

BONSOR 55+ Society Board Meeting

May 8, 2026

MEETING HELD AT BONSOR CENTRE

In Attendance:

Ernie Kashima (President), Chair	Brenda Felker (Director),	Albert Lam (Director)
Margaret Li (Vice President),	Mary Horton (Director),	Pat Couch (Director),
Eugene Hamel (Treasurer),	Eva Hung (Director),	Elizabeth Revoczi, (Director),
Karen Cresswell (Secretary),	Chelsea Pereira (Staff)	Toni Bajan (Staff)

Regrets:

Walter Wun (Director)	Karman Lau (Director)	Mary Horton (Director)
Agnes Lee (Director)	Gerry Anguo (Director)	

Quorum met with 10 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 hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm̓ 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: 10:07 am.

1. Introduction of Guests - None

2. Agenda of May 8, 2026

The Agenda was reviewed, and items were added under New Business.

The agenda was approved, with additional items.

3. Minutes of April 10, 2026

The minutes were reviewed.

Moved: Ernie

Seconded: Margaret

CARRIED. The minutes were approved, as distributed.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes - April 10, 2026

Changes/Updates for 40th Anniversary lunch:

Participant numbers have been reduced to 150 to meet budget requirements.

Mayor Mike Hurley will be in attendance, as well an undetermined number of City Counsellors. It was suggested that an invitation be extended to Cindy, Regional Manager.

It is hoped that Mary Horton will be able to provide a brief history of the Bonsor 55+ Society.

The catering contracts for a pasta bar and ice cream station have been secured.

Possible use of tokens for the ice cream station was discussed.

Chelsea to organize decorations and background music. City budget to pay for decorations.

This will be a social event with no formal program.

Possible changes to time/space allocations for Groups

Chelsea reviewed progress and outlined attempts that had been made to change times and space for some groups. Challenges remain with some groups that are unable or unwilling to agree with proposed changes. This item will be presented for discussion at the Group Leader Lunch meeting on May 20th.

Board members liaising with Group leaders re: no teaching for money

Board liaisons were reminded to ensure their group leaders are aware that teaching for money is not permitted at Bonsor 55+ activities. Pat advised that she has made this requirement clear with the Dance groups.

5. Correspondence

Items listed under Correspondence on the Agenda were moved to New Business

6. President's Report

Ernie thanked the Board for keeping everything on track during his time away.

The Volunteer Appreciation luncheon on May 7th was well attended and enjoyed by all. The venue was well received and appropriate for this event. Ernie thanked Chelsea for her work organizing the luncheon.

7. Treasurer's Report - Eugene

Eugene reviewed the report with Board members, and indicated that our finances are doing well. Eugene discussed the possibility of adding a report showing monies raised by the various drop in groups. The report would be added as a component to the monthly Treasurer's report. Financial contributions from drop in groups are considerable.

Moved: Eugene

Seconded: Albert

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

CARRIED.

8. City Staff Report

Congratulations were offered to Chelsea on her pregnancy and upcoming addition to her family. Chelsea will remain in her position until the end of September and then will be on maternity leave for the following 18 months.

Chelsea reviewed current City staff assignments and changes.

Bonsor 55+ Seniors Health and Wellness Day (April 30th) was well attend with approximately 100 seniors taking part.

The Volunteer Appreciation Lunch (May 7th) was a successful with 105 people in attendance.

Group Leader Lunch meeting will take place on May 20th, expected attendance is 40 people.

Further details regarding the 40th Anniversary Lunch (June 5th) was discussed.

The date for the Fall dinner/dance in October has been changed. The Banquet hall is not available during the month of October due to Municipal elections. The new date for this event will be Friday, November 6th; 5pm - 9pm.

Chelsea reviewed special event dates for 2027.

City of Burnaby (Bonsor) is requesting to use the meeting room on Monday and Thursday evenings from 4:00-9:00pm for children's private piano lessons. As the meeting room is beside the Snooker room, there is a question that noise may disturb the Snooker players. Ernie will speak with the Snooker group and reply to Chelsea by May 12th.

New lounge furniture has been ordered and will arrive by the end of May.

Group permits were discussed. Any additional permit changes must be approved prior to implementation in June. Changes to date are as follows:

Karaoke - Sundays Multi 1&2 - 11:30am - 4:45pm.

Tai Chi (Yang Style) - Sundays Multi 1&2 - 9:00 - 11:00am

9. New Business

Group Leader Meeting preparation:

Board members are asked to attend the meeting on May 20th.

The Group Leader manual will be reviewed, and operating procedures discussed.

Clarification for Group reports will be discussed with possible changes to frequency of report submissions, and the possibility of implementing a template.

Liaison for Bingo and Practice Line Dance:

Changes to Board liaison assignments:

Practice Line Dance: Margaret

Bingo: Eva

Request for reinstatement of subsidy - Badminton

Groups can no longer use registration money that they collect from members to subsidize meals or group planned functions. This requirement has been made clear with Group leaders in preceding months. The Badminton group has submitted a request to reinstate the subsidy. A

discussion took place followed by the Board decision to deny the request. This item will be raised at the Group Leader meeting to provide clarity around the issue. A meeting will be set up with the Badminton group leader(s) to address their request; Ernie and Albert will attend.

Request for funding - Open Computer Lab

Eugene advised that this group does not contribute their drop in fees to the Society. As Board liaison, Eva was asked to speak to the group leader to inquire what they are doing with the money they collect, and to inform the group leader that money collected must be submitted to the Society.

Moved: Ernie

Seconded: Margaret

THAT the Open Computer Lab is approved to purchase power bars, as requested.

CARRIED.

The group leader should be advised to purchase the the power bars themselves. Once purchased, a reimbursement form should be completed and the purchase receipt attached.

Table Tennis - \$10,000 donation

The Table Tennis group has received a donation of \$10,000. The donor presented the group with a bank draft made out to the Table Tennis group. A letter from the donor was included clarifying the intent of the donation. The group leader presented the letter to Eugene and asked how the Board wanted to proceed.

A discussion took place amongst Board members, with the following points raised:

Group leaders who receive donations directly to their group may believe that the money is theirs, and can be spent in whatever way they choose

The money should be held by the Society, not by individual groups

The bank draft will need to be deposited by the Table Tennis group into their account, then the group will need to write a cheque to the Society for \$10,000

The Society has the responsibility of oversight regarding how donation money can be spent

A policy needs to be created to address donations, and to identify how money is received, deposited and approved for use. Margaret offered to develop a draft policy for Board review.

A collaborative approach is needed. It would be of benefit for the Board and group to meet to discuss options and opportunities. There is also a need for the Society to establish clear parameters related to donation oversight and spending.

Albert believes the Badminton group also received a similar donation. Eugene has not received anything from the Badminton group at this time.

A meeting will be booked with the Table Tennis and Badminton group leaders to discuss this situation. Ernie, Eugene and Albert will attend. A tentative date of May 18th was identified.

Photocopier/Printer

The Photocopier is leaving marks on copies, and the colour component is no longer operational. Eugene reviewed quotes for replacement of a new machine, or leasing an older machine. An

option to purchase a robust personal printer was discussed. Printing availability for groups may have to change or be discontinued. Ernie requested Board members to think about the various options discussed. This item will be revisited for recommendation at the next Board meeting.

10. Dates to Remember

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

11. Good and Welfare

Elizabeth advised that she has sent cards of condolence to the families of two Bonsor 55+ Society members. A card will be sent to Mary Horton to let her know that the Board is thinking of her.

12. Adjournment

Moved: Albert

Seconded: Eugene

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Friday, June 12, 2026