

**Present:**

Chair – Councillor Steele  
Councillor Martin  
M. Cross  
S. Jahan-Chaudhary  
Dr. B. Lalli  
J. Li / Simone Lis  
S. Match  
S. McIntosh  
K. Noonan  
P. Petrala  
J. Schmalz  
A. Sharma  
A. Rutherglen

**Absent:**

Councillor Rasode  
K. Bakshi  
D. Darrell  
L. Lange  
L. Smart  
K. Weber

**Guest:**

Lin Chen, DIVERSEcity

**Staff Present:**

J. Tyler, Community & Rec Services, Manager  
L. Wade, PRC Community Services Coordinator  
L. White, Community & Rec Services, Manager  
M. Drozda, RCMP Dist. 2, Crime Prevention  
Programs Coordinator  
P. Leblanc, RCMP Dist. 5, Crime Prevention  
Programs Coordinator  
A. Gill, RCMP Dist. 3, CSO  
R. Cross, Surrey Fire Services  
C. Magnus, Mayor's Office  
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

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Today is International Women's Day – March 8, 2012.

**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by P. Petrala

Seconded by A. Sharma

That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &

Accessibility Committee meeting of February 16, 2012, be adopted.

Carried

**B. DELEGATION****C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS****a. Forum Updates**

**English Focus on Seniors Forum** – February 18, 2012 - Fleetwood

Forum was well received. There were 150 attendees.

Compilation of evaluations will be provided by email.

**b. Upcoming FOS Forums**

- **Korean Focus on Seniors Forum** – March 10, 2012 - Guildford  
Doors open at 9:45am
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Registrations at full capacity (over 160-175); can expect another 30 to come without registering.

Transportation will be provided to 35 residents from the senior's residence.

To request Ken Bek Lee to emcee and requested to make several references to the new ECOMM 9-1-1 service.

Translation services will be provided by Mental Health Site (SENS).

SFU Gerontology students will capture notes.

- **Future Forums:**

- English Forum – **April 26, 2012 @ Fleetwood** (*Note: date determined post meeting*)
- Punjabi (Urdu) Forum – September 15, 2012 – Newton Recreation Centre
- For Caregivers, Family and younger generation – TBD - involve the Public Guardian and Trustee Office.
- Mandarin – TBD (on reserve - working with community)
- CNIB and Institute for the Deaf – TBD
- Spanish – TBD

Suggestion was made to hold two forums in one day and on a week day.

Further suggestions:

- Information regarding Veterans (contact Joanne Henderson of Veteran Affairs to request per participation in future)
- Transitioning from adult to older adult, paperwork required regarding pensions, etc.
- Send out invitations early.
- Future venue - Kinsmen Lodge has volunteered their new facility
- Provide a mini Forum and focus on those residents in care/assisted living, and at Newton Seniors Centre, Chuck Bailey, Cloverdale and Guildford.
- Invite family members
- Promote and provide printed materials about the Seniors Connector at future forums.

**c. Committee member updates**

- Joyce Schmalz is writing a workshop on *putting affairs in order* and *where things go wrong*, and was requested to contact Councillor Steele to discuss ideas.
- Susan Match, former Director of North Surrey Mental health noted that Elder Law at BCC the Law School may have Public trustee information.
- The Planning Table receives a lot of interest from people wanting to help. A strategic planning session regarding the Seniors Strategic Plan to be held March 9, 2012 to determine the needs and to ensure the Provincial and Federal funding continues. Dr. Sexsmith, head of the SFU Gerontologist office, and Pitman of United Way to provide information from the workshop. Len Garis, Fraser MacRae and the senior management team (SMT) are all on board.

- Councillor Steele will meet with Minister Dion regarding the Age-Friendly designation. There is also a World organization for Age-Friendly designation. [www.who.int/ageing/age\\_friendly\\_cities\\_network/en/index.html+World+Age-Friendly+designation&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=ca](http://www.who.int/ageing/age_friendly_cities_network/en/index.html+World+Age-Friendly+designation&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=ca)
- Delta Police, Ministry of Health, Police Victim Services from the Province are asking for written submissions. Phone number should be made available at the seniors centres. <http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/pi/fv-vf/pub/abus/aiv-mei/p2.html>
- Forums are held, feedback collected, but follow up by the SMT and funding is necessary. Promoting the Seniors Connect will help with this. The Ombudsman Report was referenced.
- Options and Diversity and Pics, in partnership with the City, will soon have settlement workers at recreations centres. Settlement workers are currently being trained and will make that link with the strands of the new Seniors Strategy.
- The Forums provide fact sheets containing information on agencies and services available.
- Hoarders Committee Ron Cross of Fire Safety, Leanne Lange of Fraser Health along with Bylaws, and Gary Begg of Community Health Partnership are all involved in building a committee to deal with *hoarders*.
- Kay Noonan noted that the Council of Organized Seniors planning table could host a Korean forum. They are also interested in being involved with the Fusion Festival. The energy level of seniors needs to be taken into consideration. It was suggested there be seniors parking nearby and a tent with seating near the entrance; situate the seniors activities close to the Canada Day activities; consider providing golf carts or trolleys to be welcoming and inclusive for all.

## D. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. UBCM – Age Friendly Community Projects Grant

Age-Friendly Seniors Conference – Friday, June 8, 2012 - Fleetwood  
Sarah Lea is leading the project and working with Come Share to create awareness that the program is in all the recreation centres. A workshop around housing and seniors outreach. Information sessions will be provided at care homes and information provided at malls and gathering places at parks.

Next meeting - March 13, 2012. An opportunity to discuss the Ombudsman Report.

Susan Caley and Pat Leblanc, RCMP are invited to speak at Surrey during Seniors Week. Seniors Week Marketing to be done.

**E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

**G. INFORMATION ITEM**

**Upcoming events:**

- March 29 – Volunteer at South Surrey Recreation Centre
- April 15 – Volunteer week
- South Surrey Coffee in the Garden
- April 21 – Vaisaki Parade
- April 21 – City Services Party for Planners
- Seniors Conference at Rogers Arena
- April 28 – Sources Gala (Peace Arch Community Services)
- May 5 – Fraser Heights Grand opening
- May – Rodeo week
- June 9 – Intercultural Showcase
- July 20, 21, 22 – Fusion Fest
- August 4, 5, 6 – Spirit of Sea Festival in White Rock.

**H. OTHER BUSINESS**

**I. NEXT MEETING**

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2012.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by P. Petrala

Seconded by A. Sharma

That the meeting of the Seniors Advisory &

Accessibility Committee do now adjourn.

Carried

Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Chairperson, Councillor Steele  
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee