



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Seniors Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Seniors Focus Committee held on Thursday, February 4, 2021 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Chair
Wayne Borthwick (joined at 7:46pm)
Yolanda Broderick
John Crowther
Malcolm Harkness
Katharine Lemond
Grace McKeown

Absent

Councillor Amy Lubik, Vice-Chair
Wilhelmina Martin (Regrets)

In Attendance

Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator
Liam McLellan – Social Planner

1. Call to Order

Call to Order

1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes

2.1 SFC21/005

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Seniors Focus Committee meeting held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Prioritization of Age-Friendly Action Items

4.1 Attachments:

- [Age-Friendly Assessment and Action Plan 2020-2030](#)
- Age-Friendly Plan Implementation List

File: 01-360-20-53

Staff reviewed the Age-Friendly Plan implementation actions and requested input from the Committee regarding the timeline targets, and noted that there is currently a staff process to determine funding allocation for the identified actions. Staff noted the following:

- the accessible washrooms audit is targeted for completion by the end of the year; the Tri-Cities Homeless Coalition is also working on the initiative;
- there is currently a cross-committee working group discussing Wayfinding signage improvements;
- the Recreation Department is leading the seniors centre work; a project charter has been submitted; an RFP for a seniors centre feasibility study will be reviewed with the Committee in March;
- there have been two dementia-awareness training sessions with front line staff; training for Recreation staff is scheduled for March; and
- Douglas College students may be able to assist with the seniors' directory work;

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- there are dangerous crosswalks in the City that could be addressed by the City by adding flashing lights;
- add creating awareness for the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) subsidy program to the short-term action under the Housing pillar;
- change the subsidized and senior-specific housing action item to medium-term;
- there are approximately 500 rental units proposed or in construction in Port Moody, around 100 of which are designated as affordable units that seniors may have access to;
- Anmore is running a regular dementia café program, and Port Moody could consider partnering on this program;
- staff have been responding to the volume of requests from residents for adding picketball lines to existing facilities;
- Council supported the concept of the Men's Shed program, which is under the mentorship of the Coquitlam Men's Shed program; and
- land acknowledgements should be associated with actions; a conversation with local indigenous leadership and community is needed regarding what reconciliation can be.

**2021 Seniors Focus
Committee Work Plan**

4.2 The Committee noted the following in discussion regarding the draft 2021 Committee Work Plan:

- invite Parks and Recreation staff to discuss the seniors centre and seniors programs, such as mobility programs, in March;
- invite the operators of the Anmore dementia café to the April meeting to speak about the program, and to discuss a coordinated approach to dementia prevention
- add computer literacy and accessing information online in May, potentially with the assistance of the Library;
- invite the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) to the June meeting to discuss their services;
- invite the Crossroads Hospice to the September meeting to speak about services that the hospice can provide to seniors at home;
- invite Engineering staff to the September or October meeting to speak about the Snow Angel program, transportation issues, and about TransLink services;
- add the Committee annual report to the November meeting;
- the Committee can receive regular updates on the Seniors Friendship Society; and
- the goal of the seniors microsite is to consolidate seniors information into one location; the City of Surrey has a good example of a seniors microsite; determine what and where seniors information is currently available on the City's website, and how easy or difficult it is to locate the information.

SFC21/006

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the draft 2021 Seniors Focus Committee Work Plan be approved as amended at the February 4, 2021 Seniors Focus Committee meeting.

5. Information

Staff Updates

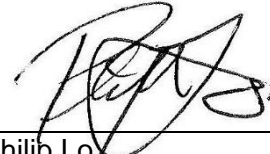
5.1 There were no staff updates.

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:51pm.



Councillor Diana Dilworth,
Chair



Philip Lo
Committee Coordinator