

Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee - Minutes

2E - Community Room A
City Hall
13450 - 104 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015
Time: 9:08 a.m.

Present:

Chair – Councillor Steele
Co-Chair – Councillor Starchuk
M. Drozda
S. McIntosh, Seniors Come Share
K. Noonan, COSCO
J. Schmalz, BC CEAS

Non-Staff Resources (non-voting)

M. Cross
R. Cross
C. Hong

Absent:

S. Jahan-Chaudhary, DIVERSEcity
Dr. B. Lalli
L. Lange, Fraser Health, Adult Abuse
& Neglect
A. Poon, BC Securities Commission
K. Weber, Realty Watch, Fraser Valley
Realty Board
A. Sharma

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. Stachura, Manager, Read Ability Services, Library
S. Caley, RCMP District 5, CSO
T. Dykeman, Surrey Fire Services
C. Bejtovic, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting of April 7, 2015 to be adopted.

It was

Moved by S. McIntosh

Seconded by K. Noonan

That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &

Accessibility Committee meeting of April 7, 2015, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

1. **Action Items from Last Meeting**

- a) **Residential Care Facilities - continuation of meal costs to family of deceased until residential unit sells**

K. Weber

In the absence of K. Weber, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

J. Schmalz and S. McIntosh arrived at 9:13 a.m.

b) **8-1-1 Nurse Line - Invitation for representative to speak at a future forum**

S. Caley

The following comments were made:

- Staff extended an invitation for a representative of the 8-1-1 Nurse Line to present to the Committee. The invitation was declined; however, staff were encouraged to order informational materials on-line free of charge. It was suggested that, if resources are available through Come Share or other community partners, brochures can be made available at future forums.
- Councillor Steele will contact the Provincial Ministry of Health to further explore the possibility of having a representative present to the Committee. S. McIntosh will order brochures.

c) **Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) - Invitation for representative to speak at a future forum**

K. Noonan

The following comments were made:

- The VON would like to have a table at the Roof Over My Head Forum and possibly future forums as well.
- A brief discussion was held regarding the differences between services provided by VON and those provided by Gateway. Gateway falls under the Fraser Health umbrella; VON is a not-for-profit charitable organization. Both arrange for care to come in to the home after a hospital stay. It was also noted that flu vaccinations are available through VON while home care from Fraser Health does not provide this service.

2. **Forums and Workshops - Update**

The following comments were made:

a) **Caregiver Workshops** are scheduled at Guildford on May 6 and at the Conference on June 6.

b) **Seniors Conference - June 6, Fleetwood Community Centre**

- Planning is underway for the Seniors Conference which will focus on three key areas:
 - Healthy lifestyles
 - Education and advocacy
 - Safety

The keynote speaker will be from City of Surrey Transportation Division, Engineering Department. Other presenters will include:

- Fraser Health
 - Seniors Come Share Society
 - Fraser Valley Realty Board
 - TransLink
 - Surrey RCMP and BCAA
 - BC Securities Commission
 - DIVERSEcity
 - Surrey Fire Services
 - Surrey Libraries
 - Canadian Diabetes Association
 - Service Canada
 - BCCEAS
 - Joyce Schmalz
 - Chris Boulton
 - Surrey Parks
 - Alzheimer Society of BC
- Gateway has expressed an interest in presenting a workshop on coping with mental health.
 - Joyce Schmalz gave an overview of the "On My Own" workshop. She also provided information regarding a workshop titled "Making Choices that Matter". Staff will meet with Joyce to review these workshops and ensure there is no duplication of topics already in place.

Connie Hong, Senior Manager, Options Community Services, arrived at 9:54 a.m.

Councillor Steele welcomed Connie Hong to the Committee as a resource from Options Community Services.

- Councillor Steele will raise some of these workshop topics at the Healthy Communities Committee. Some could be combined with other committees; resources are widespread and should be utilized.
- Councillor Steele noted that she has been working with aboriginal groups; the most significant issue for First Nations is the residential schools. Not many people are qualified to deal with this issue; the Federal Government is currently engaged in dialogue with First Nations.
- There was some discussion around different ethnic communities whose cultures see grandmothers caring for grandchildren. As an integral part of the First Nations culture, and with elders providing their care, youth should be involved in any forums designed for First Nations.

- Councillor Steele gave a brief overview of training/skill building around how to introduce these workshops to different cultures, and the best way to bring awareness to the community building accomplishments of this committee. The Planning Table will become involved when more concrete plans are in place.
- Ron Cross suggested that B. Macnamara, who broke records in the relay at the Seniors Games, might be an interesting speaker to have at the conference.

c) **Transportation Symposium**

- Sahra-Lea advised that planning sessions are being prepared for the Transportation Symposium in the fall. A transportation/mobility brochure is being created; the next proof will be done by May 12.

d) **Doors Open Workshop**

- A Doors Open Workshop is scheduled for June 27 during Seniors Week.

e) **Seniors Summit**

- The Seniors Summit will focus on the aging population and some of the challenges encountered by seniors. The Summit will be presented in conjunction with Innovation Boulevard (IB) and will showcase research being done by experts in varying fields.
- There will be many presentations including topics such as:
 - Seniors who can no longer afford to pay their property taxes and what options are available to them;
 - Fire department services to seniors and paramedic training for firefighters;
 - Services available for seniors in different countries. Italy has an "Adopt a Senior" program; Sweden has measures in place to prevent elder abuse.
- Councillor Steele noted that seniors housing is being developed near Surrey Memorial Hospital which will be linked to Innovation Boulevard; the developer is working with the City in this regard. The housing will have direct connection to health care services and an individual will have the option to move within the building as their needs for care change.
- SFU is a partner in IB and discussions are being held regarding the potential for students to receive room and board from seniors in exchange for care, enabling the seniors to stay in their own homes. This practice is already in place in other parts of the world.

3. 2015 Work Plan

The Committee was reminded to provide feedback regarding the 2015 Work Plan to Jim Tyler or Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn. Moving forward, the Work Plan will be on each meeting agenda and committee members should come prepared to discuss it.

D. NEW BUSINESS**E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL****F. CORRESPONDENCE****G. INFORMATION ITEM****H. OTHER BUSINESS****1. Verbal Updates**

The following verbal updates were made by the Committee:

- a) **M. Drozda** - Marlene has been invited by the South Surrey RCMP to participate in a community consultative group regarding seniors.
- b) **S. Caley** - Susan will be away for several weeks to further her training and will ensure there is a replacement for her on the Committee. Councillor Steele confirmed that SAAC requires an RCMP representative at the table.
- c) **S. McIntosh** - Sue commented that it would be helpful to have an informal contact list for committee members. In keeping with the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIPA)*, anyone who wishes to have their contact information on a list to be distributed to the Committee should advise Claudette who will prepare a list to bring to the next meeting.
- d) **VIP Invitations** - J. Tyler asked committee members to bring forward the names of any individuals they feel should be invited to the Conference in June.
- e) **Elder Abuse Awareness Training** - We are in the process of scheduling Lunch and Learn sessions at City Hall for staff to gain more resources and learn how to recognize elder abuse
- f) **Mobile Outreach** - City staff are working on developing a resource inventory to support the Mobile Outreach initiative.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Steele
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee