

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
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POLICY TITLE: **TERMS OF REFERENCE:
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
POLICY NUMBER: **COUNCIL - 158**

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<i>Originating Department: Recreation and Culture</i>	<i>Date last reviewed by the Governance and Legislation Committee: 2019-02-25</i>

Policy:

The mandate of the Seniors Advisory Committee will be to consider and evaluate issues referred to it from City Council. It will also initiate research on matters deemed to be of concern to local seniors and will submit recommendations to Council.

Role:

The role of the Seniors Advisory Committee is as follows:

- a) To act as a resource and provide advice to Council on:
 - long term planning issues for present and future White Rock seniors, e.g. housing, transportation, safety etc.
 - short term issues related to seniors e.g. new development proposals, new civic facilities, health and wellness activities etc. and
- b) To act as a resource for receiving input on seniors concerns, interest and views, and making recommendations to the appropriate agencies.

Committee General Terms

Term

The committee appointments will be made by City Council for a two (2) year term, or until the activities are complete, whichever is sooner.

Membership

- a) The Seniors Advisory Committee will consist of up to 11 voting members appointed by Council from the community at large, one (1) non-voting member of Council, and City staff as required.

- b) The majority of Committee members must be White Rock residents.
- c) The majority of Committee members will be representatives of organizations or groups that provide programs or services to local seniors.
- d) Committee members shall serve without remuneration or gifts.

Chairperson / Vice-Chairperson

The committee will appoint a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from among its voting members at the committee's inaugural meeting.

Meetings

- a) The committee shall mutually agree to a meeting schedule at their inaugural meeting. The meeting schedule will then be published and updated as needed by the Committee Clerk.
- b) The Chairperson of the committee may call a meeting of the committee, with at a minimum of staff being able to give twenty-four (24) hours notice to the committee members, in addition to the scheduled meetings or may cancel a meeting.
- c) Quorum for meetings shall be a majority of its Committee voting members.
- d) If there is no quorum of the committee present within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time the Committee Clerk will:
 - i) record the names of the members present, and those absent; and
 - ii) conclude the meeting until the next scheduled meeting.
- e) All committee meetings are open to the public unless designated as closed to the public (in accordance with the *Community Charter*) by the Committee. The public would attend the meeting to observe only. When deemed relevant to the discussion of a particular item of business under consideration by the Committee, the Chairperson may, with majority consent of those Committee members in attendance, give permission to a member of the public in attendance to speak to the item in question.
- f) Meetings shall last no longer than two (2) hours, except under extraordinary circumstances as agreed to by the committee members present.
- g) If a member:
 - i fails to attend three (3) consecutively held meetings of the committee, or
 - ii fails to attend a committee meeting in any sixty (60) day period, providing a meeting of the committee is held in that sixty (60) day period (whichever is the longer period of time) and
 - iii unless the absence is because of illness; or
 - iv unless the absence is with the express leave of the Chairperson, the appointment of the member shall be revoked.

The Committee Clerk will keep an attendance log and notify the Chairperson and Corporate Office where there have been two consecutive absences without consent. The Corporate Officer will make contact with the Committee member.

- h) Any person with particular expertise, including municipal staff may be invited by the Chairperson or staff member of the committee to attend a committee meeting in order to provide information or advice, but only members appointed by City Council may vote on matters coming before the committee.
- i) The office of the Corporate Administration Department will be responsible for preparing committee agendas, minutes, updating Terms of Reference policy, meeting schedule, and administrative support to committees. Agendas and approved minutes will be posted on the City's website.
- j) Committee minutes, with recommendations noted, will be forwarded to Council for information and action as required.
- k) A committee meeting or a portion thereof may be closed to the public pursuant to Sections 90 and 93 of the *Community Charter*.
- l) Committees may hear and consider representations by any individual, group or organization on matters referred to the Committee by Council.
- m) Where a member of a committee, their family, employer or business associates have any interest in any matter being considered by the committee, that member will absent themselves from all aspects of consideration of that matter by declaring a Conflict of Interest.
- n) Committee chairpersons and staff liaisons will prepare an annual report to be submitted to the Chief Administrative Officer for review and to be forwarded to City Council.
- o) A committee cannot direct staff to take action without endorsement of City Council.
- p) A committee cannot direct staff to take any action which is contrary to existing policies or directives or establish policies for the City.
 - i. any such action must be referred to Council for consideration and adoption;
 - ii. the staff member assigned to the committee or the Chief Administrative Officer may advise the committee of existing policies or directives and the needs to refer the matter to Council prior to taking any action.
- q) Committees do not have the authority to commit funds, enter into contracts or commit the City to a particular course of action.
- r) On routine matters such as organizing or setting up yearly or ongoing events or projects which do not have budget implications or have received prior budget approval, the committee may make decisions without the approval of Council, provided that the committee works with the staff member assigned to that committee on those matters.

- s) On broader matters such as organizing or setting up major or unusual events or projects which do not have budget implications, the committee must receive prior approval from Council.
- t) The committee Chairperson may appoint members to a subcommittee to consider, inquire into, report and make recommendations to the committee for a specific purpose.
- u) Members of the committee are not permitted to speak directly with the media on behalf of the committee.

Procedures

Unless otherwise provided for in these terms of reference, the procedures of the Committee will be governed by the City's Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw.

Code of Conduct

Appointees will be required to sign a statement agreeing that they have read, understood, and will conform to the City's code of conduct as defined in the Council policy regarding Code of Conduct for Committee Members. This will be required immediately upon appointment. The statement / agreement for signature is attached to, and forming, part of this policy.

Rationale:

The purpose of the Seniors Advisory Committee is to provide advice and act as a resource to Council and staff in regards to matters deemed to be of concern to White Rock seniors.