



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Seniors Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Seniors Focus Committee held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Chair
Wayne Borthwick
Yolanda Broderick
John Crowther
Malcolm Harkness
Wilhelmina Martin (arrived at 7:07pm)
Grace McKeown

Absent

Councillor Amy Lubik, Vice-Chair
Connie Meisner (Regrets)

In Attendance

Esin Gozukara – Legislative Services Assistant
Stephen Judd – Manager of Infrastructure Engineering Services
Geoffrey Keyworth – Transportation Engineer
Liam McLellan – Social Planner
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes

2.1 SFC21/011

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Seniors Focus Committee meeting held Thursday, July 15, 2021 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Age-Friendly Plan: Engineering- Transportation Actions Discussion

4.1 Geoffrey Keyworth, Transportation Engineer Attachment:

- Age-Friendly Plan – Implementation List – Engineering

The Transportation Engineer gave a presentation on Age-Friendly Initiatives: Transportation, including information about strategic alignment, accessible crosswalks, pedestrian priority streets, audible pedestrian signals, walk times at intersections, bus stop accessibility, Snow Stars, and next steps, and the following was noted:

- the Master Transportation Plan (MTP) vision strives to make Port Moody a more friendly city for seniors and those with mobility challenges;
- the three goals within the MTP that are directly related to the Age-Friendly Plan include making the city more compact, more walkable, and safer for those with mobility challenges;
- the design of accessible crosswalks reduces pedestrian exposure to vehicle traffic and allows pedestrians to cross the intersection quicker and easier;
- the Transportation Association of Canada has updated the recommended pedestrian crossings speeds at signalized intersections and includes considerations for pedestrian user groups including: those using assistive devices for mobility, those over the age of 65, and the general population; and
- the design of leading pedestrian intervals increases driver awareness by allowing pedestrians to enter the crosswalk 3-5 seconds before vehicles.

The Chair advised that Council has directed Engineering staff to investigate traffic improvements at Suter Brook Village to help alleviate traffic egress and access traffic concerns.

The Committee noted the following in response to the Traffic Engineer's presentation:

- the Snow Stars program could be promoted more to increase volunteer participation and reduce confusion with Coquitlam's Snow Angel program; and
- the street parking design in Burnaby's Hastings Street area was noted as desirable; design elements include angled parking and ten minute drop-off/pick-up areas.

The Transportation Engineer noted the following in response to the Committee's questions:

- the automated pedestrian buttons in Port Moody are now permanent;
- the let-down design standards are being reviewed to ensure best practices are being implemented in the City and in development applications;
- the Snow Stars Volunteer Recognition Program is a way for the City to thank helpers who have generously donated their time and energy to remove snow from walkways on behalf of neighbours in need; and
- the MTP update will provide an opportunity to engage with TransLink regarding the Transportation Theme proposed actions.

The Manager of Infrastructure Engineering Services and the Transportation Engineer left the meeting at this point and did not return.

**Seniors Centre
Feasibility Study –
Update**

4.2 Liam McLellan, Social Planner
Attachment:

- a) Carscadden – Port Moody Seniors Centre Study

The Social Planner gave presentation on Senior Centre – Feasibility Study, noting the following:

- the Consultant, Carscadden, has worked on many seniors centre projects throughout Western Canada;
- the proposed engagement strategy includes workshops with the Port Moody Parks and Recreation Division, the Seniors Focus Committee, and Port Moody service providers that work with the older adult population and those with mobility issues;
- the Consultant will develop cost sheets to determine the allocated space required for a seniors centre, including layout, specialized equipment, floors, room requirements for programming;
- the cost sheets will be reviewed by staff and the Committee to provide feedback to the Consultant;
- a survey is being created for residents to provide input on the needs of the senior community;
- the development and engagement phases are scheduled for September, November, and December;
- the Consultant is scheduled to attend the October Committee meeting; and
- the Consultant has retained an engagement consultant, LEES+Associates, to undertake an environmental scan of the region's seniors programming and determine gaps in the community's current offerings.

The Chair suggested providing the Consultant with the site identification and analysis done by the Library and that it may offer valuable information based on the similar needs such as space, parking, and accessibility.

The Committee noted the following in response to the Social Planner's presentation:

- members at The Club and Dogwood Pavilion could be interviewed to determine what features and programming draw them to the location; and
- Dogwood Pavilion's Program Activity Committee could be interviewed to learn about programming, including space allocation, and class size and timing demands.

Housing Needs Report – Seniors Focus

4.3 Liam McLellan, Social Planner

The Social Planner gave a presentation on Housing Needs Report – Senior Focus, and the following was noted:

- the Housing Needs Report will provide valuable statistics to Council about current and future housing needs and help inform negotiations with developers;
- the current rate for inclusionary zoning is 15%;
- there are no emergency shelters or safe houses in Port Moody; the nearest emergency shelter is in Coquitlam;
- the City is exploring offering shelter to those in need during extreme weather events in the winter;
- the research and analysis phase includes information gathering about current and projected population, household income, significant economic sectors, and currently available and anticipated housing units;
- the engagement and consultation phase includes information gathering about housing challenges and gaps through surveys, virtual stakeholder focus groups, and key informant interviews;
- the city has over 500 new purpose built rentals scheduled for completion in the near future and over 1,000 scheduled for completion by the end of 2022;
- the current vacancy rate for purpose built rentals is between 0-2%; and
- the supply of three bedroom units can be increased through policy to meet the projected demand for this unit type.

The Chair advised that the low years of purpose built rental units being created were due to the recession in 2008 and when a moratorium was held on development in 2013 until confirmation of the Skytrain.

The Committee noted that the additional requests for amenities can result in negative financial impacts to the purchaser and reduce the affordability component of the unit.

SFC21/012

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be extended for up to 15 minutes.

**Peter Hulbert
Accessibility Award
90(1)(b)**

4.4 SFC21/013

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT, pursuant to section 90 of the *Community Charter*, this portion of the Regular Meeting of the Seniors Focus Committee be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

- **90(1)(b) – personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity.**

5. Information

Staff Updates

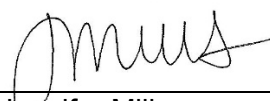
5.1 There were no staff updates at this time.

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:08pm.



Councillor Diana Dilworth,
Chair



Jennifer Mills,
Committee Coordinator