

# TRI-CITIES SENIORS PLANNING NETWORK

## Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Location: Poirier Library, 525 Poirier St., Coquitlam

### Attendees:

Stacy Ashton  
Masumeh Bakhshian  
Gianna Beazley  
Carmeliza Florido  
Tara Hashemi  
Peggy Henrickson  
Brenda Hynes  
Judy Jackson  
King Lum, Chair  
Pat McBlane  
Kelly Ng  
Mary Ong  
Irene Turnbull  
Karen Tyrell  
Linda Western

### Regrets:

Bruce Bird  
Bob & Pat Darnbrough  
Gina Hortelano  
Carolyn Sherrell  
John Schofield  
Michi Tsurumi

*Best wishes to long time Network member Carolyn Sherrell. After spending the winter in Arizona, Carolyn will join her cousin in Oliver where they will setup a B and B that will feature the wine, produce and arts of the Oliver.*

*Carolyn was a part of the Network from the beginning and volunteered for many different sub-committees over the past 2+ years. Carolyn was representing her Community. Her active participation in the Network will be missed. Enjoy your new home Carolyn... and Thanks again!!*

*If you'd like to drop Carolyn a line, her e-mail address is:*

[carolyn.sherrell64@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.sherrell64@gmail.com)

Introductions were made; King Lum chaired the meeting. Agenda was accepted, with the following additions:

- Under Old Business: Update on Compass Cards

### Minutes from Last Meeting (October 21, 2014):

- Judy covered some minor changes to the minutes regarding clarification around Hawthorne day programs
- Massi moved to accept the minutes with the noted corrections.
- Seconded by Carmeliza; Carried

### Business Arising from Previous Meetings

#### Presentation by City of Coquitlam, Community Planning

Bruce Irvine with Allison Fox presented Coquitlam's Draft Affordable Housing Plan

- Bruce handed out copies of the Draft Plan along with a Discussion Paper
- This information is available only through <http://www.coquitlam.ca/planning-and-development/resources/social-planning/affordable-housing.aspx>
- Currently the plan is going into the consultation and plan refinement stage
- The time frame for this period is from now through February
- One objective now is to obtain and explore feedback from stakeholders presentations throughout the Tri-Cities
- Bruce explained the Affordable Housing Fund
  - This fund is built through revenue in high density projects
    - 10 cents per dollar; density bonusing money
  - A goal of this fund is to look at how it can be maximized
  - The fund helps leverage other projects
  - Encourages developers to build more
  - Provincial funding is steady through BC Housing
- The Network will be invited to send two members to participate in a workshop on the morning of December 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Stakeholders will be able to help flush out ideas on to to gain more feedback
- There will be a Public Open House in February
- Once the Housing Plan has been refined through this vetting process, it will be presented to Council
- Council will then decide if the Plan is acceptable to begin implementation or if it needs further refinement
- It is frustrating to find incentives for more market rental housing; not a 'win' situation for most developers

**Questions/Issues:** (Bruce Irvine's responses are bulleted)

*King (and Bruce Bird via email note),* wanted to know if the City has considered co-housing?

- The Housing Fund could be used to encourage new housing
- There are no by-law issues; it is more of a market issue
- Strata Act changes could help promote that type of housing

*Pat McBlane*

What land is available?

What is considered housing affordability?

Projection of growth?

- Coquitlam has the capacity for growth
  - A lot of new construction will move into older areas
  - There will be a lot more inner city densification
  - 90% of new homes have secondary suites
  - Towers provide more housing, smaller spaces
  - Coquitlam has the land base but not enough diversity in types of housing
- Why is it a given that the City cannot do it alone?
- Why doesn't the City provide not-for-profit housing dollars?
- The problem is bigger than what the City can afford

Linda Western:

What about partnerships?

- The City needs as many as they can get
- BC Housing is the #1 and most important partnership
- Advocacy is very important
- The development industry is a very important partner
- One model for rental housing is to ensure displaced individuals are provided alternative housing
- Support from faith-based organizations and groups has grown tremendously over the past ten years

Karen:

What about Social Enterprises?

- Have not had a lot of success to date
- Need introductions and connections
- City has land available; i.e. Coast Meridian property

What is the City's priority around Seniors?

- The City did not set specific target numbers by level of need
- Richmond does this
- Not prioritizing any particular groups

Brenda:

What is considered financial affordability?

- Have been asking developers but few financial incentives for them to build these types of units
- Have pushed them to build accessible units in the past but it has not been successful for them as these units aren't selling
- We need something similar to Ottawa's Safe Canada Housing program

Stacy:

What is the rental replacement ratio?

- There are only three cities in the Greater Vancouver Region which require one to one replacement; Coquitlam is not one of them
- Look at deferred taxes to help lower rental rates

Thank you to Bruce Irvine for his presentation. Bruce and Allison left the meeting.

**Discussion of Presentation and Issues:**

- King and Bruce Bird or Pat McBlane will attend the December 10<sup>th</sup> workshop, representing the Network
- Other agencies within the Network are encouraged to get on the invitation list and send representatives of your own
- Hope to have more members join at the Public Open House in February
- It appears that the areas most appropriate for seniors are often the most expensive
- Important housing is accessible to all amenities
- Accessibility Committee involvement - important to have senior representation
- Fraser Health just published a report that stated from 2014 to 2024 this region will see a 76% growth in seniors. That's only ten years from now!!  
[http://www.fraserhealth.ca/media/HealthyAgingFinal\\_Lo-res\\_Links%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.fraserhealth.ca/media/HealthyAgingFinal_Lo-res_Links%20(1).pdf)
- Affordable/Accessible Housing likely the Network's next priority
- Bruce Bird will present a video re: housing alternatives in Toronto
- The January meeting discussions will be focussed on Housing

#### **Update re: Tri-Cities Day Care Programs**

- There needs to be more clarity around what we want to achieve
- It is estimated that the number of families supporting a family member with dementia in the Tri-Cities is approximately 2,000
- Further estimated that the number of day care spaces available is 100
- Problem statement: THE GAP
- There are not enough respite care alternatives
- Consequences of no support include:
  - Caregiver burnout
  - Neglect of seniors
  - Smaller families have less support
  - People are sandwiched between caring for kids and for elders
  - There is typically a smaller financial capacity for the family
  - Puts pressure on the labour force
  - Long term care is costing increased dollars to all when a supported family could do as well at giving the home care needed
  - Maybe long term care insurance companies should be approached to sponsor day care programs
- Concern that Glen Pine Leisure Connections may not have continued funding after December

#### **Update re: Survey to All Candidates**

- 28 out of 60 candidates responded
- All of the mayorial candidates responded and most of the incumbents
- Survey was reported in the Tri-City News
- Kudos to all for doing this; everyone felt it was very successful and useful, as well

#### **Update re: Compass Card**

- Compass Card not working
- Transit likely to go to a one zone fee until issues are resolved
- Port Coquitlam has officially recognized that transportation within communities is a big issue

## **New Business**

No new business

## **Updates**

### *King Lum:*

- Brought in an advertisement of United Way's Support of Seniors
  - Most felt this was not appropriate as United Way does not fund seniors
  - Seniors support to United Way is through Provincial dollars for Better at Home program
- King is going to approach Hydrecs re: funding TCSPN

### *Stacy:*

- Community Volunteer Connections have a workshop on Advanced Volunteer Management on November 25<sup>th</sup>; \$30 for members, \$45 non-members
- More details available on the website at <http://www.volunteerconnections.net>

### *Massi:*

- New Horizons Grant information is now available

### *Karen:*

- Starting third week of current five week caregiver training
- Starting to facilitate 'Caregivers 101' at the Port Moody Rec Centre

### *Peggy Hendrickson:*

- On November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 to 5 pm, Glen Pine is holding their annual 'Old Fashioned Christmas'

### *Kelly Ng:*

- Attended today to information us that a new manager is currently being recruited and will be asked to be a part of this Network
- Estate Planning workshop at SUCCESS on November 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 12 pm

## **Next meeting:**

**There is no December meeting.  
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays everyone!!**

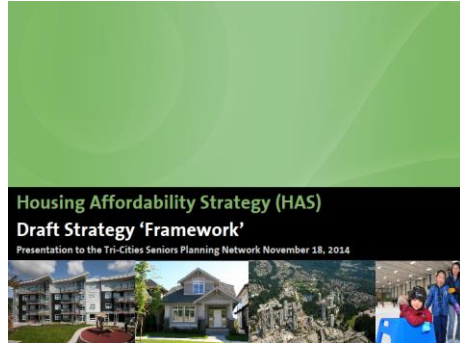
**Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 3 pm, Coquitlam City Library,  
1169 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam**

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 3 pm, Port Moody Arts Centre**

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 3 pm, Port Moody Arts Centre

**Attachments and Links:**

- City of Coquitlam Presentation made to the Network at Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting



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- Fraser Health Healthy Aging Report

[http://www.fraserhealth.ca/media/HealthyAgingFinal\\_Lo-res\\_Links%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.fraserhealth.ca/media/HealthyAgingFinal_Lo-res_Links%20(1).pdf)