



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: October 6, 2022
Submitted by: Seniors Focus Committee
Subject: 2022 Annual Report – Seniors Focus Committee

Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the 2022 Seniors Focus Committee.

Recommended Resolutions

THAT the report dated October 6, 2022 from the Seniors Focus Committee regarding 2022 Annual Report – Seniors Focus Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the 2023 Seniors Focus Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual Work Plan in spring 2023.

Committee Mandate

The purpose of the Seniors Focus Committee is to provide recommendations and advice in the following areas:

- the recommendations provided in the Age Friendly Community Planning Project report;
- short-, medium-, and long-term goals to address seniors' issues within municipal jurisdiction;
- opportunities for strengthening the City's existing recreation programs and services for seniors;
- current and future trends that may influence the delivery of recreation services and facilities for seniors;
- opportunities for corporate alliances;
- seniors' issues, strategies, and initiatives within municipal jurisdiction; and
- any other matters referred by Council.

Meetings and Attendance

The Seniors Focus Committee met monthly between January and October 2022, with the exception of May 2022 due to cancellation by the Chair, August 2022, due to summer break, and October 2022, due to a calendar conflict for both Chairs. In November 2022 several advisory bodies of council, including the Seniors Focus Committee, were placed on pause pending Council's review of the Strategic Plan.

Councillor Diana Dilworth was appointed as Chair and Councillor Amy Lubik as Vice-Chair for the 2022 term. The following members aged 55 years or older, representing a diverse range of knowledge and experience relevant to the Seniors Focus Committee, were appointed:

- Yolanda Broderick;
- John Crowther;
- Malcolm Harkness;
- Leanne Lange;
- Wilhelmina Martin;
- Grace McKeown; and
- Constance Meisner.

Liam McLellan, Social Planner II, and Angela Blackall, Recreation Coordinator served as staff liaisons to the Committee. Esin Gozukara served as the Committee Coordinator.

Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2022 Seniors Focus Committee (SFC) Work Plan was approved by Council on February 22, 2022. The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2022 by the SFC (a list of resolutions made in 2022, along with the status of the resolutions, is included in **Attachment 1**):

Age-Friendly Plan Review

A progress report on the Age-Friendly Plan was presented by the Social Planner II to the Committee at the February 2022 meeting. Through the progress made on the implementation of the Age-Friendly Plan, in February 2022, the Province recognized the City of Port Moody with an Age-Friendly Community Designation.

Extreme Weather Response Program

The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator gave a presentation on Extreme Weather Response Plan, which analyzes the City's vulnerability to risks associated with climate change. Committee members provided feedback on how seniors populations could be affected by extreme weather events.

Snow Angel Program

The Manager of Operations gave a presentation on the City's Pedestrian-Priority Snow Clearance Program. The Committee provided feedback on priority areas for vulnerable populations and how residents could assist the City with snow removal.

Housing Needs Report

The Social Planner II gave a presentation on the City's Housing Needs Report that was completed in 2021. The Committee expressed concerns regarding rental housing opportunities for seniors and noted that current affordable units could be lost. Staff provided an overview of policies in place to ensure affordable rentals could not be converted to strata units, and actions that will be supported through the Housing Action Plan.

Seniors Housing

Helen Chow, Interim Director of Clinical Operations, Fraser Health, and Maria Colocado, Manager of Clinical Operations, Fraser Health presented on Fraser Health's Seniors' Housing Services, giving an overview on the types of housing offered through the Health Authority. Committee members expressed concerns to the presenters on how some seniors are unable to advocate for themselves through the system, and the system needs to be improved to ensure some older adults are not overlooked.

Seniors Centre Feasibility Study

The Port Moody Age-Friendly Recreation Study was completed in 2022. As part of the process, the Recreation Coordinator presented on the Study's survey results in June 2022. Highlights of the survey showed that 78% of senior residents participated in recreational programming.

In July 2022, the Study's consultant team presented on the findings from the public consultation process, and explained how that information would be incorporated into the Study's final report.

Due to the cancellation of the November 2022 meeting, the Recreation Coordinator will present the draft Port Moody Age-Friendly Recreation Report to the Committee in 2023.

Official Community Plan (OCP) Review

In July 2022, the Policy Planner gave a presentation on the City's OCP Update, and the engagement work completed to date. The Committee commented on how future development should be subject to closer scrutiny, and careful planning is needed to ensure Port Moody's population increases appropriately.

Tax Sale

The Manager of Financial Planning attended the September 2022 meeting to discuss the City's process for the tax sales of homes to recover unpaid taxes. The Committee commended the efforts of the Finance Department to prevent tax sales.

Housing Action Plan

The Social Planner II presented the City's Housing Action Plan to the Committee. The Plan puts forward a comprehensive set of policy and regulatory tools and actions to respond to the housing crisis and provides 10-year housing targets for the City, accounting for income and household composition. The Committee noted that seniors in older rental buildings are at-risk of displacement and would likely be unable to afford current market rents.

The Social Planner II noted that funding is currently being sought to develop a standards of maintenance bylaw to protect those residents living in aging rental stock.

Outstanding Matters

The following topics on the Senior Focus Committee's 2022 workplan were not covered:

- Silver Alert Program;
- Draft Age-Friendly Recreation Centre Final Report; and,
- Seniors and Addictions.

Suggested Focus Areas for Next Year

Subject to Council direction, the following focus areas should be included in the Committee's Work Plan for 2023:

- Silver Alert Program;
- Draft Age-Friendly Recreation Centre Final Report;
- Seniors and Addictions; and
- Seniors Housing.

Attachment

1. 2022 Seniors Focus Committee Resolutions.

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