



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Seniors Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Seniors Focus Committee held on Thursday, October 7, 2021 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Chair
Wayne Borthwick
Yolanda Broderick
John Crowther
Connie Meisner
Wilhelmina Martin (arrived at 7:10pm)

Absent

Malcolm Harkness (Regrets)
Councillor Amy Lubik, Vice-Chair
Grace McKeown (Regrets)

In Attendance

Angela Blackall – Recreation Coordinator
Esin Gozukara – Committee Coordinator
Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation
Liam McLellan – Social Planner
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator

Also in Attendance

Lacey Barr, Landscape Designer, LEES+Associates
Shirley Duong, Intern Architect, Carscadden Stokes McDonald Architects
Megan Turnock, Principal, LEES+Associates
Eileen Finn, Senior Landscape Designer, LEES+Associates
Glen Stokes, Partner Architect, Carscadden Stokes McDonald Architects

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Minutes

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2.1 SFC21/014

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Seniors Focus Committee meeting held Thursday, September 2, 2021 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Seniors Centre Needs Assessment

- 4.1 Glen Stokes, Carscadden Architecture, and Megan Turnock, LEES+Associates
Attachment: LEES+Associates, Seniors Centre Feasibility Study Workshop Agenda

Megan Turnock, Principal, LEES+Associates, gave a presentation on Seniors Centre Needs Assessment, noting the following:

- the study is at the early stages of Phase 2, background data is being collected at the moment, and the final report is scheduled to be completed in March 2022;
- there are three steps to the needs assessment and programming approach, and step one is currently taking place;
- past engagements and plans are being reviewed;
- data and information from staff is being collected to help identify the biggest gaps and assist with the environmental scan; and
- there are two engagements sessions scheduled with stakeholder groups, including seniors, seniors groups, and the public.

The Consultant requested feedback from the Committee regarding the following:

- in a few words, why are dedicated seniors' spaces needed;
- what age-friendly programs and services are lacking or need improvement;
- what aspects of existing facilities are lacking or need improvement;
- what is most important in facility design;
- what do you like about other facilities you have visited;
- what factors are most important in site selection;
- what key words describe your vision for seniors' programs in Port Moody;
- who do we need to hear from during the engagement process; and
- what questions do you have for stakeholders or the public.

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- Fraser Health's Healthy Built Environment Team, the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), neighbourhood community centre associations, The Legion, The Club, the Seniors Friendship Society, the Rotary Club, the Dogwood Pavilion Activity Committee, and Metro Vancouver's Housing Commission could be added to the stakeholders list;
- dedicated seniors' spaces are needed in Port Moody to reduce loneliness and isolation and address the unique and wide-ranging needs of seniors in the community;
- current facilities in the city are lacking seniors-dedicated spaces, and storage capacity is limited;
- not all seniors' programs will be able to address all the needs of the seniors' therefore it is important to identify and prioritize most needed items;
- seniors need welcoming and inclusive spaces to comfortably socialize; share hobbies, skills and abilities; get together and eat; view movies; host games and classes; and exercise without feeling suppressed;
- charging stations for scooters should be included in the facility design;
- seniors with different accessibility and health care needs should also be considered when designing elevators, washrooms, and parking for the centre; and
- to maximize the use of the building it could be available for use by different user groups, especially in the evenings.

Ms. Turnock thanked the Committee for all their efforts and volunteer time.

5. Information

Staff Updates

- 5.1 The Committee Coordinator advised that the committee recruitment process is upcoming and that notifications will be sent to members whose terms are expiring at the end of December and that applications for appointment can be submitted through the City website up to November 7, 2021.

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:57pm.



Councillor Diana Dilworth,
Chair



Esin Gozukara,
Committee Coordinator