

Bonsor 55 + Society Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 20, 2026

MEETING HELD AT BONSOR 55+ CENTER

March 20, 2026

In Attendance:

Ernie Kashima (President) - chair, Brenda Felker (Director), Eva Hung (director),
Karen Caresswell (director), Pat Couch (Director), Eugene Hamel (Treasurer),
Agnes Lee, (Director) Margaret Li, (Director) - minutes, Elizabeth Revoczi, (Director),
Toni Bajan (Staff), Chelsea Pereira (Staff),
Regrets: Gerry Guo, (Director), Karman Lau, (Director), Mary Horton (Director),
Walter Wun, (Director) Albert Lam (Director)

Attendance:

There were 9 Directors in attendance. Therefore, the quorum requirement has been met, and the meeting was declared able to proceed.

“Before we start, I would like to take a moment to recognize we are on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm̓ and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and to extend appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared territory.”

1. The meeting was called to order by Ernie Kashima at 10:00 am.
2. Agenda of March 20, 2026– Amendments and Approval

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

3. Minutes of the Feb. 13 Meeting –Approval (moved: Pat, second: Margaret, motion carried).

Minutes of the Feb. 27 meeting – approval (moved: Agnes, second: Brenda, motion carried).

4. Business arising from previous meetings - none

5. Correspondence – Ernie – None

6. President's report – Ernie

- Ernie welcomed the new board members, Eva and Karen, to the board.
- A couple of key positions on the board need to be filled, Vice President and Secretary.
- The bus is going well.
- Group reports need to be received every month. There were only 5 received so far for this month. Liaisons need to inform group leaders for submission.

7. Treasurer's report – Eugene

- a. Financial report for Feb. 2026 was circulated to the board and discussed.

Motion by Eugene to accept the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Seconded by Elizabeth. Motion carried.

8. City Centre staff reports

Chelsea

- Posting for Kelli's position will be closed on March 23
- Easter Event on April 3 (11:30 am – 2 pm) at Bonsor Recreation Complex (Main Building) – still looking for volunteers for the cookie station.
- Senior Health & Wellness Day event will be on April 30 11:00 am – 4 pm) Bonsor 55+
- The City Planning team will have a Feedback Session (Friday, March 27, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm) Bonsor 55+ Meeting Room to engage with seniors for their long term planning.
- Group Permits (contracts for each group's use of space) will be signed in June. To have the correct information on the permits, group leaders need to

provide: Any groups which would like to have time and/or space changes should email new requirements to Ernie.

- Chelsea attended the Burnaby seniors Resource Society Board meeting on March 17. There were no staff representative from this centre on this board so far.
- Fire Safety Seminar will be on April 23 at Bonsor Recreation Complex in the Banquet Hall.
- Aging in Place Information session will be on March 30 at Confederation Seniors Centre

9. Group reports: Monthly group reports now to be sent to Ernie.

10. New **Business**

- a. Election of officials: Ernie is looking for volunteers to fill the positions of Vice-President and Secretary. Since there were no volunteers from the board members present, the item is deferred to the next board meeting.
- b. Open Arts funding requests – New easel costing approximately \$100 proposed. Moved: Ernie, second: Margaret. Motion passed.
- c. Cookies, muffins and coffee Bar – Volunteer Head of Baking (Marie) will be retiring after 18 years. If there were no replacement volunteer, there will be no baking group and the coffee bar may have to purchase cookies from vendors instead of purchasing cookie dough and bake in-house.
- d. Clarification of funding for group lunches and dinners – This year, some are still subsidizing group social functions and they will be informed again that this is the last year for them to do so.
- e. Fit for Health – The group has been coming to the coffee bar after their exercise program for many years. Ernie is liaising with the group for more smooth logistics.
- f. Group Liaison – The board reviewed and filled the liaison positions as needed. (see attached list)
- g. Bus –
 - i. The daily rate for use of the bus by private clients will be increased to \$200 per day plus \$1.50/km. Motion moved by Ernie, seconded: Eva. Motion passed.
 - ii. For Bonsor overnight trips for members, there will be a \$10 per person per trip added to help purchase the next bus. Motion moved by Ernie, seconded by Pat. Motion passed.

11. Good and Welfare – no new announcement.

12. Dates to remember

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
2026			
City Planning Feedback session	March 27	55+ meeting room	1 pm – 5 pm
Aging in Place Information Session	March 30	Confederation Senior Centre	
Easter Event	April 3, 2026	Bonsor Main building	11:30-20pm
Board meeting	April 10		10 am
Fire Safety Seminar	April 23, 2026	Banquet Hall	
Senior Health and Wellness Day	April 30	Bonsor 55+	11 am-4 pm
Volunteer Lunch	May 7, 2026	Riverway Golf Course	11 am
Board meeting	May 8		10 am
Group Leaders' Lunch	May 20	Multi 1& 2	12 pm
Seniors Fair	June 11	Bonsor Main Building	10 am
Board meeting	June 12		

13. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.