



## SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

April 15, 2011

A meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee was held on Friday, April 15, 2011, at 9:34 am, in the City Hall Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Chris Morrissey, Chair  
Grace Balbutin  
Tom Bruner  
Sylvia Gurstein  
Dellie Lidyard  
Milinda Schulz  
Eva Wadolna
- ABSENT:** Alice Choi  
Dena Dawson, Vice Chair (Leave of Absence)  
Henry Lee (Leave of Absence)  
Virginia McDade (Leave of Absence)  
Colleen McGuinness (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Neal Carley, Assistant City Engineer, Streets
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

#### Leave of Absence Requests

Leaves of Absence were approved for Dena Dawson, Henry Lee, Virginia McDade and Colleen McGuinness.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of March 18, 2011, were approved as amended:

- On page 2, section 4(a), second last paragraph, remove the words ", in the future," to read "The Committee agreed that formal direction to the Chair..."
- On page 2, section 4(a), last paragraph, add the words "and thanked the members she worked with", to read "Eva Wadolna resigned from the Housing Subcommittee and thanked the members she worked with".

**1. UBC Rapid Transit Line**

TransLink staff provided an update on the UBC Rapid Transit Line, and along with staff from the Strategic Transportation Planning Branch, responded to questions. TransLink staff distributed consultation questionnaire forms to be submitted to TransLink no later than April 27, 2011.

**2. Emergency Preparedness**

Kevin Wallinger, Director, Emergency Preparedness, along with Jackie Kloosterboer, Emergency Planning and ESS Coordinator, provided a presentation on emergency preparedness as it affects seniors and responded to questions. Ms. Kloosterboer agreed to give members a window emergency sign and offered to give presentations to community groups to learn the ten steps to be prepared for an earthquake or fire. The Chair agreed to contact Ms. Kloosterboer for more information.

**3. Subcommittee Reports**

**a. Housing Subcommittee**

Milinda Schulz provided an overview of the Subcommittee's last meeting, noting the minutes have not yet been finalized, and responded to questions.

The Committee was advised that a draft letter to the BC Housing Corporation regarding Steeves Manor has been written and members are asked to submit any comments to the Chair within a week. The Chair agreed to inquire about setting up a meeting with a representative from Steeves Manor.

The Chair, along with the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee Liaison, Jill Weiss, provided an update on Olympic Village housing as it affects seniors and persons with disabilities, noting a meeting they had with the City Manager and the comments she provided. The Chair and Ms. Weiss distributed a "Summary of Issues Related to Olympic Village Housing" (*circulated and on file*) and responded to questions.

**b. Transportation Subcommittee**

Tom Bruner advised that the Subcommittee did not meet since their last update. Mr. Bruner provided an overview of the #50 bus situation and responded to questions. He noted that the Subcommittee will invite a TransLink representative to their next meeting to inquire how the decision for the #50 bus was reached.

MOVED by Chris Morrissey  
SECONDED by Dellie Lidyard

THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that the Transportation Subcommittee discuss the UBC Rapid Transit Line materials presented at the meeting on April 15, 2011, and do an analysis from the perspective of seniors, and provide a response and input to Translink by April 26, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 2011 Workplan

No discussion.

5. New Business

a) Local Scam Warning

The Chair advised members of a local scam where people are telephoned and told their computer is about to be compromised and they need to buy particular software to protect it. She advised members the computers are not at risk and not to buy the software.

b) Workshop - Rental Housing and Homelessness

The Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee Liaison, Jill Weiss, informed the Committee of a City sponsored workshop on Rental Housing and Homelessness which is taking place at the end of April, 2011. Members were asked to e-mail Ms. Weiss if they have any comments they would like her to share at the workshop.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Friday, May 20, 2011  
TIME: 9:30 am  
PLACE: City Hall Business Centre  
Meeting Room

The Committee adjourned at 11:38 am

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