



# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Seniors Focus Committee

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Seniors Focus Committee held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 via Zoom.

#### **Present**

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

#### **Absent**

Councillor Amy Lubik, Vice-Chair  
Grace McKeown

#### **In Attendance**

Angela Blackall – Recreation Coordinator  
Jess Daniels – Policy Planner  
Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning  
Christel Guenette, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.  
Liam McLellan – Social Planner

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#### 1. Call to Order

#### **Call to Order**

1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

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#### 2. Adoption of Minutes

#### **Minutes**

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Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the minutes of the Seniors Focus Committee meeting held Thursday, May 6, 2021 be adopted.**

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#### 3. Unfinished Business

#### 4. New Business

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##### 4.1 Angela Blackall, Recreation Coordinator

The Recreation Coordinator gave a presentation on a Senior Centre feasibility study, and noted the following:

- a feasibility study was explored to determine the space needs and related costs associated with the development of a seniors recreation centre;
- the objective was to award the contract to a consultant to build on previous studies and understand space needs, including assessing the function and needs, to optimize efficiencies, and support the unique functions of seniors;
- the scope of work included engagement through public forums, surveys with related community groups, and the preparation of a preliminary budget;
- updates would be provided to the Seniors Focus Committee at regular intervals;
- the contract would be awarded in early July 2021, with engagement dates to follow dependent on the consultant's schedule; and
- the feasibility study is anticipated to be completed by January 2022, dependent on the consultant.

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- consider using previous studies to inform this feasibility study;
- the ideal applicant would have experience in studying other seniors centres across the Lower Mainland;
- the proposed seniors centre would be multi-generational to meet the needs of multiple areas:
  - it was observed when visiting seniors centres, that the atmosphere was more enjoyable at multi-generational sites; and
  - these sites did have specific seniors' spaces and programs; and
- the consultant would meet with the Committee prior to engaging with the public.

## Official Community Plan Update

- 4.2 Presentation: Jess Daniels, Policy Planner, and Mary De Paoli, Manager of Policy Planning  
Attachment: Official Community Plan Update Presentation  
File: 01-0360-20-53

The Manager of Policy Planning gave a presentation regarding the Official Community Plan (OCP) Update, noting the following:

- the OCP informs decisions related to land uses in areas of housing, transportation, parks, environmental protection, economic development;
- the OCP update is part of an established five-year review process to ensure it remains relevant as the community evolves;
- community input was necessary to inform staff's development of the OCP and guide Council's decision-making as they considered proposed updates;
- public engagement began in October 2020 and will continue until early 2022;
- engagement included visioning workshops, community surveys, and community check-ins;
- feedback received during the first community survey identified what citizens valued about the city, what required improvements or changes, and what would be important for the city in 30 years;
- the second community survey was open until June 28, 2021, and explored key themes identified during the initial phase of public engagement;
- seniors focuses were interwoven throughout the OCP, with references to the aging population, and their increased needs in parks, open spaces, recreation, housing, community well-being, and neighbourhood plan areas;
- seniors focus related OCP content will be incorporated within survey feedback where relevant; and
- the Committee will be provided opportunities to participate through the Engage Port Moody website, community surveys, staff updates, and comments on the draft OCP as directed by Council.

The Manager of Policy Planning requested feedback, ideas, and priority areas in the following Land Use Scenario Neighbourhood Areas, and the Committee noted the following:

- Moody Centre Station Transit-Oriented Development:
  - public spaces should be flexible and available for everyone;
  - Developments have private amenities as directed by Council and staff;

- COVID-19 identified the need for new outdoor spaces and should be given priority;
  - balance is needed between ensuring sufficient parking for those with mobility challenges, and encouraging people to walk or ride their bikes;
  - as people age, a percentage of the population may not be able to access outdoors spaces by walking or cycling; and
  - sidewalks could be widened to accommodate wheelchairs, strollers, bikes and pedestrians.
- Murray Street Boulevard:
    - an entertainment district would fit here;
    - brewery owners have expressed concerns around the inability for expansion; the Oceanfront development would be an opportunity to build light industrial areas;
    - there is confusion around multi-use paths and placing pedestrians closer to traffic; this is causing conflicts between pedestrians and bikers; and
    - this area should remain light industrial to ensure that a commercial base remains for the city.
- Oceanfront District:
    - the new developments should consider the increase for parking amenities associated with the increase in density;
    - development in the Oceanfront District must consider the unique geological features of the site;
    - the area should include 50% dedicated park space to help balance the demand for oceanfront access; and
    - the contamination in the area from the sawmill needs to be addressed.
- Seaview Neighbourhood:
    - greenspace needs to be maintained; and
    - there is a lot of underutilized space in the number of homes proposed for the area.

## 5. Information

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### Chair's Updates

5.1 No updates were provided.

## Staff Updates

- 5.2 The Social Planner noted that the City is completing public engagement for the Tri-Cities Region Food Security Assessment and Action Plan, including one more event scheduled for June 2021 to present the public draft, which would include an individual plan for each municipality, and that further information will be provided to the Committee following its release.

## 6. Adjournment

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm.



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Councillor Diana Dilworth,  
Chair



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Christel Guenette,  
Recording Secretary