

# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Seniors Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Seniors Focus Committee held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 via Zoom.

#### Present

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Chair  
Wayne Borthwick  
Yolanda Broderick  
John Crowther  
Malcolm Harkness  
Wilhelmina Martin  
Grace McKeown

#### Absent

Councillor Amy Lubik, Vice-Chair

#### In Attendance

Sadie Henschel – Librarian, Port Moody Library  
Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator  
Liam McLellan – Social Planner

#### 1. Call to Order

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#### Call to Order

1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

#### 2. Adoption of Minutes

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#### Minutes

SFC21/008

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the following minutes of the Seniors Focus Committee be adopted:**

- Thursday, March 25, 2021; and
- Thursday, April 1, 2021.

#### 3. Unfinished Business

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#### 4. New Business

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##### **Library Services and Seniors Programming**

- 4.1 Sadie Henschel, a Librarian from the Port Moody Public Library, gave a presentation on library services and seniors programming, noting the following:
- the Library's Tech Services program has become more important during the pandemic, as some tech knowledge is required to access some library services; however, it has also been more challenging to offer tech services;
  - Tech Wednesdays on the Library's Facebook page discuss a variety of topics, including how to use library tech services (such as eBooks) and computer tech in general;
  - one-on-one tech appointments are also available, however, there is no ability to offer this service in person currently;
  - the Talking Book Club meets monthly over Zoom, and is geared towards people with print disability and as well as seniors, but all are welcome;
  - the Books in Suitcases Book Club is a registered program where each participant provides two book recommendations for a selected theme;
  - the White Pines Local Author Collection (a collection of works by local authors) Virtual Gala, will take place on May 11, 2021, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm on Facebook live;
  - accessible services are provided for people with a permanent or temporary visual or physical disability;
  - DAISY players, tablets, smart phones, and computers are available for loan from the Library
  - due to COVID, all Library programs are online at the moment; staff are open to suggestions on programming that users are interested in.
  - the Library does not have a definition of "senior", as adult programs not limited by age;
  - user demographics remain balanced with a range of ages;
  - staff can report back to the Committee regarding the extent to which staff can assist users with online services, due to information privacy concerns; and
  - there are no computers available at the moment for public use in the Library;

The Committee suggested that the Library may be able to assist with teaching seniors how to use the iPads that were acquired by the Seniors Friendship Club with the New Horizons Grant, and that Mr. Ken Kuhn may be able to set up an online help resource as well.

Sadie Henschel left the meeting at this point and did not return.

**Port Moody Arts –  
Postcard Project**

- 4.2 The Social Planner noted that Sara Graham, the City's staff artist, proposed a project as part of the City's Canada Day celebrations, where postcards with scenes of Port Moody would be made available to residents through community groups. The Social Planner noted that the intention is for residents to mail the postage-paid postcards as a way to reach out to others, especially seniors in the City.

The Committee suggested reaching out to the Port Moody Legion Manor, the Eagle Ridge Manor, Mr. Ken Kuhn, the Port Moody Rotary Club, and the Port Moody Public Library.

**Senior Centre  
Feasibility Study  
Update**

- 4.3 The Chair noted that this item is currently a Level 2 project in Council's Strategic Plan, meaning that funding should be available for the project. The Chair also noted that there may be an opportunity for a consultant to conduct a space capacity or feasibility study before the end of the year.

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5. Information

**Chair's Updates**

- 5.1 There were no updates.

**Staff Updates**

- 5.2 The Social Planner noted that the City is conducting a survey for the Tri-Cities Region Food Security Assessment and Action Plan at the following link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tricitiesfood>

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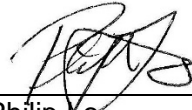
6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.



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Councillor Diana Dilworth,  
Chair



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Philip Lo,  
Committee Coordinator