

Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee - Minutes

2E - Community Room A
City Hall
13450 - 104 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014
Time: 9:20 a.m.

Present:

Chair – Councillor Steele
Deputy Chair - S. Jahan-Chaudhary
M. Cross
D. Darrell, Sources
L. Lange, Fraser Health, Adult Abuse & Neglect
S. Match, BC Responsible Gambling Program
S. McIntosh, Seniors Come Share
K. Noonan, COSCO & Surrey Planning Table
A. Rutherglen, BC Securities Commission
J. Schmalz

Regrets:

K. Weber
R. Cross
M. Drozda
A. Sharma
Dr. B. Lalli

Absent:

Councillor Rasode
Councillor Martin

Staff Present:

J. Tyler, Manager, Fraser Heights/Guildford Recreation Centre
S. Tosdevine-Tataryn, Community Services Coordinator
K. Huffer, CSA 5
I. Stachura, Manager, Read Ability Services
P. Bellefontaine, Manager, Transportation Planning
M. Fitzgerald, Transportation Planning
S. Caley, CSO, RCMP District #5
A. Gill, CSO, RCMP District #3
T. Dykeman, Surrey Fire Service
K. Fry, Deputy Chief, Surrey Fire Service
C. Bejtovic, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved by M. Cross
Seconded by K. Noonan
That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &
Accessibility Committee meeting, held July 8, 2014, be adopted, as amended.
Carried

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

- September 6, 2014 - Grace Church

This forum was attended by 180 people. Feedback was positive, especially in terms of the venue and the speakers.

Upcoming Forums

- September 13, 2014 - in Punjabi at the Newton Senior Centre

The Committee reviewed the draft agenda for the September 13 Forum. Forty people have registered; advertisements have been placed in local Punjabi papers.

At 9:35 a.m. the meeting was temporarily halted for a presentation by the Surrey Firefighters Union of a cheque in the amount of \$15,000 to the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee. These funds will be used for seniors' forums, outreach, annual seniors' conference, and other seniors' initiatives.

The meeting resumed at 9:50 a.m.

- October 4, 2014 – Financial Forum, in English, at the new South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre Facility

The Committee reviewed a draft agenda for the October 4 Forum.

A member of the Committee expressed concern over the small print size in the newspaper advertisement and noted that it might be difficult for some seniors to read. It was suggested that the poster, being larger and easier to read, be distributed to seniors' organizations. Another ad could be placed closer to the date of the event containing simply the title of the forum, location, date and time, in larger print.

The comment was made that the wording in the advertisement might imply that the forum is free only for seniors but not for adult family members of seniors. Staff noted that this will be taken into consideration in subsequent advertising.

It was suggested having a display of photographs depicting seniors in their volunteer roles in the community, as well as having some of the seniors speak about their volunteer experiences.

- December 4, 2014 – Seniors Christmas Luncheon at Fleetwood

This event is scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

2. Caregiver Sessions

Staff distributed the calendar for future Caregiver Sessions.

3. A Roof Over My Head

A brief discussion was held with respect to a potential name change for this program.

4. Mobile Outreach

Six Mobile Outreach sessions have been scheduled and are included on the calendar that was distributed by staff.

5. International Seniors Day - October 1, 2014 at City Hall

Surrey City Hall is hosting International Seniors Day from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on October 1, 2014. Events have been planned for all town centers; staff will conduct tours at City Hall.

6. Transportation Education & Awareness for Mobility - Update

The Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee now has representation from the Transportation Planning Division. The Committee is moving forward to ensure education and awareness around transportation in Surrey. A sub-committee has begun discussions to initiate an event such as a symposium that would provide transportation education and awareness for seniors in Surrey. At this time the sub-committee has applied for a grant which would support this initiative.

It was noted that TransLink offers a service assisting seniors who have never used transit before, called the Travel Smart Program.

7. City of Surrey Staff Elder Abuse Awareness Workshops

The City of Surrey is facilitating a series of workshops to enable staff to identify, understand, and respond to elder abuse and neglect. City staff, in collaboration with Marilyn and Ron Cross, will begin implementing the front line staff training that focuses on enabling staff to identify, understand and respond to elder abuse and neglect.

D. NEW BUSINESS**1. Seniors City Wide Supplement Document**

Copies of the Seniors City Wide Fall Guide were distributed. This is also available on the web site.

Discussion was held regarding the availability in different languages of the Peace Bonds and Restraining Orders brochure. Cst. Gill advised that this brochure has been published in Punjabi. It was also noted that all centers in Surrey that deal with domestic violence have Punjabi staff/volunteers on hand for translation.

Victim Services is a large component of educating the public about these services and host ongoing presentations to educate people on their rights and the services that are available to them. There are outreach counsellors in temples, and SOURCES, District Offices, and some libraries provide this information as well.

It was noted that there is a Domestic Violence Unit of the RCMP. Councillor Steele will invite Chief Superintendent Bill Fordy to attend and speak to SAAC on the subject. Staff suggested this could be done in conjunction with someone from Victim Services.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEM

1. The Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS) inquired about using City of Surrey facility to host an elder abuse workshop. In response, staff invited the opportunity for collaborating on a workshop and will follow up with the Settlement Counsellor from PICS.
2. A discussion was held around the issue of "hoarding" in the seniors' community. Some members of the SAAC Committee are interested in forming a sub-committee focused on this issue; the Chair will look at coordinating this. The Committee was advised that "E" Division RCMP are hosting a seminar in Ridge Meadows on the issue of hoarding.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2014.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Moved by M. Cross
Seconded by K. Noonan
That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility

Carried

The Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Steele