

Present:

Chair – Councillor Steele
Councillor Rasode
M. Cross
D. Darrell
S. Jahan-Chaudhary
Dr. B. Lalli
S. Match
S. McIntosh
K. Noonan
P. Petrala
J. Schmalz
A. Sharma
A. Rutherglen

Absent:

Councillor Martin
K. Bakshi
L. Lange
J. Li
L. Smart
K. Weber

Guests:

Shawna, Senior's Come Share Society

Staff Present:

J. Tyler, Senior Services Rep, Community & Recreation Services Manager, Guildford
Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Seniors Coordinator - Fleetwood
M. Drozda, RCMP Dist. 2, Crime Prevention Programs Coordinator
P. Leblanc, RCMP Dist. 5, Crime Prevention Programs Coordinator
S. Caley, RCMP Dist. 5, CSO
A. Gill, RCMP Dist. 3, CSO
R. Cross, Surrey Fire Services
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by M. Drozda

Seconded by S. Match

That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &

Accessibility Committee meeting of March 8, 2012, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION**1. Seniors Conference & Seniors Connector**

Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Seniors Coordinator at Fleetwood was in attendance to talk about the Seniors Conference to be held June 8, 2012 at the Fleetwood Community Centre, the Seniors Connector program in recreation centres and other initiatives associated with the UBCM grant.

The following comments were provided:

- The Union of British Columbia Municipalities – Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative 2012 has four specific projects proposed:
 - i. Mobile Youth Outreach Project (MoYO)– development of an integrated Mobile Outreach Program for Seniors (IMOPS). A vehicle will provide access to resources/services to seniors within various neighbourhoods in Surrey, similar to the MoYO model for youth outreach, and will include information and resources forms for applications of various services (i.e. home care, pensions community food programs, health services).
 - ii. Outdoor Spaces – Active aging initiatives for seniors' nature walk/roll program. In partnership with Parks.

- iii. *Aging in Place* Conference will be held June 8, 2012, 8:30 – 4:00 pm at Fleetwood Community centre during Seniors Week. The conference is a collaborative, respectful, integrated and inclusive event that supports healthy, supportive, active aging, and is a medium for continuing awareness and education of seniors' safety and the importance of healthy active communities.

Guest speaker will be a representative from the Ombudsman office. The conference will focus on three key areas:

- Healthy Lifestyles
- Education and Advocacy
- Safety

- iv. Workshop and information series 'A Roof over my Head' – a continuation of what was offered and successful in 2010-2011.

Project is in partnership with Veterans Affairs, TransLink (Travel Smart for Seniors).

- A registered nurse is the Seniors Services Connector person and the Chairperson of Seniors Planning Committee at Fleetwood.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

a. Updates

- **Focus on Seniors Korean Forum** held March 10, 2012 @ Guildford
 - Pictures were taken and provided on disc by Pat Petralla
 - The speakers were very good.
 - There Forum was at full capacity and had a waiting list. Recommendation was made to have another forum again soon.

b. Upcoming Focus on Seniors Forums -

- **English Forum** – Thursday, April 26, 2012, at 9:00 am at Newton Seniors' Centre. Filled to capacity. Parking for us is available in the lot behind the arena (by Safeway)
- **Punjabi Forum** – Saturday, September 15, 2012, at Newton Recreation Centre
- **Mandarin Forum** - October 13 or 20, venue TBD (Fleetwood/ Fraser Heights)
- Urdu Forum – TBD (captures India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Fiji)
- Muslim Forum – TBD
- For Caregivers, Family and younger generation – TBD
- CNIB and Institute for the Deaf – TBD – 2013
- Spanish – TBD – January 2013?
- English – weekday – South Surrey Recreation Centre – TBD
- Chinese – TBD

The committee discussed ideas and provided comments for future forums:

- Forums can be held on weekdays as well as weekends.
- A story is coming out in the press. The results on the Korean Forum will be provided to the reporter.
- A representative from the Katzie community should be at this table. Susan Caley will make inquiries into aboriginal community about what can be done

for the aboriginal community under the aboriginal umbrella by way of a powwow, potluck and more ceremonial to bring in the elders.

- Addictions Week - to focus on positive awareness of aboriginals. Kwantlen held an Aboriginal Fair April 12, 2012.
- The Planning Table (Ivana at the Library) was talking about bringing speakers in.
- People are quite confused about pensions. Education should be provided particularly in other languages for immigrants regarding provincial benefits (such as how much it can cost to call an ambulance). The Seniors Conference will provide this information but it should also be accessible through the Seniors Connector in each town centre - either at the seniors centre or recreation centre.
- Kay Noonan - Surrey Seniors Planning Table discussed that Seniors Services Canada should host an information session at the Whalley library. Pat Leblanc and Susan McIntosh have been asked to speak at the library.
- The concept of an annual calendar is being worked on to tie in all the significant events, initiatives and resources together. An inventory on what we are doing in Surrey and to see where gaps are will help with the calendar. Can add pensions, etc. A calendar would make it easier for seniors to plan. It would also be a good reflection of this committee.
- **Anne Rutherglen provided a \$2,000 cheque from the BC Securities Commission for the next forum in April.** If a whole calendar full of forums could be provided in writing, the BC Securities Commission will provide funding for each forum.
- Lori Smart will be attending the next Healthy Community event.
- Pat Petrala - Service Canada staff are working closely with Members of Parliament to have a workshop on the pension process. Service Canada is free of charge.
- Work is being done and work identified as part of the Community Consultation process. This was helpful in providing resources and was empowering to the groups we are working with.
Councillor Steele and Amar Gill are giving a presentation to the Newton Seniors Centre regarding training seniors' ambassadors to be trainers so they can do their own workshops. Sahra-Lea volunteered to work with Newton Seniors Centre.
One workshop will be given in August and then the same workshop will be done every month.
The opportunity of training as a seniors' ambassador to be announced at the Newton Forum.
- A ***Train the Trainer subcommittee*** was formed with members: Sue Match, Pat Leblanc, Shabina Jahan-Chaudhary, Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn and Marlene Drozda.
As a Seniors Connector, Shabina can work with S. Asian women.
- Kay Noonan volunteered to speak on travel insurance policies.

c. Committee Member Updates

Pat Petrala -

- The South Surrey Planning Table - May 16, 2012

- The representative from the Ombudsman office will be the guest speaker at the White Rock Library.
- The Organic Café provided the suggestions to build a children's playground as a way to improve the waterfront of White Rock, and to re-open the grounds near the aboriginal grounds.

Susan Match -

- BC Responsible Gambling has hired for Surrey, Kuldip Gill to pick up a lot of the S. Asian events for her.
- A Cantonese and Mandarin speaking lady available and has a special interest in seniors.

Pat Leblanc -

- A *shred-a-thon* will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2012, between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, at Semiahmoo Mall. Donations to Resources food bank.

D. NEXT MEETING

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2012.

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by K. Noonan
Seconded by P. Petrala
That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Steele
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee