

**Present:**

Chair – Councillor Steele  
Deputy Chair - S. Jahan-Chaudhary,  
DIVERSEcity  
Councillor Martin  
D. Darrell, Sources  
Dr. B. Lalli  
L. Lange, Fraser Health, Adult Abuse &  
Neglect  
J. Schmalz, BC CEAS  
A. Sharma  
A. Rutherglen, BC Securities  
Commission  
K. Weber, Realty Watch, Fraser Valley  
Realty Board

**Absent:**

Councillor Rasode  
M. Cross  
R. Cross  
S. Match, Community Engagement  
and BC Gambling  
K. Noonan, COSCO BC/Surrey  
Planning Table  
S. McIntosh, Seniors Come Share  
Society

**Staff Present:**

S. Tosdevine-Tataryn, Community  
Services Coordinator, North Surrey  
K. Huffer, Community Development  
Assistant, NS Rec Centre  
I. Mandera, Manager, Read Ability  
Services, Library  
M. Drozda, RCMP Dist. 2, Crime  
Prevention Programs Coordinator  
S. Caley, RCMP Dist. 5, CSO  
A. Gill, RCMP Dist. 3, CSO  
M. Starchuk, Surrey Fire Services  
T. Dykeman, Surrey Fire Safety,  
Recruitment & Community Outreach  
Coordinator  
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by D. Darrell

Seconded by K. Weber

That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &  
Accessibility Committee February 6, 2014, be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

**B. DELEGATION****C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS****1. Focus on Seniors Forums –**

- February 22, 2014 – Financial Forum.
  - Evaluation feedback forms provided for information.
  - Forum was quite successful.
  
- March 22, 2014 – in Punjabi, at Fleetwood
  - A regular Forum.
  - Fleetwood has a large Indo-Canadian population that has requested a Forum.
  - Address personal safety and care to participants.
  - 50 registrants to date.
  - Food has been ordered for 100.
  - Advertising to be done in the two local papers, community rooms, RedFM, Twitter, and a link to Facebook. Post poster electronically.

- April 12, 2014 – in Financial, in English, at Guildford
  - Financial Statistics information can be provided on a handout.
  - Raise awareness of the new legislation about the April 1, 2014 changes to the Financial Act. Provide handouts with this information. Ivana Manderla will connect with Joyce Schmalz about having qualified people to provide a seminar at the Library about Power of Attorney and the changes to the Financial Act.
- June 7, 2014– Financial, in English, at City Hall – TBC
  - The New City Hall can be used to showcase a Forum to showcase the best of the Finance Forum and the best of both Forums; do a synopsis of the presentations in a short format.
  - Show accessibility to New City Hall. The acoustics are good, there is parking, the building is secure, and has audio visual equipment.
  - Staff noted that Seniors Week is also the week of June 1-7, and World Elder Abuse Day is June 15.
- September – in English, at the new South Surrey Recreation Centre facility. Date to be determined.
- October – at the Korean Church. Date to be determined.

Committee comments –

- Review the regular Forum content to look at changing up the information for future Forums.
- Ideas for speakers -
  - BC Seniors Games participant – Olga Kotelko is a 94 year old, who was the 2009 Seniors Long Jump winner in Sydney, Australia. Olga Kotelko had done fitness training programs, started a boot camp and has a book out.
  - Bill McNamara, Board of Directors, BC Seniors Games.
- Grand Opening Celebration for the New City Hall – April 26, 2014.
- Seniors Advocate – *(Post meeting note: “Province names seniors advocate Isobel Mackenzie, appointed Wednesday, March 19, 2014. The BC Government first announced the seniors advocate office in November 2012, and passed the enabling legislation in February 2013. The position is a stripped-down version of what was first promised by the government because it lacks independence and can’t help solve individual cases. The office also lacks a consumer protection role for seniors, as was first suggested by the government in mid-2012”).*

**Ivana Manderla departed the meeting at 11:00 a m.**

**E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEM

1. Fact sheet on everyday technologies and older Canadians – *Using Technology? Positively!*
2. Metro Vancouver Cross-Cultural Seniors Network for the official launch of VCCSN new multilingual website and brochures with online resources for cross-cultural seniors.
3. Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat.
4. An Amazing Village Designed just for People with Dementia.
5. A Conference – "*Just for the Health of it!*" for older adults who are interest in improving and maintaining their health and wellness. This event will also explore natural / homeopathic / complimentary and traditional approaches to health and medication.  
May 10, 2014, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm, at South Surrey Recreation Centre  
Keynote speaker – Dr. Janice Wright  
Sponsored by Seniors Planning Table  
Registration Required.

It was Moved by K. Weber  
 Secoded by S. Jahan-Chaudhary  
 That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility  
 Committee receive the information items, as information.  
Carried

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **New Horizons Grant Hearing Loops update**

New Horizons Grant will fund the hearing loops. There will be six loops, one in each town centre, to aide participants in hearing the presentations better. Installation will be completed by April 12, 2014. The hearing loops will be advertised on even posters.

2. **Update on intercultural event and conference – *Aging in Place***, May 30/31, 2014, at Newton Seniors Centre and will include dinner and a youth ballet. Planning is in the beginning states; ticket costs to be determined.

3. **Seniors Planning Table** is planning a three day event around June 15, 2014. In the past, grant funding was used for the event, food and entertainment. There will be no grant money this year. Ticket cost will cover food and refreshments for the performers. The Conference will be free. There will be a pre-conference event on the Friday night.

4. **Seniors Strategic Plan** in process for completion to take to Mayor and Council in May 2014.
5. **New Resource Cards** – Connecting Seniors to Resources in the Community mini yellow pocket resource cards are now available.
6. **BC Healthy Communities for Outreach** – Application has been sent for a \$5,000 grant.

**I. NEXT MEETING**

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2014, at 2E-Community Room-A, New City Hall, at 9:00 am.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by K. Weber  
Seconded by D. Darrell  
That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Chairperson, Councillor Steele  
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee