics. Discussion ensued regarding potential school programs for seniors.

c. *Park Board Liaison*

None.

d. *Vancouver Public Library Liaison*

Tim McMillan, Vancouver Public Library, advised his report would be covered as part of National Seniors Day Subcommittee Update later in the agenda.

e. *Staff Liaison*

Steve Brown provided updates and responded to questions on several topics including accessibility at bus stops and concerns about the intersection at Burrard and Cordova.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Arbutus Village - Development Permit Board Letter

The Chair advised a letter was sent to the Development Permit Board regarding accessible units at Arbutus Village.

b. Motion - Name of Committee

Eddy Elmer introduced a motion proposing a name change to the Committee.

Following discussion it was

MOVED by Eddy Elmer
SECONDED BY Scott Ricker

WHEREAS

1. The Seniors' Advisory Committee has been in existence for several years;
2. The mandate of the Committee has been to "enhance access to City of Vancouver services for seniors and their families, and to identify and suggest solutions to gaps and barriers that impede the full participation of seniors in all aspects of City life";
3. Many older adults no longer identify with the term "senior";
4. Issues pertaining to aging affect people across the lifespan;
5. Many prominent advisory, academic, and advocacy agencies working on seniors' issues avoid the word "seniors" (e.g., Council on Aging of Ottawa; American Society on Aging; National Advisory Council on Aging);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Seniors' Advisory Committee requests Council to change the Committee's name to the Advisory Committee on Aging.

LOST

(Eva Beda, Thomas Crean, Gudrun Langolf, Dellie Lidyard, Jim McCully, Colleen McGuinness, Scott Ricker, Brian Tucker, and Bob Worcester opposed)
(Angie Natingor abstained from the vote)

Note: Section 145.1 of the Vancouver Charter states "Where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, they are deemed to have voted in the affirmative".

4. Subcommittee Updates

a. Communication - Eddy Elmer

Eddy Elmer advised a report will be provided at the next meeting.

b. Housing

Chris Morrissey provided an update regarding the Dogwood Development and advised the Subcommittee is continuing its work in providing input and suggestions regarding design and accessibility.

c. National Seniors Day - Beatrice Ho

Beatrice Ho and Tim McMillan provided updates on preparations for the National Seniors' Day event being jointly coordinated by the VPL and Seniors' Advisory Committee on Thursday, October 1, 2015, from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Main Branch of the Public Library, 350 West Georgia Street.

d. Social Isolation and Loneliness - Brian Tucker

Eddy Elmer advised discussions on this matter are ongoing with Social Planning staff.

e. Transportation and Mobility - Dellie Lidyard

Dellie Lidyard introduced a motion entitled "Designating Loading and Unloading Zones at SkyTrain Stations". Steve Brown responded to questions and noted he will follow up on the matter with Parking staff and report back.

Following questions and discussion it was,

MOVED BY Dellie Lidyard
SECONDED BY Bob Worcester

WHEREAS

1. Many seniors quit driving each year;
2. The number of seniors using SkyTrain is rising exponentially;
3. SkyTrain is considered a safer, more convenient, and more efficient mode of transportation;
4. Many seniors are picked up and dropped off at SkyTrain stations at all times of the day by family members and friends;
5. Picking up and dropping off passengers in non-designated areas can disrupt traffic flow and pose a hazard around stations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee requests City Council to direct City of Vancouver staff to work with TransLink to assign designated loading and unloading zones that will allow people sufficient time to safely and conveniently embark and disembark at SkyTrain stations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Other Business

a. CARP Flag Raising at City Hall - Seniors' Advisory Committee Representative

Angie Natingor agreed to represent the Committee at an upcoming flag raising event.

b. Driver Training for Taxis

Harry Randhawa, Coordinator/Instructor, Justice Institute, and Heather McCain, Citizens for Accessible Neighbourhoods, provided a presentation regarding training for taxi drivers to enhance customer service for seniors and persons with disabilities.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Scott Ricker
SECONDED by Angie Natingor

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meetings:

Date	Meeting Type
October 16, 2015	Working Session
November 20, 2015	Regular Meeting
December 18, 2015	Working Session

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

The Committee adjourned at 11:58 am.

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