



**Southeast Vancouver Seniors Arts  
And Cultural Centre Society  
S-53479**

**Meeting # 71**

**Champlain Heights Community Centre  
Wednesday March 19, 2015 at 10:00AM**

[www.SVSACS.org](http://www.SVSACS.org) – 604-325-0163

**Our Goal: a Dedicated Seniors Centre**

**Minutes**

Present: Lorna Gibbs, George Grant, Ramesh Kalia, Mabel Leung, Nelson Didulo, Margaret Homonnay, Philip Mah, Bert and Barbara Massiah, Tom Chin, Abdul Shaikh, Barbara Warner, Beatrice Ho, Joan Wright, Eddy So, Mohinder Sidhu, Manfred Hagen.

1. Call to Order – 10:00 am - Lorna Gibbs in the chair
2. Approval of Agenda - moved by Philip Mah, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gail McKay, carried.
3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 70 - moved by Bert Massiah, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Warner, carried.
4. **President's Report:** Lorna recognized Three members for their contributions to society:  
**Beatrice Ho** has been appointed to the Mayor's Seniors Council and will bring our voice to that council and bring information back to us. **Mabel Leung** and **Eddy So** are organizing outreach celebrations to Chinese groups throughout the city. To date they have organized four events.
  - Lorna distributed copies of her report to the Killarney Community Centre association. The main point of the report was our motion asking that the kitchen be located in the Seniors Centre. Ainslie Kwan agreed to convey that information to the Park Board.
  - Lorna distributed the concept floor plan provided by the Bridging Consultant March 10. The kitchen has been moved to the main floor removing the need for a second elevator.
  - Old kitchen to be removed, adding 500 sq ft. to KCC room 203. The Seniors Centre will add about 9,860 sq. ft. An additional 310 sq feet for washrooms for sports field users will be provided under the 1<sup>st</sup> floor beneath the kitchen. (The Seniors Centre will close the current access from the north fields to washrooms). Total space added to Killarney CC may be 10,670 sq. ft.
  - Permit, CAC and DCL costs will also be charged to the budget. These fees are unknown at this time. A Public Hearing is also required.
  - Expressions of Interest Requests closed March 16, 2015. The City will qualify and select three from the respondents and ask for proposals. Only then will we get an indication of costs and amenities.

Generally, SVSACS Members were happy with the concept provided March 10.

See the attached .PDF file.

5. Jennifer Mitchell and Bill Johnston from the *West Coast Railway Association* presented *The History of Railway, The Royal Hudson and Train Travel*. [www.wcra.org](http://www.wcra.org) - Their presentation was very interesting and well received. Membership is open to all. Highlights were:

- History of Railroading focused on BC; Association formed in 1961 dedicated to history and preservation of railroad stock. He outlined the advantages and benefits of Membership.

- Maintain the West Coast Railway Heritage Park in Squamish where the Royal Hudson is housed and other authentically restored rolling stock is on display. The Royal Hudson, a steam engine, was in service from 1940 to 1999. The park theme is a village circa 1920.
  - The Society runs specialty trains at certain times of the year including the Dinosaur Train, Thomas The Tank Engine and in December the Polar Express.
  - Locomotive 374 that pulled the 1<sup>st</sup> train into Vancouver on May 23, 1887 is on display at the Roundhouse Community Centre near the Canada Line station Yaletown-Roundhouse.
  - Bill spoke of the challenges of raising money to restore and maintain historical artifacts.
  - Volunteers, more always welcome, provide most of the help to staff and run their facilities.
- Jennifer outlined the tours available through their Tour Office. All profits go to the Society.
- *Magic & Totems of Haida Gwaii* a 10-day rail/ferry tour returning by air. Limited to 14.
  - *White Pass & Yukon Spectacular* a 5-day air/coach/train tour.
  - *Rocky Mountaineer* - three routes.
  - *Historic Trains & Scenic Parks of Colorado Rockies* – 9 days.
  - Several European rail tours
  - Via Rail trains and Hudson Bay Heritage rail tour and Amtrack
- Visit <http://westcoastrailtours.com/> to view detailed itineraries or contact Jennifer at [tours@wcra.org](mailto:tours@wcra.org) or phone 604-524-1011. Visit [www.wcra.org](http://www.wcra.org) for more information about the Society.

6. New Business – Setting date for 2015 AGM. Lorna to explore availability of space at Killarney CC week of Sept. 1 thru Sept. 4. Lorna asked for volunteers - Nelson Didulo, Margaret Homonnay, Barbara Massiah, Barbara Warner, Joan Wright, Mabel Leung and George Grant offer their time.

7. Adjournment at 11:30 am - moved by Nelson Didulo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Warner, carried.

Wednesday April 1, 2015 Luncheon/Movie: ***The Grand Budapest Hotel*** - Adventure/Comedy/Drama – R – 100 min. The adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous hotel from the fictional Republic of Zubrowka between the first and second World Wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend.

**Luncheon for 1<sup>st</sup> 30 seniors served at 11:30 am.**

Reservation not required for the movie. Coffee/tea available. Movie start time 12:20

**Next meeting: April 16, 2015 10:00 am at CHCC. Everyone is welcome.**

SVSACS PARTNERS are all working together to get a real Seniors Centre for you!

