

BONSOR 55+ Society Board Meeting

September 11, 2026

MEETING HELD AT BONSOR 55+ CENTRE

In Attendance:

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

Regrets:

Walter Wun (Director)	Karman Lau (Director)	Gerry Angou (Director)
Agnes Lee (Director)		

Quorum met with 9 Directors in attendance.

We recognize that we are on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the Hən̓q̓əmin̓əm 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

The Agenda was reviewed, and an item was added under New Business.

Moved: Albert

Seconded: Eva

CARRIED. The agenda was approved with additional item.

3. Minutes of September 11, 2026

The minutes were reviewed.

Moved: Albert

Seconded: Elizabeth

CARRIED. The minutes were approved.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes - June 12, 2026

Restricted Donations Policy - Ernie

Ernie referred to the Policy and reviewed the section detailing Sunset provisions. The Policy was discussed, and some concerns were expressed. An amendment was recommended to change the period of time that a donated fund could be used by the restricted group.

Moved: Margaret

Seconded: Eva

THAT the Restricted Donations Policy be approved, with an amendment re: funds that remain unused from a period of ten (10) consecutive years, to a period of five (5) consecutive years.

CARRIED.

Donation monies held for Maywood School - Eugene

Eugene advised that \$1,048 raised last year for Maywood School has not yet been dispersed to the school. The money will be used toward hampers and to subsidize field trips.

Moved: Ernie

Seconded: Elizabeth

THAT a cheque for \$1,048 be prepared and delivered to Maywood School.

CARRIED.

5. Correspondence

Letter: Society contribution Hallowe'en Big Boo event

A letter was received from the City of Burnaby with a request to the Society for a contribution to the Hallowe'en event. The letter was reviewed.

Moved: Brenda

Seconded: Eugene

THAT the Society approves a donation \$600 to the 2026 Hallowe'en Big Boo Event.

CARRIED.

6. President's Report - Ernie

Ernie welcomed the Board back after the summer break.

Ernie shared details of the Coffee Bar Volunteer Luncheon that took place this week. Ernie commented that the recent registration process for the Badminton group was well organized. There are a few outstanding issues specific to some Society groups and Ernie will be arranging a time to speak with them in the near future.

City description of 'Burnaby Resident'

Ernie provided the City's definition of what is required to be a Burnaby resident, as follows:

Burnaby residents are individuals who hold a Burnaby address as a residence, whether the property be owned or rented. This will include a property owner, or a landlord who pays property taxes in Burnaby, or a renter of a Burnaby property that is owned by a landlord.

Moved: Ernie

Seconded: Eva

THAT 55+ Society adopt the City's policy regarding the definition of a Burnaby resident, and that the policy requirements will be applied by Society groups in their registration processes.

CARRIED.

7. Treasurer's Report - Eugene

Eugene reviewed the details of the Financial statements for June, July and August 2026, and indicated that our finances are strong and doing well.

Moved: Eugene

Seconded: Pat

THAT the Financial statements are approved, as circulated.

CARRIED.

Requirement for Board Approval for Funds Transfer (Chequing to/from Savings)

Currently, the ability for the Treasurer to transfer banked monies between accounts requires approval of the Board. For expediency purposes, Eugene would like to return to an earlier process whereby two Board members with current signing authority are able to authorize the Treasurer to proceed with the above described funds transfer.

Moved: Eugene

Seconded: Elizabeth

THAT any two Board members with current signing authority are approved to authorize the Treasurer to transfer funds between the Chequing and Savings accounts.

CARRIED.

8. City Centre staff reports

Chelsea advised that her last day before maternity leave will be Friday, September 25th. A decision has not yet been made regarding her temporary replacement. Chelsea reviewed other City staffing positions at 55+.

As of September 1, 2026, the seniors annual free membership age has been changed. The change is applicable to Burnaby residents who are now 80+ years of age. These individuals will now be eligible to receive a free Seniors Centre annual membership. Any senior who purchased an annual seniors membership prior to September 1, 2026, who would now be eligible to receive a free seniors annual membership, will not be eligible to receive a refund.

Active Aging week 2026 has been scheduled for Monday, October 5 to Sunday, October 11th.

The Bonsor 55+ Health and Wellness Day was held in April of this year. If the Board would like this event to run again in April 2027, a date will need to be confirmed and scheduled.

The Bonsor 'Big Boo' event will run on Friday, October 23rd from 6:00-9:00 pm. Board volunteers would be appreciated to help with this event.

Chelsea reviewed time and location changes for some Society groups, effective September 1st.

9. New Business

Mary Horton's resignation; Board meeting attendance

With the resignation of Mary Horton, it is time to review the status of our Board and to review attendance at Board meetings. Board Directors are required to attend Board meetings. Currently there are some Board Directors who are consistently absent, it is therefore necessary to establish a policy regarding required attendance at Board meetings.

Moved: Ernie

Seconded: Pat

THAT a Policy be created to identify attendance expectations for Board Directors at Board meetings, and possible outcomes if attendance expectations are not met. A draft Policy will be presented for review and approval at an upcoming Board meeting.

CARRIED.

Distribution of Board Liaisons to Society groups were reviewed and adjusted.

Discussion regarding Health Alert Program

Ernie provided background on a Health Alert program that was offered at Bonsor 55+ in the past. The program was funded through a grant from Burnaby General Hospital but was eventually discontinued. The program was well received and provided a good service to our seniors. As a preliminary discussion, Ernie requested input from the Board about recommending reactivation of the program to the Senior's Advisory Council. Potential sponsors and funding options would still need to be investigated.

Following a discussion, there was overall Board support for this initiative and a recommendation to move forward with the necessary preparatory work.

Coffee Bar

Brenda provided some background on the operation of the coffee bar. An increase to the current pricing of per cup coffee has been brought forward to the Board for consideration. The coffee bar recommends an increase to the price for a regular sized cup of coffee. A Board discussion took place, with several opinions shared.

Moved: Brenda

Seconded: Margaret

THAT the price for one regular sized cup of coffee be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.25.

The vote was called:

In Favour: 2 votes

Opposed: 6 votes

MOTION DEFEATED.

10. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Friday, , October 9, 2026