

**Present:**

Deputy Chair - S. Jahan-Chaudhary,  
DIVERSEcity  
M. Cross  
R. Cross  
Dr. B. Lalli  
S. Match, Community Engagement and  
BC Gambling  
S. McIntosh, Surrey Come Share Society  
K. Noonan, COSCO  
A. Rutherglen, BC Securities Commission  
M. Drozda

**Absent:**

Chair – Councillor Steele  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Rasode  
J. Schmalz, BC CEAS  
D. Darrell, Sources  
L. Lange, Fraser Health, Adult Abuse  
& Neglect  
A. Sharma  
K. Weber, Realty Watch, Fraser  
Valley Realty Board

**Guests:**

Surrey Seniors Volunteer Seasoned  
Players Troupe  
Val Watson, Resident, volunteer  
with seniors at Bridgeview Centre  
and Chuck Bailey

**Staff Present:**

J. Tyler, Senior Services Rep,  
Community & Recreation Services  
Manager, Guildford  
S. Tosdevine-Tataryn, Community  
Services Coordinator, North Surrey  
K. Huffer, Community Development  
Assistant  
I. Mander, Manager, Read Ability  
Services, Library  
S. Caley, RCMP Dist. 5, CSO  
A. Gill, RCMP Dist. 3, CSO  
M. Starchuk, Surrey Fire Services  
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. It was Moved by M. Drozda  
Seconded by R. Cross  
That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &  
Accessibility Committee meeting of March 19, 2014, be adopted.  
Carried
  
2. It was Moved by M. Drozda  
Seconded by R. Cross  
That the notes of the Seniors Advisory &  
Accessibility Committee meeting of May 6, 2014, be received.  
Carried

**B. DELEGATION REQUEST**

1. **Yolanda Bouwman, Director, Major Giving, Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation** requesting to appear as a delegation to provide a presentation regarding the new Critical Care Tower, the leading edge innovation in design, and the equipment in each critical care unit and stroke unit that was made possible by generous donations from the community.

The Committee determined that this delegation was not appropriate to hear as the purpose of the delegate does not fall within the guidelines in the Terms of Reference.

**C. DELEGATION****1. Surrey Seniors Volunteer Seasoned Players Troupe**

The Players Troupe provided a performance of several skits with the message about how to reduce the risks of gambling and to raise awareness of how and where to get help with financial and emotional issues brought about through gambling.

**D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS****1. Focus on Seniors Forums**

*Upcoming Forums –*

- June 7, 2014 – Financial, in English, at City Hall Council Chamber.
  - Agendas have been sent out to the speakers.
  - Volunteers will be requested to assist with the parking.
  - 120 have registered to date.
  - Trays of food will be served in the City Hall atrium.
  - Large floral displays have been ordered.
- September 6, 2014 – in Korean, at the Korean Church.
  - Planning meetings to be held (*Shabina and Sahra-Lea*).
  - RCMP officers Chris Kim and his partner will be asked to assist.
- September 13, 2014 - Punjabi, location TBD (Newton Senior Centre).
- October 4, 2014 – Financial Forum, in English, at the new south Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre facility.
- No forum in November.
- Thursday, December 4, 2014 – Seniors Christmas Lunch – at Fleetwood Recreation Centre.

**Discussion:**

- November is National Volunteer Month.
- *Tuesday, November 11 is Remembrance Day.*
- *Saturday, November 15 – Municipal Election day.*
- Friday, November 7, 2014 – Transportation Options workshop – at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre multi-purpose room.  
*(note: Chris Bolton the lawyer, and Leanne Lange of Fraser Health can't attend on a Friday. Sahra-Lea will look at booking Thursday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> instead).*
- Mobility has been a big item when it comes to the educational topics.
- It was suggested to do a half day workshop regarding scooter safety and invite BC Transit, have scooters to try out and to practice going on busses, and provide information about riding the scooters on the roads.
- The possibility of inclement weather in November should be taken into consideration.

**2. Aging in Place Conference & Intercultural Showcase Event**  
May 30-31, 2014, Fleetwood Community Centre

Feedback comments are being compiled.

The multi-cultural Intercultural Showcase event was attended by a good core group of 70-85 people. It was a very positive event. All performers were fantastic. The speakers, Olga Kotelko and her author Bruce Grierson, were very well received by the audience. Many first time attendees who attended Friday's Conference returned to attend Saturday's events.

The Aging in Place Conference went well. The registration numbers were less than 500 this year; last year over 900 attended. Plenty of advertising and PSAs were done, however, the location may be the factor in the numbers being lower this year. Many seniors reside in the Fleetwood area and the seniors' facility is across the street from the community centre. Registrations for the workshops were in the mid-20's, however only half that many showed up. The more popular sessions ran at the same time and registrants may have thought the sessions were at different times.

Suggestions:

- Hold future events on a week day.
- At the start of the conference, point out the visual queuing available for power point presentations and the hearing loops to allow people to tune in.

All the volunteers are to be commended and thanked for helping out with the conference and showcase.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors**

The Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors was presented to Council on May 26, 2014. SAAC members were thanked for attending. The Strategy was adopted and is now available on the website.

Work is being done on the implementation of the strategy, with all partners, and with a focus on referencing the Strategy and the different areas for seniors. A report will be provided at the end of the year.

Training of front-liners, as noted in the Strategy, will commence in September and continue into October and November 2014. Ron Cross and Marilyn Cross will meet with staff and the mini working committee to review the training package materials and confirm dates /locations for the initial front line training sessions.

### **2. Elder Abuse Awareness Day - June 15**

Elder Abuse Awareness Day will be celebrated with small things such as the potential for wearing a purple button/pin at the various city facilities.

It was also noted that on June 15 is Father's Day; and the Surrey Fusion Fest is happening on July 19-20, 2014.

**3. The Filipino group**

- The Filipino group is hosting an Elder Abuse Day event on June 9, 2014, at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre.
- The Filipino group will use grant funds to host a workshop on June 23, 2014, 12:30 – 4:30 pm. Libraries Services to assist. All resources are available to seniors.

**4. New Horizons Grant**

Ideas that the New Horizons Grant can be applied to:

- Transportations Options - develop a program and initiative for scooters; and purchase cones and equipment to put on a scooter.
- Biography Journaling Project – volunteers can be trained to capture seniors telling their stories aloud and by putting it to paper; 7-8 pages of a person’s history and background. {e.g. A class at university met with a senior 7-8 times, contacted the seniors’ family members to collect photos in Shutter Fly, and created a gift of a photo journal books for the seniors.}  
Suggestion was made to connect with and partner with learning centres and have seniors come in to share their stories with a photo exchange.
- Through a New Horizons Grant one seniors centre received new cameras. The seniors are now sharing photos, recipes and recipe books, experiences and ethnic cooking ideas.
- Knitting and art programs are available at the libraries and senior centres.
- June 1 is Intergenerational Day. Bring skaters (teens) and scooters (seniors) together in an intergenerational fair to get them to “show their stuff”.

Staff to pull together the ideas for planning a mini intergenerational conference event.

**5. Canada Day – Tuesday, July 1, 2014**

Canada Day celebrations will be moving away from doing the bingo and the tea and will be promoting ‘healthy active seniors’. A variety of seniors activity groups such as choirs and dancers will be performing.

**F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL****G. CORRESPONDENCE****H. INFORMATION ITEM****I. OTHER BUSINESS**

**J. NEXT MEETING**

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2014.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by M. Drozda

Seconded by Dr. Lalli

That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee adjourned at 11:20 am.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Deputy Chair - S. Jahan-Chaudhary  
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee