



## **RICHMOND SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Held May 10, 2017  
City Hall M.1.002  
9:30 a.m.

### **In Attendance:**

Hans Havas (Chair), Doug Symons, Mohinder Grewal, Becky Wong, Jackie Schell, Neil Bernbaum, Sandra Gebhardt, Peter Chan, Paul Cassidy, Yasmin Ali, Shams Jilani, Carol Dickson, Heather Muter (Staff Liaison), Nora Wright (Recording Secretary)

### **Regrets:**

Councillor Ken Johnston, Daryl Whiting, Joan Haws, Sheila Rooney, Seemah Aaron

1. Meeting called to order at 9:40 am with welcome and Introductions by the Chair.
2. **Guest Speaker – Donna Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, City of Richmond**

Donna provided a slide presentation on the highlights of transportation projects as follows:

- Overview of Transportation Department
- Involvement with other agencies i.e. Translink, Vancouver Airport Authority and the Ministry of Infrastructure
- City wide initiatives – Lansdowne Road extension, Ackroyd Road extension, No. 2 Road extension, Illuminated and memorial street signs with Richmond Pioneer signs currently being designed, Transit amenity improvements, upgrading of bus stops to be accessible.

Donna then asked the committee for feedback in regard to bus stop address panels indicating the location of the bus stop and provided 3 on screen samples. No. 2 sample of sign with amendment was chosen. Questions and responses followed in regard to the current signs

- City wide initiatives continued – update on pedestrian walkways, pedestrian crosswalks, Active transportation i.e. anti skid paint on bike lanes and pathway improvements
- Updating of Traffic Bylaw 5870 i.e. increase in fines for non abeyance of cross walk signs and jaywalking
- External funding received from Translink and ICBC – samples shown
- Translink Transport Plan displayed which will include public consultations
- Richmond Brighthouse Bus Mall project displayed

- Provincial Massey tunnel replacement project and conceptual design displayed

Presentation concluded at 10.20 am and the Committee thanked Donna for her comprehensive overview.

3. Approval of Agenda – Moved: Becky Wong, Seconded: Doug Symons, Carried.
4. Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2017 with amendment to page 4 under Transportation – *Shams expressed concern about bus availability for seniors to temples and mosques on No. 5 Road.* Amended minutes Approved – Moved: Becky Wong, Seconded: Sandra Gebhardt, Carried.

### 5. Correspondence

Heather advised that an invitation had been received for one member to attend the “Rethinking the Region” Forum to be held on Saturday June 17, 2017. Heather asked that should anyone be interested in attending to please let her know.

### 6. Business Arising

#### National Seniors Agenda

Doug provided background and history on the National Seniors Agenda and the Bill on Dementia which did not pass. Doug then referred to the National Seniors Strategy which had been approved in January 2014 but since then no action had been taken especially in regard to an Elder Abuse Plan. Doug recommended that RSAC move forward on this issue by contacting the Provincial Government. Heather recommended that a letter be submitted to Mayor and Council in this regard..

Mohinder stated that documentation was available on this subject on both the Provincial and Federal government web sites and a New Horizons Grant had been received for the Elder Abuse issue. Yasmin responded that education was important but emphasized that any elder abuse should first be reported to the family doctor. Carol agreed and confirmed that Home Health investigates every case reported as they are required to do under the Guardianship Act.

#### Raising the Profile Update

Sandra reported on this event with the primary focus being to look at the roles of Senior Centres and Community centres in the health and wellbeing of seniors. Identification of seniors issues was also addressed. Richmond was recognized as a City taking a proactive approach towards seniors. Sandra circulated information.

Yasmin commented on the great networking opportunity and Heather agreed as meeting with other non profit agencies, municipal governments and health authorities was beneficial to all those attending. The Raising the Profile Report update will be available in November.

**7. New Business**Seniors Week June 5-11, 2017

Heather circulated the program details for this event (available in 3 languages) and briefly reviewed the events that would be taking place, most of which would be free or low cost.

**8. Reports**COSCO

Mohinder confirmed that following the Conference the COSCO Board was looking at the recommendations to move forward on the issues raised.

Mohinder reminded everyone that 43 Health and Welfare Workshops were provided by COSCO hosted by volunteers with more information available on their web site.

Falls Prevention Network – report from Sheila Rooney attached to the circulated agenda.

Health

1. Presentation given by Dr. Meena Dawar on State of the Community  
Journey of Wellness is important to continue.  
There is a shared commitment to creation of an active caring and connected of an active, caring and connected community  
Continue with original priorities: active living, wellness and belonging.  
Recommend an added focus on healthy eating, Mental wellness, and early childhood development.  
Incorporate the role of the built environment on health and wellness.  
Focus on reach and population impact.  
Use local level data to target programs and services.
2. Jennifer McKenzie C.O.O.  
Request what would having Traditional Chinese Medicine do for Richmond community and how would we integrate that with western medicine?
3. Developing guidelines for Palliative Care unit on No. 4 Road.
4. Exploring initiatives related to Live- in-Care for 12 hours per day and current levels of subsidization.
5. Developing standards of care for residential care.
6. Reviewing demands for foot care for seniors.

Multicultural – no report.

Promotions – information circulated.

Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee

Sandra referred to the presentation by the Translink Police who identified two major criminal occurrences with No. 1 being sexual abuse and No. 2 being the theft of cellphones from transit users standing by the doors and the thieves snatching the phones as the door closes. Sandra

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confirmed that although there would be an increase in transportation, there would be no increase in security. Housing and poverty challenges continue to be addressed. Sandra then commented on the Raising the Profile Project and strongly recommended that a senior be included as a representative on this project.

Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee – no report.

Seniors Advocate – no report.

Transportation

Hans stated that he had been appointed as a member of the Stakeholders Committee for Handi Dart which would be addressing improving service quality and delivery. Hans reviewed the letter from Handi Dart in detail with regard to his appointment and mandate of the Committee.

Hans confirmed he would be attending a meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> with regard to implementation of the new program and would report back to RSAC in June.

Council Liaison – no report.

MPAC/Seniors Services/Staff Liaison

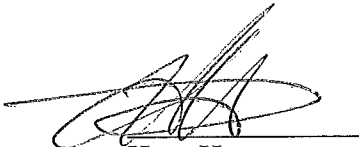
Heather circulated the Minoru Senior Centre latest newsletter.

Heather continued that staff were in the process of gathering information for the updating of the Senior Services Plan. A report would be going to Council in June.

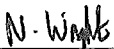
9. **Next meeting – Wednesday June 14, 2017 at 9.30 am, Richmond City Hall, Meeting Room M.1.002 – there will be no meetings in July or August**

No further business and meeting adjourned at 11.15 am.

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on May 10, 2017.



Hans Havas  
Chair



Nora Wright,  
Recording Secretary