



## **SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting notes**

**February 21, 2014**

A meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee was held on Friday, February 21, 2014, at 9:30 am, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Chris Morrissey, Chair  
Eddy Elmer  
Sharon Fenton  
Clemencia Gomez  
Scott Graham  
Dellie Lidyard  
Colleen McGuinness, Vice-Chair  
Carol Oreck  
Rowena Tate  
Eva Wadolna

**ABSENT:** Tom Brunker (sick leave)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Taryn Scollard, Engineering Services

#### **Leave of Absence Requests**

None were requested.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Rowena Tate,

SECONDED by Carol Oreck

THAT the agenda be approved with amendments.

**CARRIED**

## Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes or meeting notes to be approved.

### 1. Business arising from the previous meeting

#### a. Pearson Dogwood - Follow-up

Chris Morrissey reported that she had spoken on this item at City Council. Her presentation points regarding Dogwood and the Green House Model (GHM) were addressed by Vancouver Coastal Health in their presentation to council in advance of Chris' opportunity to speak. VCH noted that they planned to use "total care workers", housing pads as in the GHM but there were still areas of concern.

There was instruction for staff to meet with SAC regarding the percentage of the 20% of social housing allocated for seniors. Importantly, VCH agreed to meet with SAC.

This is an opportunity to advocate for ground access for Dogwood residents and local sourcing of food products for the residents. *My Sustainable Canada* and *Farm to Cafeteria* (focused on schools, colleges and universities and institutions) were recommended as sources of information about fresh food sourcing. The Vancouver Food Council could also be asked to support the SAC efforts for Dogwood/Pearson.

It was agreed that Marry Ackenhusen, COO, should be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss issues around Dogwood.

#### b. Casa Mia - Follow-up

The Chair reported that the Casa Mia project was referred to Public Hearing scheduled for March 13. Staff spoke favorably about this project and Committee Liaison Councillor Tang introduced the Green House model. This was referred to the Housing Subcommittee for the preparation of a statement to be presented at the public hearing. It was noted that Beulah Gardens rezoning is also on the schedule for the March 13t hearing.

#### c. Integrated Care

Sharon Fenton reported that there is no opportunity to move this motion forward at this time. Work on this started so long ago that the time has passed. With an election this fall in Vancouver this issue can be

introduced at public when all-candidate meetings are being held. The Province is hiring a Seniors Advocate within the Ministry of Health. Work is being done on integrated care but they are focusing on the most complex care, at the cost of those individuals who need less complex care who's needs are expected to be met by the community and volunteers.

Sharon also reported that in Kerrisdale the greatest need was determined to be housecleaning and Better at Home is now offering to pay volunteers to provide this service.

## **2. Presentations**

- a. Compass Card - there was a miscue about the date for the presentation. PDAC will be having a meeting with BC Transit representatives and SAC members are welcome to join. It was agreed that Compass Card representative/s will be invited to attend the March meeting.

There was also discussion about the BC Card and it was agreed that this should be a topic for a future meeting.

## **3. Committee Liaison reports**

Taryn Scollard, Engineering Staff Liaison reported that she recently attended a meeting with Minister Wong and others to learn about New Horizons program. The Federal government is promoting their report on Aging in Place that was released last October.

It was also noted that the Active Transportation Planning Committee would like to meet the SAC members.

## **4. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Communication and Outreach

Eddy Elmer reminded the members that the next meeting is scheduled for Barkley Manor in the lounge. It was agreed that the discussion would focus on transportation, Compass Card and a film about aging in place.

- b. Housing

Colleen McGuinness reported that the committee is examining possible models for seniors housing.

- c. Transportation and Mobility

See report attached.

**5. New business**

a. Carnegie Seniors Safety Concerns

No report

b. Structure and topics

See Communication and Outreach report above.

c. Knowledge Network

SAC received an invitation from the Knowledge Network to visit their website pertaining to health for seniors.

d. Friesen Conference at SFU in May

A letter will be sent to the City Clerk requesting assistance with the registration fee for this conference on seniors housing options. It was noted that there is no discussion about the Green House Model at this two-day gathering.

e. Home Support

It was noted that care services for people with moderate needs are not being met by the various seniors care service providers.

f. Intergenerational Day July 1

This event is designed to send the message that we are all interested in greater understanding between all generations.

g. National Seniors Council Secretariat

Eddy agreed to attend a one-day meeting in Vancouver with this agency.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard

SECONDED by Sharon Fenton

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Regular Meeting:**

DATE: May 9, 2014  
TIME: 9:30 am  
PLACE: Town Hall, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

**Next working meeting of the committee**

**March 21, 2014**

**Barclay Manor, West End**

The Committee adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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## **SAC Transportation & Mobility Subcommittee (SAC-TAMS) Update on Activities, February 19, 2014**

### ***Current Activities***

#### **Kits Beach Seaside Greenway/Point Grey corridor**

The subcommittee has been invited to attend a meeting with the City, planned for March 19, to follow up on the unresolved issue of tactile curbs ramps.

#### **Kits Beach/Haddon Parks Seaside Greenway**

Parks Board, submitting to public pressure and ahead of the planned Supreme Court hearing, have abandoned plans for the projected bike path, and will instead work to improve the existing shared bike/pedestrian path.

#### **Custom Transit/HandyDART**

At their January 17 meeting SAC passed the two motions below.

- i) Opposition to Implementation of In-person and Telephone Application Process for HandyDART Users
- ii) Measures to Improve TransLink System Accessibility and HandyDART Cost-Effectiveness.

These motions will be sent to TransLink to express SAC's concerns with the TransLink Custom Service Review.

#### **Taxi drivers Training Manual**

The manual and training video are completed. We will get a copy of the manual (unfortunately only available in hard copy) very shortly, and the Taxi Drivers Training Advisory Committee will view the video on March some time in March. We will circulate the hard copy to SAC members in the hope that the Committee will recommend, as PDAC has done, that the City approve the 2 year pilot program.

#### **TransLink Compass Card**

A TransLink representative will attend the March SAC meeting to explain how the Compass Card will work for seniors, and how TransLink plans to educate users, seniors in particular, of the Compass Card.

#### **"Shaping the Path" Symposium**

Eva attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Research and Community Partnership Symposium on "*Shaping the Path: Promoting evidence informed policies that create healthy built environments for older adults*" hosted by UBC's Centre for Hip Health and Mobility (CHHM) on November 18, 2013. The focus of these symposia is

“What makes a neighbourhood a good place to grow old?” and examines how seniors’ health and wellbeing are influenced by the social and built environments. A summary report and video can be viewed on [CHHM’s website](#).

### **City Conversations - Transit Referendum**

Dellie attended this SFU public session “*The Transit Referendum: Should there be one? What will it take to win?*”, with guest speakers Geoff Meggs and Gordon Price, director of SFU’s City Program. They both agreed that a cohesive plan and a financial strategy are required in order to address the transit funding crisis. “Dellie asked “Why has no one mentioned what kind of question should be asked in this referendum?” and, when Gordon Price asked what it should be, suggested that we should be talking about where and how do we obtain sustainable funding, as suggested in the Mobility Pricing Summit, and he asked me how do we do that? When Dellie further insisted that property taxes and fares are not the answers and that they are not sustainable. The facilitator indicated that this is definitely not the end of the discussion and that there will be follow-up ones. He also announced that the province had backed off from having the referendum at the same time as the civic elections.

### ***Ongoing Projects***

#### **No. 5 Bus Route rerouting**

Eva attended an SFU Public Square meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> that was part of SFU City Conversations: “*Conflicted Space? Viva Vancouver and the #5 Robson Bus*”. For two years, the 800 block of Robson St. in front of the Vancouver Art Gallery has been closed to traffic during the summer, becoming the popular Viva Vancouver pedestrian space, resulting in a rerouting of the #5 Robson bus that adversely affecting particularly seniors living in West End.: “Must we choose between efficient public transit and enjoyable public space, or Is there a way to accommodate both?”. This issue will likely be presented for public feedback in the spring of 2014 when a TransLink & City study of alternatives is concluded.

#### **“Scooting Seniors”**

Following up on a presentation to SAC in August by Constable Heather Brown of the Collingwood Community Police, SAC-TAMS will work with Constable Brown to develop some guidelines for mobility scooter users.