



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: October 29, 2020
Submitted by: Seniors Focus Committee
Subject: 2020 Annual Report – Seniors Focus Committee

Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the 2020 Seniors Focus Committee.

Recommended Resolutions

THAT the report dated October 29, 2020 from the Seniors Focus Committee regarding 2020 Annual Report – Seniors Focus Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the 2021 Seniors Focus Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual work plan in spring 2021.

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 November 2020, with the exception of April, due to COVID-19, and July, due to a lack of quorum.

Councillor Diana Dilworth was appointed as Chair and Councillor Amy Lubik as Vice-Chair for the 2020 term. The following members aged 55 years or older, representing a diverse range of knowledge and experience relevant the Seniors Focus Committee, were appointed:

- Yolanda Broderick;
- Ruth Cox;
- John Crowther;
- Malcom Harkness;
- Grace McKeown; and
- Tonny Scholten, Seniors Friendship Society Representative (January to July 2020).

Liam McLellan, Social Planner, served as the primary staff liaison to the Committee. Philip Lo and Jennifer Mills served as the Committee Coordinators.

Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2020 Seniors Focus Committee Work Plan was approved by Council on April 14, 2020. The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2020 by the Seniors Focus Committee:

Age-Friendly Plan

The Seniors Focus Committee continued their work supporting the City's Age-Friendly Plan in 2020. At the February 6, 2020 meeting, the project consultant, Kate Milne, presented a draft version of the Age-Friendly Plan to the Seniors Focus Committee and discussed next steps regarding finalizing the Age-Friendly Plan. At the May 4, 2020 meeting, the Social Planner presented on the Age-Friendly Plan's final recommendations to incorporate feedback from the Seniors Focus Committee. On September 15, 2020, Council endorsed the Age-Friendly Assessment and Action Plan 2020-2030. City staff will be working with the Seniors Focus Committee to finalize the Implementation Plan associated with the Age-Friendly Assessment and Action Plan 2020-2030 in 2021.

Interim Uses of Old Firehall Site

At Council's request, staff presented on potential uses for the Old Firehall Site. The Committee noted multiple potential uses for the property, including:

- as a dementia-friendly park with walking loops and benches, and a rest area for caregivers;
- as a community flower garden with raised beds, that can be relocated if necessary;
- a space for potential daycare use; and
- seasonal uses, such as a temporary ice rink in the winter and a pop-up water park in the summer.

The Seniors Focus Committee also expressed concerns regarding traffic safety and onsite uses being a distraction to traffic.

Stroke Recovery BC – Understanding Stroke Victims

Jill Jukes, Regional Manager, Stroke Recovery Association of BC and March of Dimes, presented to the Senior Focus Committee on the Stroke Recovery Association of BC (SRABC). After a discussion on the presentation, the Seniors Focus Committee requested the Stroke Recovery Association community programs be explored and considered for application in Port Moody.

Seniors Statistics Infographic

At the May 7, 2020 meeting, the Seniors Focus Committee discussed the Chair's idea to create a snapshot of seniors' demographics to provide Council with data to support policy development and initiatives that support the seniors community. The Committee members agreed that an infographic could help inform what amenities, services, and programs are available, and improve consideration for the aging population in new developments. The Chair will create an infographic for the Committee's review for discussion at a future meeting.

Accessible Transportation

The Manager of Infrastructure Engineering Services gave a presentation on the City's Master Transportation Plan. In response to the presentation, Committee members provided feedback on how the Master Transportation Plan could be more accessible and it was noted that the Age-Friendly Plan should be reviewed by the Engineering Department and its findings incorporated into the Master Transportation Plan.

Seniors Recreation Programming

On June 4, 2020, the Recreation Programmer presented to the Seniors Focus Committee on Recreation Programming for Seniors in light of the challenges faced by COVID-19. While some programming was cancelled due to physical distancing restrictions, Port Moody's Recreation staff were working towards creating opportunities for seniors that would meet provincial guidelines.

Seniors Centre Visioning Exercise

The Seniors Focus Committee continued to work towards the creation of a Seniors Centre. Having reviewed the findings from the Seniors Centre Field Trip that took place in November 2019, the Seniors Focus Committee recommended that a report be put forward to Council requesting funds to procure a consultant to develop an evidence-based assessment report that outlines the Seniors Centre vision, and provide information on the needs of the community's older adult population.

Age-Friendly Business Program

The Manager of Economic Development attended a meeting to discuss the City's future Economic Development Plan and an Age-Friendly Business Program.

Sustainability Report Card Review

The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator presented on the City's Sustainability Report Card with the purpose of receiving feedback on what the City should look for when reviewing changes to the built environment and creating sustainable communities. The Senior Focus Committee provided feedback to improve accessibility in buildings and public spaces, and recommended the Age-Friendly Assessment and Action Plan 2020-2030 be incorporated.

Outstanding Matters

There are no outstanding matters.

Suggested Focus Areas for Next Year

Subject to Council's direction, the following focus areas should be included in the Committee's Work Plan for 2021:

- Seniors Resources Web Page;
- Age-Friendly Implementation Plan;
- Age-Friendly Business Program; and
- Seniors Centre Community Assessment and Space Needs Analysis.

Attachment

1. 2020 Seniors Focus Committee Resolutions.

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