

Present:

Chair – Councillor Steele
Co-Chair – Councillor Starchuk
M. Drozda
C. Hong, Options Immigrant Society
S. Jahan-Chaudhary, DIVERSEcity
Dr. B. Lalli
S. McIntosh, Seniors Come Share
K. Noonan, COSCO
J. Schmalz, BC CEAS
K. Weber, Realty Watch, Fraser Valley Realty Board

Absent:

L. Lange, Fraser Health, Adult Abuse & Neglect
A. Poon, BC Securities Commission
R. Cross
A. Sharma

Staff Present:

J. Tyler, Manager, Fraser Heights/Guildford Recreation Centre
S. Tosdevine-Tataryn, Community Services Coordinator, North Surrey
K. Huffer, Community Services, Assistant
I. Stachura, Manager, Read Ability Services, Library
M. Fitzgerald, Transportation Planning
S. Caley, RCMP Dist. 5, CSO
A. Gill, RCMP Dist. 3, CSO
T. Dykeman, Surrey Fire Services
C. Bejtovic, Legislative Services

Non-Staff Resources (non-voting):

M. Cross

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting of May 5, 2015 to be adopted.

It was

Moved by S. McIntosh

Seconded by M. Drozda

That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee held May 5, 2015, be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

B. DELEGATION**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS****1. Action Items from Last Meeting**

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

K. Weber

The following comments were made:

- Regarding the issue of continued meal costs when a residential unit becomes vacant, Councillor Steele has responded to inquiries from the press and has advised them that the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee is currently discussing the issue but is in no way engaged in an investigation; the Committee is simply gathering information. The press was advised that the Seniors

Advisory and Accessibility Committee meetings are open to the public.

- Some seniors' residences are not necessarily residential care facilities; they are condos that are purchased which require payment of strata fees and potential other mandatory fees as well. A resident can choose options such as a meal add-on and weekly housekeeping services for an extra cost. There is a requirement for strata fees and other mandatory fees to be paid even after the resident either moves out or passes away.
- These issues come in to play with privately owned facilities; government subsidized facilities do not operate in this manner.

Discussion

- Further discussion was held around opportunities to educate the Committee and seniors around issues such as Committee of Person, Power of Attorney etc.
- Staff offered to invite a representative from Elim Village in Surrey to come and speak to the Committee, or arrange a field trip for the Committee to visit Elim Village.
- It was suggested the Committee compile a checklist that seniors could use as a guideline when moving into residential care, or a private facility. The checklist would include the types of questions that should be asked in each circumstance.
- As well, the Committee could develop an education workshop potentially as part of the Roof Over My Head series, or as a standalone workshop which would incorporate speakers from Elim Village and other facilities.
- Staff continues to work on an inventory/resource list which includes residential facilities and churches, and propose setting a schedule of specific delegations to SAAC from this resource list.
- There exists a potential to recruit retired trades people to mentor teenagers; or seniors who can teach low income single mothers how to budget.

S. Jahan-Chaudhary left meeting at 9:56 a.m.

ACTION: S. Tosdevine-Tataryn will arrange field trips to Elim Village and Imperial Place.

- b) **8-1-1 Nurse Line - Resource Update**
S. McIntosh

The following comments were made:

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

- c) **Victorian Order of Nurses - Invitation to representative to speak at a future forum**
S. Tosdevine-Tataryn

The following comments were made:

- It was agreed that staff would invite a representative from the Victorian Order of Nurses to speak to the Committee.

2. **Overview of J. Schmalz Workshops - Update**

The following comments were made:

- J. Schmalz reviewed a list of speakers for the "On My Own" workshop. The workshop has been broken down into smaller sessions in order to be more easily utilized by Mobile Outreach.
- Topics will include information and assistance for seniors whose circumstances have changed, i.e. widows and widowers or involuntary separation; and education on how to complete forms for certain circumstances such as tenancy agreements and income tax.
- Discussion was held regarding the two types of committee ship. There is Committee of Person and Committee of Estate. In either case, committee ship must be approved by the court and requires posting of bond; and all family members must be in agreement.

3. **2015-2018 Work Plan - Update**, J. Tyler, Manager, Fraser Heights/Guildford Recreation Centre

The following comments were made:

- J. Tyler invited comments from committee members regarding the 2015-2018 Work Plan.

4. Aging in Place Conference and Seniors Week - Update

The following comments were made:

- The Aging in Place Conference is scheduled for Saturday, June 6 and has 674 registrations so far. The Conference is the kick-off for many other activities taking place during Seniors Week.
- Tying in to Seniors Week, the North Surrey Lions are hosting a community dinner and dance for seniors on Friday, June 5 at Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre. It will be an intergenerational collaborative event with youth doing the cooking and serving the seniors.

5. Transportation and Mobility Symposium - September 19

The following comments were made:

- The Transportation and Mobility Symposium is now scheduled for September 25, a change from the original date.
- M. Fitzgerald has applied for a \$5,000 sponsorship from Translink for the symposium.
- The format for the symposium will include an opening welcome and keynote speaker. Workshops will include topics such as scooter safety and senior drivers. Any ideas are welcome.

D. NEW BUSINESS**1. Lunch and Learn Sessions at City Hall**

The following comments were made:

- Lunch and Learn sessions have been scheduled for June, July and August to provide education awareness for frontline staff.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**F. CORRESPONDENCE****1. Canadian Mental Health Association**

Sahra-Lea received a package of resource materials from the Canadian Mental Health Association regarding their program "Bounce Back - Reclaim Your Health".

The Canadian Mental Health Association will host a booth at the Aging In Place Conference, and will become more engaged in future communications with the Seniors Advisory and Accessibility Committee.

A video is available titled "*Living Life to the Full*".

G. INFORMATION ITEM

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Staff Calendar, S. Tosdevine-Tataryn

- Sahra-Lea distributed a newly created SAAC event/workshop calendar.

2. Future Agenda Item

- The committee discussed the feasibility of placing the issue of hoarding on a future SAAC meeting agenda. This issue has been in the news recently and brought to mind how this committee can support a solution. It was noted that the City of Vancouver is creating a bylaw and has put together a team that addresses the hoarding issue.
- It was suggested that the City of Surrey create a similar team and discussion ensued as to how collectively we can support this.

Dr. Lalli left the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

- The Fire Department is the authority most involved in these situations. Councillor Steele has advised that she will discuss with Fire Chief L. Garis how we as a committee can support a collective solution, i.e. fire department, City, family.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2015.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by S. McIntosh
Seconded by K. Weber
That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility

Committee meeting now adjourn.

Carried

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

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Steele
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee