

Minutes of a Meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee held in the Community Services Boardroom and remotely via Zoom, on the above date at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Clark
Councillor Patrick
S. Clemens
R. Edmunds
A. Farrants
C. Ferstay
H. Grainger
L. Jack – via Zoom
A. Urbina

Staff:

T. Boonstra, Staff Liaison
K. Droogers, Legislative Officer

Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

T. Boonstra assumed the role of Chair and called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and read the Treaty Acknowledgement statement.

T. Boonstra led the committee in a round of introductions.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026

T. Boonstra called for nominations for the position of Seniors' Advisory Committee Chair for the 2026 term.

L. Jack self-nominated. There being no other nominations for the position of Chair, L. Jack was declared Chair of the Seniors' Advisory Committee by acclamation for the 2026 term.

T. Boonstra called for nominations for the position of Seniors' Advisory Committee Vice Chair for the 2026 term.

C. Ferstay self-nominated. There being no other nominations for the position of Vice Chair, C. Ferstay was declared Vice Chair of the Seniors' Advisory Committee by acclamation for the 2026 term.

T. Boonstra relinquished the role of Chair to L. Jack.

Adoption of the Agenda

The Chair declared the January 21, 2026 agenda adopted as presented.

Adoption of Minutes

The Chair declared the minutes of November 27, 2025 adopted as presented.

2025 Final Report Review and Approval

T. Boonstra and L. Jack highlighted the final report as provided in the agenda package and led the Committee in a discussion regarding the previous year.

Setting 2026 Priorities

The Committee discussed priorities for 2026.

Moved by L. Jack

That the 2025 Final Report Review and Approval be approved with the following indicated as Priorities for 2026:

1. Review the nomination criteria and process for the Seniors' Service Awards
2. Discover additional opportunities for community engagement
3. Connect with City Departments and Advisory Committees
4. Increase advisement to Council from a Senior's lens, referencing the Community Vision & Pillars of Sustainability for decision making

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee recessed at 7:40 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

The Committee reviewed the Seniors and Elders Service Awards, and discussed recognition and advertising.

Council Update

Councillor Clark provided the Committee with updates from recent Council meetings, including information requests related to activity passes and the Community Standards Bylaw, and inquiries from seniors.

Staff Liaison Update

T. Boonstra provided further updates on the Seniors and Elders Service Award Program.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, February 19, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. Douglas Cardinal Boardroom

Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

CHAIR

DESIGNATED OFFICER