

Seniors' Advisory Committee
September 23, 2016

Motions for Consideration

Supports Item 2

2. Social Isolation and Loneliness Amongst Seniors

MOVER:

SECONDER:

THAT the Seniors' Advisory Committee support the Social Isolation and Loneliness Amongst Seniors (SILAS) project as part of the Age Friendly Action Plan and a component of the City's Social Infrastructure Study. This project will be established as a legacy of the SAC for the period September to December 2016 and onward.

Supports Item 3:

3. An Age-Friendly Arbutus Corridor

MOVER: Eva Wadolna

SECONDER: Dellie Lidyard

WHEREAS:

1. In 1995, Council approved the Vancouver Greenways Plan, which stated that the purpose of greenways is to "expand the opportunities for urban recreation and to enhance the experience of nature and city life;"
2. In 2000, Council approved the Arbutus Corridor Official Development Plan, designating the Corridor as a public thoroughfare for transportation and greenways, including pedestrian paths, heritage walks, nature trails, and cyclist paths;

3. In 2012, Council approved the Transportation 2040 Plan, which prioritizes the needs of pedestrians, including at-risk groups such as seniors;
4. In 2013, Council approved the Age-friendly Action Plan and the City's plan to seek recognition from the World Health Organization as a "Global Age-friendly City;"
5. Key features of an age-friendly city are adequate, safe, and accessible green spaces and walkways;
6. The Arbutus Corridor is an excellent location for these vital amenities.

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

1. Ensure that the new Arbutus Corridor Development Plan is consistent with the goals of an age-friendly city.
2. Incorporate the Committee's recommendations, listed in Appendix A.
3. Include the Seniors' Advisory Committee and other relevant Advisory Committees in all stages of the planning process.

Supports Item 4

4. Public Washrooms

MOVER: Gudrun Langolf

SECONDER: Dellie Lidyard

WHEREAS:

1. Our ability to respond to a universal biological need is a basic human right, and those of us who have medical issues or are older make more frequent toilet visits;
2. Public toilets could make us more willing to do more walking, cycling or going out in general, and therefore contribute to leading healthier lives knowing that it is easy to find public toilets when needed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee ask Council to instruct staff to:

1. Establish appropriate design specifications and placements for public toilets, in consultation with the Seniors' Advisory Committee and other relevant Advisory Committees and community organizations.
2. Include public toilets in all current and future planning projects as well as include provisions for proper maintenance to ensure well-functioning, safe and accessible public toilets.

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