



**City of Richmond**

**Report to Committee**

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**To:** Planning Committee **Date:** December 15, 2004  
**From:** Terry Crowe **File:**  
          Manager, Policy Planning  
**Re:** **RICHMOND SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2004 ANNUAL REPORT AND**  
      **2005 WORK PROGRAM**

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**Staff Recommendation**

That, as per the Manager, Policy Planning report dated December 15, 2004, the Richmond Seniors' Advisory Committee's 2005 Work Program be approved.

Terry Crowe  
Manager, Policy Planning

Att. 3

<b>FOR ORIGINATING DIVISION USE ONLY</b>		
<b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b>		
<b>REVIEWED BY TAG</b>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REVIEWED BY CAO</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

## Staff Report

### Origin

This report presents the Richmond Seniors' Advisory Committee (RSAC) 2004 Annual Report and proposed 2005 Work Program and Budget.

The Richmond Seniors' Advisory Committee (RSAC) was formed in 1991 to address the concerns of seniors and to plan for the future needs of this growing segment of the community. The Committee meets on a monthly basis to consider and evaluate issues referred to it by City Council, City staff and members of the community. It also initiates studies on matters deemed to be of concern to seniors and submits information, options and recommendations to City Council.

### Findings Of Fact

#### 1. RSAC 2004 Activities

The highlights of the RSAC's activities for the year 2004 are listed in **Attachment 1**.

#### 2. RSAC 2005 Work Program and Budget

- The RSAC proposed 2005 Work Program is presented in **Attachment 2**.
- The RSAC 2005 Budget request is presented in **Attachment 3**.

### Analysis

The RSAC continues to address the concerns of Richmond seniors, advise Council regarding these concerns, and plan for the future needs of this growing segment of the community.

The RSAC has formed partnerships with community service agencies, and has participated on other City committees, in striving to improve the quality of life for Richmond seniors. Continued collaborations and partnerships are planned for 2005.

### Financial Impact

The RSAC receives an annual operating grant of \$2,000 as part of the 2005 base budget.

### Conclusion

Staff recommend support for the RSAC's proposed 2005 Work Program and proposed operating budget.



Lesley Sherlock  
Social Planner (4220)  
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## *Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee 2004 Annual Report*

The year 2004 saw three new members appointed, and the re-structuring of the sub-committees. At the presentation of our 2003 annual report, Council granted our request for extra funding and in turn requested that our seniors committee look further into the following areas of the community.

***Participation of seniors in the Intercultural Advisory Committee.*** We now have a representative on the Intercultural Advisory committee so that instead of merely being observers, we are now able to take an active part in their deliberations. We feel this will prove to be beneficial to both advisory groups.

***Actively seek out a member from the Chinese community.*** Most of our members attended the annual tea put on by the Chinese Cultural Society and we hope to be successful in recruiting an interested individual to join us on our committee.

***Working more closely with the youth of our Community.*** We restructured our sub-committees to include a Senior/Youth sub-committee. Dealing with this request from Council has been slow but gratifying. We have had two events which proved to be successful. Our Senior/Youth sub-committee is working closely with the Richmond Youth Services Agency, Minoru Seniors Centre, RCMP, and School District #38. Richmond Youth Services Agency is promoting a Seniors and Youth Intergenerational Program based on the asset development model. With this in mind, a grant was applied for by RYSA to the United Way under their Community Innovations Grants Program for a Seniors and Youth Intergenerational Project. Although both seniors and youth were pleased the project was shortlisted, it unfortunately was not chosen for the grant.

***Educating the seniors in the community of the available services.*** A major objective of ours is to educate seniors re: wellness and services available within our community. Our Isolated Seniors Subcommittee, under our Health Committee, is in communication and meeting with Chimo Crisis Centre, and will support and assist where we can when their outreach line is completed, expected to be this fall, to reach isolated seniors with services information.

IN OTHER AREAS - many of our sub- committees have been extremely busy :

**TRANSPORTATION** has been very active during the ***RAVCO & TRANS LINK*** negotiations and we as an advisory group elected to write and point out important points affecting seniors which we requested they take into account. A copy of this letter was sent to City Council for their information.

**HEALTH** continues to be supportive in the Wellness Fair which was held over a two-day period this year. An invitation was received from Dr. Penny Ballem, Deputy Minister of Health to a two-day symposium on 'A Dialogue on Health & Aging,' bringing together international experts in aging from 5 different countries. The symposium was put on by the Ministry of Health and held on October 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Invited members of the audience had the opportunity to participate in facilitated dialogues with the panelists at intervals throughout the two days. Proceedings of this symposium will be shared with the public and will hopefully assist government and health authorities in shaping future policy direction and services for seniors.

**HOUSING** our housing sub-committee is active and dedicated, working toward affordable housing for seniors in Richmond. Presentations and open houses on all types of seniors' housing are always attended. Sub-committee members attend both public meetings and Council meetings in support of senior's housing. Our committee has been a constant advocate for senior's assisted and low-cost housing and has supported developments that have come up for approval from Council.

It was hoped that the Seniors' Advisory Committee would be participating this year in the 'Walkable Community' project and support the anticipated conference. This has yet to happen, however, the committee will be actively involved in supporting this event when it occurs.

**ISOLATED SENIORS.** The BC Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors Conference was attended, which focused on the abuse of seniors, which is a major societal issue. Many of these abuses are criminal offenses such as Theft, Forgery, Extortion, Assault, Intimidation, Threats and Failure to Provide the Necessities of Life. Very few criminal offenses against seniors are brought to the Criminal Justice System. All of the named offenses were discussed at this conference which was held October 15/16, 2004.

**THE SENIORS SUMMIT 2 CONFERENCE** was attended on November 06/07, 2004. John Kennedy, Ex-Regional Director of B.C., was the keynote speaker. Over 300 attended the two-day conference. Three of the sessions discussed and attended were: Continuum of Care; Parts 1 & 2 and Housing - Independent Living for Seniors. Next year we hope to have several members attending more of the sessions.

Workshops, meetings, and open houses attended by members throughout the year:

- **Legal Framework for Supportive Housing - Margaret Hall - B.C. Law Institute**
- **Supportive Housing Consulting Questionnaire - Margaret Hall - B.C. Law Institute** - all members participated in this seven page questionnaire on approaches to Supportive Housing Regulations
- **Austin Harris Assisted Living Proposal** - open house June 10/04
- **Asset Building Workshop** - Richmond Youth Agency - RCMP - School District #38
- **Health & Education Meeting - Richmond Hospital**
- **Chamber of Commerce February** - meeting with RAVCO - **Doug MacCallum**
- **Inter Cultural Advisory Council Workshop** - Approaches to Intercultural Education
- **COSCO sponsored Rally - Queen Elizabeth Theatre - Roy Romano** - Medicare
- **Richmond Community Services Advisory Council** - sponsored several MLA forums
- **Richmond Public library** - six presentations on health Issues

I would like to thank Council and Council committees who have listened to requests, suggestions and concerns from members. We appreciate very much the attendance of Councillor Derek Dang and the information he brings to us regarding items involving seniors from Council deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Olive Bassett, Chair,  
Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee

## Richmond Seniors Advisory Council

### 2005 Proposed Work Program

- **Identification of Current Seniors Issues**
  - Increase in senior population and services required
  - Meeting with MLA's
  
- **Health Education/Health Care Issues/Guardianship**
  - Cut backs in home care
  - Monitoring changes
  - Assessing the impact on Seniors
  - Community awareness and education
  
- **Multicultural and Intercultural Involvement**
  - Assisting with anticipated workshops
  - Participation in intercultural activities and events
  
- **Isolation a problem for many elderly citizens**
  - Determine the extent of the problem – Chimo telephone outreach
  - Action required to address the problem
  
- **Seniors' Supportive Housing**
  - Non-profit and private
  - Monitor registration practices
  
- **Seniors' Week/Wellness Fair**
  - Ongoing support
  
- **Walkable Community/Safety**
  - Continue supporting City strategy in development, maintenance and repair of sidewalks for pedestrian safety
  - Liaise with other agencies addressing this issue
  
- **Seniors/Youth Interaction**
  - Expand on previous actions
  
- **Minoru Centre (Seniors)**
  - Maintain contact with centre's administration
  
- **Legal Issues**
  - Adult Guardianship

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Olive Bassett, Chair  
Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee

November 2, 2004

File:

Mayor and Council  
Richmond City Hall  
6911 No. 3 Road  
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Dear Mayor and Council

**Re: Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee 2005 Proposed Budget**

On behalf of Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee, I wish to propose the following 2005 budget for approval.

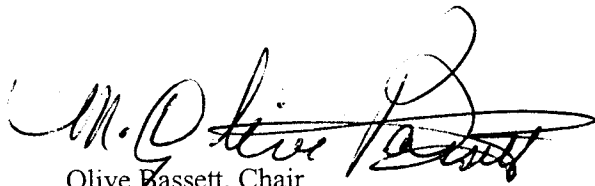
**Meeting Expenses (10 – 11 in 2005) \$1,000.00**

**Expected Events during 2005**

Walkable Community Conference  
(if it does not take place in 2004)  
Seniors Week  
Wellness Fair  
Mini Workshops  
Senior/Youth Projects  
Conferences concerning Seniors issues **\$1,000.00**

**Total \$2,000.00**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Olive Bassett, Chair  
Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee