



# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Seniors Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Seniors Focus Committee held on Thursday, November 7, 2019 in the Brovold Room.

#### Present

Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair  
Councillor Amy Lubik, Vice-Chair (arrived at 7:02pm)  
Yolanda Broderick  
Ruth Cox  
John Crowther  
Paulette Gurski  
Malcolm Harkness  
Connie Meisner  
Tonny Scholten

#### Absent

Yvonne Harris

#### In Attendance

Liam McLellan – Social Planner  
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator  
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Manager of Parks

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#### 1. Call to Order

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1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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#### 2. Adoption of Minutes

#### Minutes

##### 2.1 SFC19/020

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the minutes of the Seniors Focus Committee meeting held on Thursday, October 3, 2019 be adopted.**

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#### 3. Unfinished Business

#### 4. New Business

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##### **Trails and Trail Accessibility**

##### 4.1 Presentation: Julie Pavey-Tomlinson, Manager of Parks

The Manager of Parks gave a presentation on the Trail Network Discussion and noted the following:

- the proposed Trail Network Plan will look at the trails' length, connectivity, user levels, user satisfaction, accessibility, and wayfinding;
- the goal of the Plan is to have trails that meet the needs of residents of all ages and abilities and to provide access to a range of trail experiences within Port Moody;
- the trails are designed to minimize environmental impacts and are inspected regularly from a risk management perspective; unauthorized trails can cause environmental damage and fragment habitats and are not inspected;
- the operating agreement with TORCA assists in the management of unauthorized trails and improves the safety and quality of the trails;
- trail counters have been reinstalled to gather data on annual user volumes and assist in determining where repairs will be required;
- the development of the Plan will help inform the work that is required to provide greater connectivity with the Master Transportation Plan; and
- the department is transitioning to an electronic work order system that will provide faster responses to maintenance requests and help establish a trail database.

The Manager of Parks answered Committee members' questions and the following was noted:

- the wooden boardwalk in Pigeon Cove is under review with consultants to determine replacement options;
- the trails are graded to shed water to avoid icy conditions and water pooling;
- the artificial lighting of trails in environmentally sensitive areas is challenging as it can effect wildlife and insect behaviour; the use of an LED headlamp is an alternative;
- the park bench inventory is currently being updated; commemorative benches and picnic tables are available through the Port Moody Foundation;
- the maintenance of branches and roots is included in regular maintenance where feasible; however, maintaining the paved surfaces can be difficult within the urban forest environment; and

- the nature trails are inspected and maintained by staff; however, the environmental aspects, archaeological features, and species at risk must be considered when looking at improvements in these areas.

## Shoreline Trail Discussion

4.2 The Social Planner provided an update on the Shoreline Trail Field Trip and noted the following recommendations for the Trail:

- washroom signage;
- distance markers;
- more benches between Old Orchard Hall and the Recreation Complex;
- wheelchair parking next to the benches;
- accessible access to the waterfront;
- more garbage and dog waste receptacles; and
- improvements at railway crossing.

## Age-Friendly Plan

4.3 The Social Planner gave a presentation on the Age-Friendly Focus Group and requested Committee members' feedback on the following topics:

- civic engagement; and
- health services.

Committee members noted the following that could be included as topics:

- legal and accounting services; and
- resources for volunteering.

## 5. Information

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## 6. Adjournment

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:04pm.



Councillor Zoë Royer,  
Chair



Jennifer Mills,  
Committee Coordinator