SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 4:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:
K. Zhu, Community Co-Chair
Councillor T. Baillie, Council Co-Chair
Councillor S. Ferguson, Council Co-Chair

C. Archer, S. Bennett, P. Chhina, and P. Sutherland

Guests:
I. Bonamis, Lead Planner, TransLink
A. Lougheed, Senior Planner, TransLink

Staff:
M. Gunn, Planner, Community and Policy Planning
A. Hopkins, Manager, Communications
A. Jensen, Manager, Strategic and Social Planning
V. Burnett, Council and Committee Clerk

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OF THE COAST SALISH PEOPLES

K. Zhu acknowledged the Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – February 18, 2026

Moved by P. Chhina,
Seconded by S. Bennett,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the February 18, 2026 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – January 21, 2026

Moved by S. Bennett,
Seconded by P. Chhina,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the January 21, 2026 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. **TransLink**

I. Bonamis and A. Lougheed provided an overview of the South of Fraser East Area Transport Plan.

The Area Transport Plan includes the following:

- Geographic scale – A deeper dive into transportation issues, opportunities, and priorities at a sub-regional level.
- Scope and content – Transit, cycling, walking, roads; focused on network-level changes, including potential bus routes, and bus stop locations.
- Approach – Involves technical analysis, working with local, regional, and provincial government. Engagement with interested parties and the public.
- Planning horizon – Medium term covering next 1-15 years.
- Timeline – Generally a two-year planning process with the Final Plan due by end of 2027.

To advance the goals of the Transport 2050 concept of Access for Everyone, the plan seeks to incorporate reconciliation and social equity.
This includes looking at a regional transport strategy for the region, identifying 10 year priorities, identifying sub-regional priorities, and identifying specific expenditures over the next 10 years.

The study area encompasses Township of Langley, Surrey, North Delta, City of Langley, White Rock, and Indigenous reserve lands including Katzie, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo, and Matsqui.

The scope of the project looks at:

- Transit – Local bus networks, rapid bus/limited stop express routes, transit priority, and customer experience.
- Active and Safe Streets – walking and cycling.
- Goods Movement – Safety, reliability, and emission reduction.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

The timeline is as follows:
The project began in 2025 with phase one looking at issues and opportunities, phase two being draft actions, and phase three developing a final plan. During this period there will be First Nations engagement and two rounds of public engagement. The goal for the public engagement includes a public survey, community events, and interest holder sessions. This feedback will be used to develop draft actions which will be shared with the public.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- Inquiry into use of e-scooters and issues they may present for transportation.
- The route times for HandyDart were addressed. Feedback will be taken to the HandyDart team.
- Inquiries regarding funding of the project were addressed. Currently there is a 2025 investment plan, and the 2027 investment plan is being worked on. Over the next three years there is funding for service improvements, with funding being secured for the years after.
- Transit times being longer than driving deter some from using transit, this is something the project is looking to address.

The public survey is open until March 1, 2026.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Report

Councillors Baillie and Ferguson reported that Council will be discussing the budget at the February 23 Regular Council Meeting. Arenas and dry space at LEC are moving along, as well as the new soccer fields.

Councillor Ferguson reported that Metro Vancouver is working on a Board Strategy Plan and a Park Plan. They are also discussing building a new recycling and garbage plant in Aldergrove on the previous plant's location.

Councillor Baillie reported that a pump track has been opened at Yorkson Community Park and that it is well received. There is a fully accessible playground across from the pump track.

Councillor Ferguson reported that the Langley BMX has a track in Brookswood that has been cleaned up and repaved.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Survey Discussion and Framework

A Jensen explained that the planning of a survey for this year's work plan can begin. A. Hopkins provided an overview on the survey planning process such as looking at key questions, including specific goals, target audience, what the survey is trying to measure and how the data is being used. Surveys are one of the primary feedback methods for the Township. The information presented will be sent out by staff to the committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the logistics of the survey. Some expressed support for paper surveys being available, as well as online surveys. The option to do an open house was discussed.

A. Jensen explained that the committee can brainstorm the issues they would like to discuss before formulating the survey. Staff can do research to bring to the committee at a later date.

A. Jensen also mentioned that an option for accessibility would be to provide paper copies of the surveys by request. The survey will be discussed further at future meetings.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. SAC Photo

Moved to the March 18, 2026 meeting.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 4:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by P. Sutherland,
Seconded by S. Bennett,
That the meeting terminate at 5:25pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair	Council Representative Co-Chair