



## SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

February 22, 2013

A meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee was held on Friday, February 22, 2013, at 9:31 am, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Chris Morrissey, Chair  
Eddy Elmer  
Sharon Fenton  
Clemencia Gomez  
Dellie Lidyard  
Carol Oreck  
Rowena Tate  
Eva Wadolna
- ABSENT:** Tom Brunker (Sick Leave)  
Colin Lazzerini  
Colleen McGuinness, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)  
Henry Lee
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Tony Tang, Vancouver City Council  
Commissioner Melissa De Genova, Vancouver Park Board  
Murray Wightman, Engineering Services
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

#### 1. Introductions and Welcome

Members, liaisons and guests introduced themselves.

#### 2. Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Eva Wadolna  
SECONDED by Chris Morrissey

THAT a leave of absence be approved for Colleen McGuinness for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was a brief discussion on members' attendance and participation.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard  
SECONDED by Clemencia Gomez

THAT the following items be added to the agenda

- Provincial elections
- Meeting with Minister Responsible for Seniors
- Meeting schedule

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 4. Approval of Minutes and Meeting Notes

MOVED by Rowena Tate  
SECONDED by Clemencia Gomez

THAT the minutes of the November 16, 2012, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Carol Oreck  
SECONDED by Sharon Fenton

- A. THAT the meeting notes of the December 7, 2012, outreach meeting be approved.
- B. THAT the meeting notes of the January 18, 2013, working session be approved with the following change: on page 2 under the street lighting discussion replace the word "concluded" with "suggested".
- C. THAT the meeting notes described in A and B above be included as part of the record for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 5. Business arising from the previous meeting

a) *Mayor's Affordable Housing Task Force - Councillor Meggs*

The Chair noted Councillor Meggs will be coming to the March 15, 2013, meeting to discuss the results of the Mayor's Affordable Housing Task Force.

b) *Oakridge Centre Update*

Representatives from the Oakridge Seniors Centre provided an update on the the status of the centre with regards to the proposed Oakridge redevelopment, noting that they wish to remain independent, and not become a part of the Community Centre, they need more space and ground-level access. The Committee agreed to assist where they could, possibly in the form of a motion.

c) *SAFER letter*

*Note from Meeting Coordinator: this discussion took place in two segments at different times during the meeting. The minutes from this discussion are consolidated here as item 5c for ease of reference.*

The Chair noted concerns with the current version of the motion regarding SAFERHomes that is planned to be brought before Council because it does not include a clause for annual renewal. She also noted that the motion would have to go to the Local Government Management Association before it goes to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

In discussion, it was decided the Committee would address this with the Council Liaison later in the meeting. When the Committee returned to this discussion at 11:57 am, Councillor Tang noted he would like to move a motion regarding what is most changeable in terms of the policy. He also requested help identifying programs for older adults that require annual renewal, and those that do not.

d) *Community-based care motion*

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard  
SECONDED by Carol Oreck

WHEREAS

1. Acute care costs consume a major share of budget.
2. Minimal budget is set aside for community supportive services.
3. Cutbacks and restrictions on non-medical services have resulted in costly overuse of emergency hospital services.
4. A shortage of case managers has led to inadequate accessibility of services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

- A. THAT integrated care of community based home care and home support services must become a priority health care service. With the focus on increased community based services to the elder living at home, there must be a reallocation of dollars. The complete comprehensive implementation of this program may require a three year transitional period.
- B. THAT integrated care means a one-stop shop for accessing care, delivered in the community to the home of the elder, care which includes not only medical (physiotherapy/occupational therapy, nursing, dental, optical doctor home visits) but preventative and therapeutic care as well (care cooking, cleaning, laundry, shopping, transportation, yard work, socialization programs). The key contact for the elder is his/her local case manager, through whom the needed care can be arranged.
- C. THAT the City of Vancouver, on behalf of seniors in the city, take up the issue of aging in place with the necessary supportive services, with the Provincial government authorities at the earliest opportunity, and request this be discussed with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) at their annual meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e) *Seniors' Week June 2 - 8, 2013*

Sharon Fenton provided an update, noting the City has decided to focus activities for seniors' week at the Roundhouse Community Centre. In discussion, it was noted a table at the Roundhouse to provide information about the Seniors' Advisory Committee would be helpful. The Outreach Subcommittee agreed to develop ideas further in order to get other groups informed about Roundhouse events.

Commissioner Melissa de Genova, Vancouver Park Board, agreed to discuss assistance with publicity and logistics for the Seniors' Week events with staff.

The Chair noted the Committee will request a proclamation for Seniors' Week from the Mayor's Office, with the intent that it will be read at a Council meeting by the Mayor, and a Council member at the Roundhouse events.

**6. Committee Liaison reports**

Commissioner Melissa De Genova, Vancouver Park Board, provided an overview of the current issues around Community Centres and the current status of the matter.

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*The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with item 8a next. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.*

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## 7. Sub-Committee Reports

- a) Communication and Outreach
- b) Housing
- c) Transportation and Mobility

Due to time constraints the above-noted subcommittees agreed to email their latest reports to Committee members.

## 8. New Business

### a) *Liaison with City Staff Regarding Dementia*

Carol Ann Young, Social Policy, provided an overview of this issue and reported out on the first roundtable and its results. The Committee requested a copy of the report when it is available.

### b) *Pearson Dogwood Proposal*

Postponed due to time constraints.

### c) *Outline of Better at Home program*

Eva Wadolna agreed to email the results of her meeting with the Minister Responsible for Seniors.

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*At this point, the Committee agreed to return to the discussion regarding SAFERHomes with the Council Liaison. The minutes for that item are consolidated under item 5c for ease of reference.*

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### d. *Provincial Elections*

In discussion, it was noted that Committee members may participate in elections as individuals.

e. *2013 Meeting Schedule*

Postponed due to time constraints.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Dellie Lidyard  
SECONDED by Clemencia Gomez

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DATE: Friday, March 15, 2013

TIME: 9:30 am

PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, City Hall

**Next Working Session**

**Next Regular Meeting:**

At the call of the Chair.

The Committee adjourned at 12:21 pm.

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**SENIOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**December 7, 2012**

An informal outreach meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, December 7, 2012, at 10:00am in the Seniors Lounge at the Kerrisdale Community Centre.

PRESENT:	Chris Morrissey – Chair Eddy Elmer Sharon Fenton Dellie Lidyard Carol Oreck Colleen McGuinness (Vice-Chair & Recorder) Rowena Tate Eva Wadolna Jill Weiss (PDAC rep) Neal Carley (Staff Liaison & Engineering) Melissa De Genova (Parks Board) Tony Tang (Council Liaison)
ABSENT:	Tasia Alexis (PDAC rep) Thomas Brunker Colin Lazzerini Henry Lee Pauline Preston (VPL) Sophie Woo
Guests	Marion Cohen Rhys Williams (Engineering) Doug Scott (Engineering) Members of the general public

At 10:00am the meeting was called to order and self-introductions were made.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved.

**Attendance**

Leave of absence was requested by Tom Brunker and Henry Lee. Approved

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 16, 2012 were approved as presented.

### **COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES**

a. Melissa de Genova, Parks Board

Melissa gave a brief summary of recent Board activities.

- a bike share program in public parks has been approved
- as a result of the community concern expressed about the fitness benefits of bowling and the loss of the bowling lanes at Arbutus, bowling will be included in future park development planning.
- the Parks Board will establish a Task Force on Greening and,
- budget cuts will result in the cutting of staff and this will have an impact on seniors centres.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Communication and Community Outreach Committee

The SAC web site was introduced to the members of the public in attendance. Eddy thanked the committee members who worked to set up the first of a series of SAC out-reach meetings that will be held throughout the city.

Eddy and Marion are setting up web page links on aging resources and community committees and agencies.

b. Housing Committee

It was reported that the sub committee, in cooperation with the PDAC housing sub-committee, is working to have the new revised building code incorporate more features that will support aging in place. This will ensure that all new structures built in Vancouver are more accommodating to seniors and persons with disabilities.

c. Transportation and Mobility Committee

The committee terms of reference include matters pertaining to seniors' pedestrian safety, the outdoor environment, parks and sidewalks.

Their work to make the pedestrian crossing at Cambie and Broadway safer was reported on. Special concern was expressed, by the guests in attendance, about the need for lengthen crossing times at many intersections throughout the city and they were referred to the City's Active Transportation Committee. It was also noted that the police should be encouraged to enforce rules for pedestrians as well as drivers.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Comox – Helmcken Greenway

Douglas Scott explained the design for the Greenway, which stretches from Stanley Park to False Creek and will be built in two stages. It is focused on being accessible for all ages.



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Elements include safety, seating, ease for crossing the street, problems with bikes on sidewalks.

Reduced traffic on Comox will enhance bike/skateboard comfort. The loss of parking is an issue for some seniors.

The focus of the project is “All ages and abilities walking plan” and it is a model of the 2040 Transportation Plan.

**The meeting adjourned at this point.**

**The presentation of the Integrative Care model by Gloria Levi commenced with an introduction by Sharon Fenton.**

**SENIOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**January 18, 2013**

A working session of the Seniors' Advisory Committee was held on Friday, January 18, 2013 at 9:30am in the Town Hall room at City Hall.

PRESENT:	Chris Morrisey (Chair) Eddy Elmer Sharon Fenton Clemencia Gomez Dellie Lidyard Carol Oreck Colleen McGuinness (Vice-Chair & Recorder) Rowena Tate Eva Wadolna Jill Weiss (PDAC rep) Tasia Alexis (PDAC rep) Al Luongo (Staff Liaison & Engineering) Melissa De Genova (Parks Board) Tony Tang (Council Liaison)
ABSENT:	Thomas Brunker Colin Lazzerini Henry Lee Pauline Preston (VPL) Sophie Woo
GUESTS:	Stephen Dang, City staff member Scott Graham, SPARC

At 9:30am the meeting was called to order, newest member Clemencia Gomez was welcomed and self-introductions were made.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved.

**Attendance**

Leave of absence was approved for Tom Brunker.  
 Moved by Eva, seconded by Dellie – carried  
 Leave was requested, but declined for Henry Lee.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes of the December 7, 2012 meeting was deferred.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### a. SPARC

Scott Gordon reviewed the process of the Seniors' Dialogues and the summary that has been made of the comments of the 347 attendees and 85 volunteers who participated.

### b. Street lights

Eddy reported that burnt out street lights are still in issue in the West End. Discussion about the various reporting methods concluded that people should be encouraged to call rather than use the electronic reporting option via the City's web site.

### c. SAFER

It was agreed that a reminder note would be sent to Councillor Tang, asking him to report on the status of the SAC letter to Mayor and Council regarding a recommendation on the SAFER program to be referred to the annual meeting of the UBCM.

### d. Mayor's Affordable Housing Task Force

Moved by Colleen, seconded by Dellie – that a letter of invitation be sent to Mayor Robertson, inviting him to attend the next meeting of the SAC. – carried

This motion is to be incorporated in the minutes of the next Clerked meeting in February. A letter is to be drafted and forwarded to Mayor Robertson via Councillor Tang.

It was agreed that the letter would be drafted and circulated by email for approval before being forwarded to Councillor Tang.

### e. Seniors' Week activities

It was agreed that Vancouver Foundation, New Horizons funding for 2014 should be applied for as soon as possible via City Council or City staff. Additionally, the Mayor's Office should be approached and a formal Seniors Week proclamation requested for 2013. The celebration date set for this year is Tuesday, June 11th. Chris agreed to contact the coordinator of the Roundhouse Community Centre where Seniors Week events have been held in previous years as part of a Parks Board sponsored program.

The Communications and Outreach Committee was asked to follow-up on this.

Moved by Clemencia, seconded by Sharon - that the Multicultural Advisory Committee be asked to send a representative to the next meeting to discuss joint activities on this topic.- carried

### f. Greater Vancouver Seniors Steering Committee update

Sharon attended the last meeting and reported that the GVSS did not receive the hoped-for funding and they intend to put effort into finding new funding sources.

## **COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES**

- a. Engineering
- Murray Wightman will be the new SAC staff liaison and in his absence, Rys Williams will be available to the committee members. At this meeting Al Luongo attended to represent and to report back to the Engineering Dept.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Communication and Community Outreach Committee  
There was a review of the first outreach meeting that took place in Kerrisdale in December with a small, but very interested number of seniors in attendance. The meeting notice failed to be published in the Courier but was listed in the Community Centre newsletter and circulated through the Dunbar neighbourhood email list.

The committee will make a recommendation about the next outreach meeting date and location.

- b. Housing Committee  
Committee reported on the meetings with Will Johnston and the need for a meeting with the General Manager of Planning, Brian Jackson. Councillor Tony Tang will be asked to assist with getting a meeting with Mr. Jackson.

Clemencia asked if there was any information on the status of New Continental residents who are being relocated to the Ramada Inn in the Collingwood neighbourhood. There was no further information on this item.

- c. Transportation and Mobility Committee  
The committee had not met. The members were, however, assisting in industry-wide training of taxi drivers to ensure that drivers are well prepared to serve seniors and persons with disabilities.

It was also noted that the committee would like to have a representative from the Community Policing Office attend a future meeting.

After discussion it was concluded that visually impaired seniors have difficulty crossing bicycle lanes to get to taxis. It was referred to the committee and Engineering for review and comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Oakridge redevelopment  
Dellie was contacted by a representative of the Oakridge Seniors' Centre. It appears that the seniors' centre will be relocated to the second or third floor of the new project and somewhat distant from the drop-off location.

The committee agreed that the Oakridge Seniors Centre would be a possible venue for a future outreach meeting.

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It was concluded that Engineering would inform the Director of Planning of the wish to meet with the proponent with the purpose of discussing seniors' needs.

b. Community-based care motion

Two committee members attended the recent meeting on community based care. According to Sharon a motion in support of this initiative would be appropriate. After discussion it was agreed that Sharon and Colleen should meet to redraft the introduction to the motion for presentation at the February meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

The next meeting of the Committee will be February 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Town Hall room at City Hall at 9:30am.