

**WILSON Centre SENIORS' ADVISORY BOARD – Minutes December 14, 2022**

**Location: @Arena Meeting Room at PCCC**

**Attendees:** Royce Shook, Pat Dales, Linda Lou Bartlett, Joan Gould, Jean Ridgewell, Lucie Harcus, Ruth Wilson, Gilda Tweedie, Don Seeley, Karen Dobson, Ann Pratt, Joan Mullen

**Regrets:** Kathleen Nicholles, George Lucas, Teresa Foreman, Rohinton Unwalla

**City:** Yvonne Comfort, Baljit Sastry, Councillor Nancy McCurrach

**Special Guest:** Simran Kaur from Mayfair (representing Kathleen Nicholles)

**1.** Meeting called to order @ 10.05 am

**2.** November minutes changed to include Ann Pratt as an attendee. Motion to approve:

**Moved** Linda Lou Bartlett **Seconded** Joan Gould

**Carried**

**3.** Move to approve Agenda. New item **Seniors & the age of Technology** added as #3 to New Business.

**Motion** to approve Agenda: Gilda Tweedie **Seconded** Linda Lou Bartlett

**Carried**

**4. Action Items**

- **Xmas Tree** vote and take down. Take down is January 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all the volunteers who will help to take the tree down. Please vote for your favourite tree. Use bar code.
- **Helping Hands at Christmas.**  
**Moved** by Joan Gould, **seconded** by Linda Lou Bartlett that the \$5000 be divided by the number of eligible participants who reply by 4 pm Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>. **Carried**  
We need to start in September next year so we are not rushed.
- **Gaming licences.** We have the 50/50 licence, and we had our first draw and took in \$50.00. To clarify we cannot run 50/50 at City Run Events, but we can at our birthday socials and our Bingo.
- **Social gatherings.**
  - i. Luncheon Tea was successful. 60 people attended.
  - ii. Tuesday Talks – COSCO Health and Wellness will be presenting a workshop on Personal Planning Overview on January On January 24<sup>th</sup> - Transit Police and TransLink will cover the safety supports in place on Buses, SkyTrain, at SkyTrain stations, The talks so far have been successful with about 20 people per session.
- **100<sup>th</sup> May Day.** More ideas needed on how to promote & recruit previous Royal Party & Dancers.
- **Grants:**
  - iii. Vancouver Foundation, grant application. Have not heard back.
  - iv. We received a grant of \$5,000 from TELUS for the Farmers Market it is in the bank
- **Intergenerational activities for this year.** I have talked to Andrew Corbould about the idea of Inviting school age children to learn new skills taught by seniors, and he is interested and will let other Principals in the area know we want to start in the New Year.
- **Xmas Lunch.** We will meet at Samz for lunch at 12.30 today. Thanks to Ann for booking it for us.

**5. City Report** – reported by Baljit Sastry/Yvonne Comfort

**Staff Appointment**

Melissa Whitfield has been awarded the time stated Recreation Program Assistance position for the next 10-12 months.

**Christmas closure**

Wilson Seniors will be closed from Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will re-open seniors services on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. During the time of closure, the pools, weight room and Arena will be open. On Christmas Eve and New years Eve, the building will close at 4:00pm

**Pools**

Starting Jan 2023, the pool at Port Coquitlam Community Centre will be open at 6:00am.

**Moved** to accept the report: Lucie Harcus

**Seconded** Gilda Tweedie

**Carried**

## 2. **President's Report – Royce Shook**

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to the Board, their families. My hope is that you have a wonderful holiday. Please send my thanks to your families for supporting you as you gave your time to the Board this past year.

It has been a quiet month. Lucie and I met with Coastal Credit Union and had the funds transferred to one account. We also met with the Credit Union and are on the way to moving our Accounts to Van City. With luck it should be done by the New Year.

Welcome and Congratulations to Melissa for her new job, we are very lucky to have her working with us.

Don, Jean, and I put up the Christmas Tree and a special thanks to all of you who found the time to put presents under the tree. I was asked and provided a picture to the Xmas tree committee so people could vote for our tree. If you have not voted yet, please do so.

Rohinton gave me the name of an accounting company, AAB Tax, and I will be meeting with them in January to determine if they can help us with our Accounting.

I talked to a former member of the Dogwood Seniors Executive about how they handle Craft Sales. She told me that they have a group of knitters who belong to a club that does the work for them. Dogwood does not pay for or give receipts for any of the goods sold in their craft shops. They do provide wool and other materials to the club if they are asked, as Dogwood does receive these materials as donations from time to time.

Lucie and I have been in discussion with Rohinton and after he received some information from Lucie and I he agreed that he would be our Treasurer. We still need a Vice-President to complete our Board.

**Moved to accept the report:** Lucie Marcus                      **Seconded:** Karen Dobson                      **Carried**

## 3. **Vice-President – no report**

## 4. **Treasurer's Report – Lucie Marcus.** See attached

**Moved to accept the report:** Linda Lou Bartlett                      **Seconded:** Gilda Tweedie                      **Carried**

**Moved** by Lucie Marcus, **Seconded** by Linda Lou Bartlett that Rohinton Unwalla be appointed new Treasurer. **Carried**

## 5. **Councillor Nancy McCurrach.** City Council Representative for the Wilson Centre Seniors Advisory Board **Cllr Nancy McCurrach** reported that there will be a new washroom built at The Blakeburn Lagoons and is very pleased as it was something she was advocating for a couple of years to be approved on the budget 2023 -2024 Capital plan. Now seniors and people of all ages can visit the lagoons and not have to worry about being caught off guard if one has to use the washroom. Cllr McCurrach reached out to Bruce Irvine (Director of Building Services for the City of PoCo) to advocate for more

affordable housing for seniors as the request had been raised at a previous Wilson Seniors Advisory Board meeting she attended. Mr. Irvine advised Cllr McCurrach that Bruce had met with Cllr. Glenn Pollock and Royce at a Tuesday Talk to also discuss this need. Cllr. McCurrach requested to be included in affordable housing for seniors' discussions going forward. She thanked Wilson Centre President Royce Shook for sending out the monthly TCSAS Staying Connected Newsletter as it is very informative for seniors.

**Moved to accept the report:** Karen Dobson

**Seconded:** Linda Lou Bartlett

**Carried**

## **6. New Business**

- a.** Vice President position. This position still needs to be filled.
- b.** Accountant change. Tabled until Royce meets with possible people.
- c.** Seniors & the age of Technology. Topic introduced by Don Seeley. Many seniors need help with this, for example voting on the Xmas tree by scanning the bar code, accessing medical records & appointments. Several suggestions were made that we use expertise within our group & others. How to deliver - dates/times to be determined at the January meeting.
- d.** Health Fair. Put on January agenda.

## **7. Adjournment @ 11.36 am.**

**Motion to adjourn:** Karen Dobson

**Seconded:** Lucie Harcus

**Carried**

**Next Board Meeting January 11, 2023 at 10 am.**