

Present:

Chair – Councillor Steele
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
M. Cross, Options
D. Darrell, Sources
S. Jahan-Chaudhary, DIVERSEcity
S. Match, Community Engagement and BC
Gambling
S. McIntosh, Seniors Come Share Society
K. Noonan, COSCO
P. Petrala, Semiahmoo Planning Table
J. Schmalz, BC CEAS
A. Sharma, DIVERSEcity
A. Rutherglen, BC Securities Commission
K. Weber, Realty Watch, Fraser Valley
Realty Board

Absent:

K. Bakshi
Dr. B. Lalli
L. Lange, Fraser Health, Adult Abuse &
Neglect

Staff Present:

J. Tyler, Senior Services Rep, Community &
Recreation Services Manager, Guildford, PRC
S. Tosdevine-Tataryn, Community Services
Coordinator, North Surrey
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
M. Starchuk, Surrey Fire Services
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

Round table introductions were made. Capt. Mike Starchuk will replace Ron Cross as the representative for Surrey Fire Services. Ron retires January 31, 2013 and will continue to work with SAAC at the Focus on Seniors Forums.

The Focus on Seniors Forums will continue to be non-political. Professionals will continue to provide public education with regards to elder abuse.

Requests for delegation to the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee will be reviewed by the SAAC members.

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by P. Petrala
Seconded by K. Weber
That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &
Accessibility Committee meeting of November 8, 2012, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATION REQUEST

1. **Wendy Wayland, United Way** requests to appear as a delegate to provide a presentation regarding **Better at Home**, a program being initiated by United Way that helps to provide seniors with affordable non-medical support in their homes.

This is an expansion of CASI (Community Action for Seniors Independence) pilot program with a changed name. CASI is a non-profit, partnership initiative that is funded by the United Way whose mission is to support and strengthen individuals and families in times of vulnerability and help seniors to age in place..

Funding was received once more to do home repairs and provide non-medical home support. Kay Noonan will follow up with Wendy Wayland. Susan Caley and Pat Leblanc will provide an update at the next meeting.

C. DELEGATION

1. Royal Bank representatives to provide a presentation regarding **Seniors Safety/Banking/Frauds**.

DEFERRED

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. **2013 SAAC meeting schedule** was received.
2. **Mobile Outreach Project**

The Mobile Outreach project began in 2012 by doing *A Roof Over our Head* and doing the Forums. The UBCM grant has been received once again and staff will be working to expand more outreach to the various community rooms and other sites.

3. **Focus on Seniors Forums**

An update was provided on the English Forum held on December 1, 2012 at the South Surrey Recreation Centre. Evaluation comments have been compiled.

Future Forums –

- February 23, 2013 – in English, at Cloverdale Recreation Centre
- March 16, 2013 – in Punjabi, at Fleetwood Community Centre
- April 20, 2013 – in Korean, at Fraser Heights Community Centre

A meeting is needed to discuss dates for Forums for:

- Aboriginal
- Muslim – in Urdu
- Spanish – (May or June)
- Caregivers, Family & Younger Generation
- CNIB and Institute for the Deaf

Upcoming Seniors Events -

- May 31, 2013 - Seniors Conference – Fleetwood Community Centre
- June 1-8, 2013 – Seniors Week

E. NEW BUSINESS**1. Committee Member Updates**

- April 6, 2013 – first ever Community Summit, Keynote speaker: Gordon Hume – *"Taking Back our Cities"*
- A pilot project for a series of workshops regarding personal safety, frauds, scams, and mature drivers to be held every Wednesday for six weeks beginning January 23, 2013, at White Cliff Seniors Centre. Future updates will be provided.

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Email from Joanna Li, Better Business Bureau, dated January 7, 2012, stating that with the limited staff and resources, BBB will not be able to continue serving on this committee.

H. INFORMATION ITEM

1. Corporate Report R252 - Application for a Grant under the UBCM Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Program, December 10, 2012.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Bed Bugs are a chronic and serious problem in a number of the seniors' towers. The issue needs to be revisited. Councillors Steele and Rasode, in connection with Fire Safety and Fraser Health, to work with BC Housing on this issue.
2. Compass Cards – Loading of the transit cards will be an issue for seniors. Councillor Steele will raise this issue at the next Transportation meeting.
3. Passport Photos – It was suggested that photo equipment could be brought in at the Forums to take photos for passports and the new care cards.
4. Ensure the Real Estate Board and BC Securities Commission remain on the Forum agendas.
5. Starting January 31, 2013, a Surrey Seniors Bazaar will be held once per month at Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, at 13458 – 107A Avenue. There will be entertainment and refreshments.

6. January 20, 2013 – *Community Café* – 12:30–4:00 pm, Bollywood Banquet Hall at 201, 8166 – 128 Street, Surrey.
7. The Seniors Come Share Society –
 - Seniors' Resource Directory 2013 was provided on table.
 - Caregiver Support Programs:
 - Information session, topic: *Saving Money on Medications* – January 30, 2013, 9:30 – 10:30 am, 15008 – 26 Avenue, Surrey
 - Newton Seniors Centre – meal program, *Connector* there, funding through United Way in partnership for the UBCM grant.
8. Seniors Planning Calendar 2013 was provided on table. Calendar will be updated on an ongoing basis. Please forward any information to Sahra-Lea that you would like added to the calendar.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2013.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by K. Weber
Seconded by A. Rutherglen
That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Steele
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee