

Present:

Chair – Councillor Steele
Deputy Chair - S. Jahan-Chaudhary,
DIVERSEcity
M. Cross
R. Cross
D. Darrell, Sources
K. Noonan, COSCO
J. Schmalz, BCCEAS
K. Weber, Realty Watch, Fraser Valley
Realty Board

Absent:

M. Drozda
Dr. B. Lalli
L. Lange, Fraser Health, Adult Abuse &
Neglect
S. Match, Community Engagement and BC
Gambling
A. Rutherglen, BC Securities Commission
A. Sharma
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode

Staff Present:

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

Councillor Steele introduced Tim Dykeman, Surrey Fire Service, who will be replacing Mike Starchuk who is retiring in mid July 2014.

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by S. McIntosh

Seconded by R. Cross

That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &

Accessibility Committee meeting of June 3, 2014, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS****1. Focus on Seniors Forums**

Councillor Steele thanked the BC Security Commission and the Surrey Firefighters Charity for their donations to the Focus on Seniors Forums.

Forum Updates

- **June 7, 2014** – This was a successful forum on financial information held in City Hall Council Chamber; 197 registrants.

Financial Focus Forums

- **September 6, 2014** – in Korean, at the Korean Church theatre.
 - 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

- **September 13, 2014** – in Punjabi, at the Newton Senior Centre
 - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **October 4, 2014** – in English, at the South Surrey Recreation & Arts Centre
 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- No forums will be held in November due to the Municipal Election on November 15 and Remembrance Day on November 11.
- Seniors Christmas Lunch - **Thursday, December 4, 2014**, at Fleetwood.

2. **Aging in Place Conference**

The conference was held May 30/31, 2014. A summary of the feedback was provided in the agenda package for information.

D. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **New Horizons Grant**

The grant application has been submitted for the Transportation Awareness for Mobility. This is an opportunity for the community services coordinator to work with the New Horizons group and to look at the transportation options.

2. **BC Housing**

- A meeting was held with the BC Housing Community Outreach to set dates for mobile outreach. Tentative dates were discussed as follows:
 - Ted Kuhn Tower: September 17, October 15, & November 19
9:30-11:30 a.m.; and
 - Len Shepard Highrise: September 23, October 21, & November 25
9:30-11:30 am
- Joyce Schmaltz provided information on the film *I'd Rather Stay*, which speaks to the issue of seniors' ability to remain in their home as long as possible.
- Discussion was held around the need for outreach at Ted Kuhn Tower. A meeting will be held in September 2014 with Chief Superintendent Bill Fordy, OIC, RCMP regarding the RCMP providing more of a presence in the area.
- Fire Chief Len Garis is also interested in working on developing trust with the residents of Ted Kuhn Tower. Mental health is an issue as well as the seniors' perception that they are not being heard.

3. Seniors City Wide Supplement Document

- Implementation of the Seniors City Wide Supplement is scheduled for September 2014. This is a city-wide initiative for getting marketing materials out to seniors.
- In preparation for 2015, event dates will need to be confirmed at the October meeting. The City Wide Guide will be published quarterly and will include information such as seniors initiatives, bus trips, and program committee information.

4. Focus on Seniors Forum for Caregivers

- There is an interest for more forums for caregivers.
- A work group is being planned to address the transportation for mobility and to explore the potential for education and awareness around scooter safety, mature drivers, and TransLink services.
- Staff from Transportation Engineering will attend the October 4, 2014 Focus on Seniors Forum to provide opportunities for seniors to practice driving a scooter, how to board buses, as well as to address any other areas of concern.
- Sue Caley, RCMP, will research the requirement by the Department of Veterans Affairs that seniors pass a test prior to being permitted to drive a scooter.

5. Seniors Advocate

- Isobel Mackenzie was named the Province's first Seniors Advocate in March 2014.
- The Seniors Advocate is being kept informed of the schedule of Seniors Forums in the City of Surrey and has expressed an interest in attending a Forum in September or October. She will also be speaking with the BC Centre for Elder Advocacy and Support (BCCEAS).

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEM

H. OTHER BUSINESS**1. Committee Member Updates**

- **BC Responsible & Problem Gambling**
 - Susan Match's Seasoned Players are available for mini performances to seniors lunches, events and groups from August 1 to September 10, 2014.
- **Canada Day Celebrations in Cloverdale**
 - Following some feedback from the seniors/participants the Committee will be proposing some small amendments to the event for next year in support of 'healthy active aging'.
- **Surrey Come Share Society**
 - The Society brings in a lawyer to the South Surrey site on Friday afternoons to provide free services to seniors.
 - A Caregiver Workshop is being planned on the *Do's and Don'ts of Dementia*, focusing on home care agencies.
- **Mobile Outreach**
 - Susan Caley, Joyce Schmaltz and Marlene Drozda showed the *Ellen* video.
 - Susan Caley will be providing mobile outreach to the Legion and Kiwanis Place in South Surrey.
- **Surrey's Fusion Festival** - July 19 & 20, 2014, at Holland Park. The Festival is FREE, and a fantastic event.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2014.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by M. Cross
Seconded by D. Darrell
That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

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

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Steele