

BONSOR 55+ Society Board Meeting
April 10, 2026
MEETING HELD AT BONSOR CENTRE

In Attendance:

Ernie Kashima (President), Chair	Brenda Felker (Director),	Albert Lam (Director)
Margaret Li (Vice President),	Pat Couch (Director),	Gerry Guo, (Director),
Eugene Hamel (Treasurer),	Eva Hung (Director),	Elizabeth Revoczi, (Director),
Karen Cresswell (Secretary)	Agnes Lee, (Director),	Chelsea Pereira (Staff)

Regrets:

Walter Wun (Director)	Karman Lau (Director)	Mary Horton (Director)
Toni Bajan (Staff)		

Quorum met with 11 Directors in attendance.

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

The meeting was called to order by Ernie Kashima at 10:00 am

1. Introduction of Guests - None
2. Agenda of April 10, 2026 meeting.
The Agenda was reviewed, and items were added under New Business.
Moved: Gerry
Seconded: Eugene
CARRIED. Agenda approved with additional items.
3. Minutes of the March 20, 2026 Board meeting.

The minutes were reviewed.

Amendments:

In the table, correct the misspelled word 'Place' in the item 'Aging in Place'

Moved: Margaret

Seconded: Agnes

CARRIED. The minutes were approved, with amendment.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes - March 20, 2026

a) Appointment of Vice-President and Secretary:

Ernie reported that the Vice President and Secretary positions have now been filled. Appointed to the Vice President position is Margaret Li, and appointed to the Secretary position is Karen Cresswell.

b) Coffee Bar Baking:

Caroline reported that the Coffee Bar has a new baker. Dora Chen will take over the position of Baking Coordinator. Brenda met with Dora to discuss the requirement of a Food Safety course.

Moved: Brenda

Seconded: Margaret

THAT allocation of \$100 be approved to cover the cost of the Food Safety course.

CARRIED.

5. Correspondence - None

6. President's Report

a) Ernie advised that he would like to take the bus drivers, their partners, and Monica out for a meal at the Spaghetti factory as a thank you for the considerable time they donate to the Society.

Moved: Ernie

Seconded: Brenda

THAT allocation of \$600 be approved to cover the cost of the meal.

CARRIED.

b) Ernie recommended that the scheduled BBQ event be changed to a lunch event for the 40th Anniversary of the 55+ Society.

Discussion highlights:

- Ernie met with Brian Pound who has agreed to assist with the event, including possible speakers, mayor involvement, 40th Anniversary cake
- Suggestion for Brian, Mary, and Chelsea to form a committee to create a program for the event, discuss entertainment, decorations, announcements, etc.
- Event date will be June 5, 2026, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm; at the Banquet Hall
- The event will require a registration process, with a limit of 200 members

- Food and beverages were discussed. Chelsea provided information regarding caterers for desired menu items, along with general cost estimates
- Chelsea advised that she may be able to provide some funding assistance for the event from the City budget for special events
- The event will be limited to members at no cost; registration is required

Food and Beverage Decisions:

The following food and beverage selections were agreed by the Board as a whole:

- Pasta bar, including salad and bread
- Ice cream station
- Anniversary cake
- Beverages to include water, punch, coffee, tea

Moved: Ernie

Seconded: Pat

THAT allocation of \$6,000 be approved as budget for the 40th Anniversary Lunch.

CARRIED.

A member asked about training for bus drivers, and was referred to Keith Saunders.

7. Treasurer's Report - Eugene

Eugene reviewed the March 2026 Financial Statements with the Board.

Moved: Eugene

Seconded: Margaret

THAT \$15,000 will be transferred from the chequing account to the savings account.

CARRIED.

MOVED: Eugene

Seconded: Agnes

THAT the Treasurer's report, as circulated and presented, is approved.

CARRIED.

8. City Centre staff reports - Chelsea

Staff: The Centre Supervisor position was posted and closed on March 23rd.

Chelsea reviewed current staff assignments for Ravneet, Jaclyn and Kelly.

Special Events 2026: Chelsea reported that the Easter Event (Apr. 3rd) was a success with 1,120 people attending. Chelsea thanked the Board for their generous contribution to the cookie station. Other events were reviewed, and are listed under item 10. 'Dates to Remember'.

Special Events 2027: Chelsea recommended that the Board review their annual Special Events to determine whether they meet the needs of Society seniors. A member's survey might help determine preferences (i.e. replace Wine & Cheese party with a Lunar New Year event or a dinner & dance).

The Board is requested to choose their Society Special Events dates for 2027, and provide those dates to Diane.

New Lounge Furniture:

Waiting for approval of Capital funds for 2026 before proceeding.

Group Information/Issues:

New Group permits will be made in June. Review of group time and space allocations needs to be completed/approved prior to implementation in June.

Moved: Ernie

Seconded: Margaret

THAT a meeting with group leaders will be scheduled to discuss possible changes to allocated hours and space for certain groups.

CARRIED.

AED training:

Ernie will look into bus driver availability to schedule AED training, and then will provide Chelsea with potential dates.

A discussion took place regarding group members teaching other members during group activities. Members are not permitted to collect funds for teaching other members while participating in group activities at the Centre. This rule is applicable to all Society groups.

ACTION: All Board liaisons are asked to relay this information to their group leaders.

9. New Business

Group Leaders Lunch/Meeting:

Ernie asked Board members to confirm their attendance with City staff for the May 20th Group Leaders lunch and meeting. All board members are asked to attend. A discussion is needed around Board liaison speakers.

Ernie also reminded Board members to confirm their attendance with City staff for the Volunteer Appreciation lunch on May 7th at Riverway Golf Course.

Tennis AED

The Tennis club has requested funding approval for an AED machine, and for the purchase of a new first aid kit; their activity takes place off site at Central Park. Following a discussion it was decided that the Tennis club should be advised to purchase this equipment using their club funds.

Table Tennis

The table tennis group has requested approval for a cash advance for the purchase of new equipment. The funding would eventually be repaid out of a legacy fund belonging to the group. Following a discussion it was decided not to approve a cash advance. Reimbursement of purchased equipment will require submission of purchase receipts.

Seniors Fair:

The event will take place on Thursday, June 11 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Ernie confirmed that we will have a Society table at the event. Board volunteers will be needed to man the table and answer questions. Ernie will advise Mulberry Senior home that we will participate.

10. Dates to Remember

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Seniors Health & Wellness Day	Thursday, April 30	Bonsor 55+	11:00am-4:00pm
Volunteer Appreciation Lunch	Thursday, May 7	Riverway Golf Course	11:00am -2:00pm
Board Meeting	Friday, May 8	Bonsor 55+	10:00 am
Group Leaders Meeting/ Lunch	Wednesday, May 20	Multi 1 & 2	12:00pm-2:00pm
Senior's Week	June 1 - June 7	Bonsor 55+	Varied times
40th Anniversary Lunch	Friday, June 5	Banquet Hall	11:00am-1:00pm
Seniors Fair	Thursday, June 11	Bonsor Rec	1:00pm-3:00pm
2026 Board Meetings (remaining)	Friday, June 12 Friday, August 14 Friday, Sept. 11 Friday, Oct. 9 Friday, Nov. 13	Bonsor 55+	10:00 am

11. Good and Welfare

Elizabeth reported that a card was sent to the family of Sonny Lee offering condolences. A card was sent to Maria Schachtner for a speedy recovery from recent surgery.

12. Adjournment.

Moved: Eugene

Seconded: Gerry

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Friday, May 8, 2026
