



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Seniors Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Seniors Focus Committee held on Thursday, October 1, 2020 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Chair
Yolanda Broderick
John Crowther
Ruth Cox
Malcolm Harkness
Grace McKeown (arrived at 7:20pm)

Absent

Councillor Amy Lubik, Vice-Chair

In Attendance

Stephen Judd – Manager of Infrastructure Engineering Services
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 7:03pm

2. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes

2.1 SFC20/011

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Seniors Focus Committee meeting held on Thursday, September 3, 2020 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

4.1 Stephen Judd, Manager of Infrastructure Engineering Services

The Manager of Infrastructure Engineering Services gave a presentation on Master Transportation Plan (MTP) Summary and the following was noted:

- the MTP was adopted in 2017 and sets a direction for transportation in the City with high level policies, actions and targets, and also provides a list of projects to help move the City forward towards its transportation goals;
- the 2018 Citizen Survey results revealed that the residents of Port Moody cited too much traffic as one of the top reasons that quality of life had worsened since previous surveys and that transportation is the most important local issue facing Port Moody;
- the MTP considered several options for accommodating the traffic growth within Port Moody which resulted in the focus on using multiple modes of transportation for all ages and abilities to support a healthy, active, livable, and sustainable community;
- the first target of the MTP strives to double the proportion of trips made by sustainable transportation by focusing on improvements and efficiency of alternative modes of travel while maintaining the existing infrastructure for private vehicles which allows the existing road network to increase capacity without expanding in size;
- the second target of the MTP strives to reduce the average vehicle distance driven in Port Moody which can provide a measure of overall automobile use in the City; a reduction in average distance driven can indicate that jobs and services are closer to people's homes, non-vehicle trips are being used locally, and transit is helping move people regionally;
- the third target of the MTP is to reduce traffic related injuries and fatalities in Port Moody which includes completing safety improvement project and using new technology to help increase awareness and change behaviours related to traffic safety;
- the Completed Projects are generally centered around walking and cycling and include improvements such as the coordination of traffic signal, incorporation of audible signals, crosswalk safety improvements, transit priority signal improvements, curb extensions, trail upgrades, and bikelane paving; and
- the Projects Underway include improvements to bus shelters and benches, cycling and pedestrian improvements, multi-use path improvement,

traffic-calming initiatives, crosswalk improvements, neighbourhood bikeways.

The Committee noted the following in response to the presentation:

- the connectivity in Port Moody requires improvement to achieve Target 1 of doubling the proportion of trips made by sustainable transportation;
- the Age-Friendly Plan recommendations should be incorporated into the MTP;
- the safety at high-traffic intersections could be reviewed for improvement opportunities;
- the creation of a bylaw to prohibit cars entering intersections when a pedestrian is in the crosswalk could be undertaken to increase pedestrian safety;
- the bus stops in Port Moody could be reviewed for accessibility improvements; and
- the bike lanes and sidewalk along Barnet Highway could be reviewed for safety improvements and to ensure the current design is reflective of best practices.

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

**Seniors Centre –
Space Needs
Assessment**

4.2 This item was postponed to the November Committee meeting.

**Age-Friendly Plan
Update**

4.3 Liam McLellan, Social Planner

The Social Planner provided an update on the Age-Friendly Plan and the following was noted:

- the Plan was presented and endorsed by Council on September 15, 2020 which included applying to become an Age-Friendly Community;
- the development of the implementation plan is underway with staff in various departments to determine if any of the Age-Friendly recommendations align with previously budgeted work; and
- the Committee will receive a report in early 2021 regarding the departmental reviews and to confirm the priorities of the seniors of Port Moody.

Staff Updates

5. Information

- 5.1 The Committee Coordinator advised that notification 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 8, 2020.

The Chair noted the following items for the November Agenda:

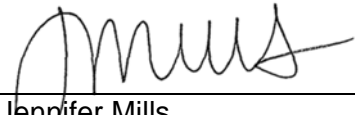
- 2020 Annual Report;
- Seniors Centre Staff Report; and
- presentation from the Manager of Economic Development on work related to an Age-Friendly Business Community.

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm.



Councillor Diana Dillworth,
Chair



Jennifer Mills,
Committee Coordinator