

# Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee Minutes

Pondside  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014**  
Time: 9:00 am

**Present:**

Acting Chair - J. Tyler, Senior Services  
Rep, Community & Recreation  
Services Manager, Guildford  
Dr. B. Lalli  
S. Match, Community Engagement  
and BC Responsible Gambling  
S. McIntosh, Seniors Come Share  
Society  
K. Noonan, Cosco/Surrey Planning  
Table  
A. Rutherglen, BC Securities  
Commission  
J. Schmalz, BCCEAS  
K. Weber, Realty Watch, Fraser Valley  
Real Estate Board

**Absent:**

Chair – Councillor Steele  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Rasode  
Deputy Chair - S. Jahan-  
Chaudhary, DIVERSEcity  
M. Cross  
R. Cross  
D. Darrell, Sources  
L. Lange, Fraser Health –  
Adult Abuse & Neglect  
A. Sharma  
M. Drozda, RCMP Dist.2,  
Crime Prevention  
Programs Coordinator

**Staff Present:**

Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Seniors  
Coordinator, CSC2, Community & Recreation  
Services  
P. Leblanc, RCMP Dist.5, Crime Prevention  
Programs Coordinator  
S. Caley, RCMP Dist.5, Community Safety Officer  
A. Gill, RCMP Dist.3, Community Safety Officer  
K. Dhillon, RCMP  
I. Mander, Manager, Library Read-Ability  
Services PRC  
M. Starchuk, Surrey Fire Service  
Tim Dykeman, Surrey Fire Safety, Recruitment &  
Community Outreach Coordinator  
Kwantlen student interns: Gurpreet, and Aman  
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. It was Moved by S. Match  
Seconded by S. McIntosh  
That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting of  
January 9, 2014, be adopted.  
Carried

**B. DELEGATION****C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

1. **Focus on Seniors Forums –**
  - February 22, 2014 – Financial Awareness, in English, at Chuck Bailey Rec Centre
    - Reviewed agenda and content for Financial Forum
    - Discussed content appropriate for the Realty Board presentation so it does not overlap with Chris Bolton
  - March 22, 2014 – in Punjabi, at Fleetwood
    - Confirmed date and location
  - April 12, 2014 – in Mandarin, at Guildford
  - June 7, 2014– Financial, proposed language and venue to be confirmed.
  - Fall Forum - TBD

**A. Gill departed the meeting at 10:20 am.**

**D. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL****E. CORRESPONDENCE****F. INFORMATION ITEM****G. OTHER BUSINESS****1. 2014 Good Citizen Award**

Deadline for nomination submittal – March 25, 2014

**Dr. Lalli departed the meeting at 10:45 am.**

**2. Committee Member Updates**

- BC Responsible & Problem Gambling –
  - Update on Seasoned Players Project: Preventing Abuse and Neglect in Older Adults due to Gambling  
BC Responsible & Problem Gambling is working on a drama project for older adults who would like to be involved in providing two comedy skits that will bring awareness, in a fun and interesting way, of the problems caused by gambling. No acting experience is necessary as training is provided. The skits are mostly improvisational and will be two short 5-minute plays. They are also working hard towards establishing a Korean group to do skits in Korean, with Korean jokes.
- Seniors Come Share Society –
  - Caregiver Workshops for the *Do's and Don'ts of Dementia: 'Communication' and 'Diffusing Challenging Behaviours'* - The workshops are designed to refresh the spirit, validate the caregivers' efforts and assist the caregiver in their journey in caring for someone affected by dementia.  
Workshop dates:
    - Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at Newton Seniors Centre, 9:30 am-12:30pm.
    - Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, 9:30am-12:30pm.
    - Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at Semiahmoo Library, 9:30am-12:30pm.Free, Pre-Registration is required. Coffee and Tea will be provided.
  - United Way funding for Caregivers training for seniors will cease as of June 2014.
  - Seniors' Connector Training is beginning as at March 2014. Training and mentoring requires a commitment to be involved as a volunteer for at least one year. Involvement depends on the individual but they can do Forums in the area and provide special education sessions.

- The Seniors’ Planning Table – Seniors’ Planning Table members want to continue the program as there is big value in having the Planning Table. A budget of \$3,000 to \$5,000 should have been negotiated at the start as there will be no funds following June 2014 to cover administrative costs.
- June 15, 2014 - Elder Abuse Awareness Day

**H. NEXT MEETING**

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at community room 2E-B, New City Hall.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by S. McIntosh  
Seconded by S. Match  
That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

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

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Acting Chair – Jim Tayler  
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee