

**Present:**

Councillor Steele, Chair  
Councillor Starchuk, Co-Chair  
S. Bell  
M. Drozda  
D. Evans  
S. McIntosh  
K. Noonan  
J. Schmalz  
K. Weber

**Absent:**

M. Cross  
R. Cross  
S. Jahan-Chaudhary  
L. Lange  
A. Sharma  
C. Hong  
V. Nielsen

**Staff Present:**

S. Tosdevine-Tataryn, Community Services  
J. Tyler, Manager, Fraser Heights / Guildford  
Recreation Centre  
I. Stachura, Manager, Read Ability Services,  
Library  
K. Huffer, Community Services Assistant,  
S. Robinson, Asst. Chief, Surrey Fire Services  
Coordinator, North Surrey  
A. Sousa, Crime Prevention Programs  
Coordinator, Surrey RCMP District 5  
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. The minutes of the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting of January 12, 2016, to be adopted.

It was

Moved by S. Robinson

Seconded by K. Noonan

That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &  
Accessibility Committee meeting on January 12, 2016, be adopted.

Carried

**B. DELEGATION**

1. **Sustainability Charter Update**  
File: 0512-02

A. Mathewson, Sustainability Manager, presented on the Sustainability Charter Update.

The following comments were made:

- The Sustainability Charter featured 3 pillars that have been replaced by 8 themes that represent issues that require addressing in the community. The 8 themes include goals and desired outcomes.
- The purpose of the change to the 8 themes was to make the Charter more intuitive and provide a holistic picture of sustainability goals for the city and to better connect issues across themes. The goals and outcomes outline what the City wants to see in the various areas, looking ahead to 2058.

- Originally, there were 77 measures in the charter that have been narrowed down to 55 measures.
- The 8 themes of the updated Sustainability Charter are as follows:
  1. Inclusion
  2. Built Environment and Neighbourhoods
  3. Public Safety
  4. Economic Prosperity and Livelihoods
  5. Ecosystems
  6. Education and Culture
  7. Health and Wellness
  8. Infrastructure
- One example of a theme specific to the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee is the "Inclusion" theme. Under Diversity and Accessibility, an example of a desired outcome is: "Surrey is a caring and compassionate City that supports its residents of all backgrounds, demographics and life experiences". This outcome entails the availability of support in the City of Surrey to enable all people to live as independently as possible in the community.
- The updated Charter proposes a new Vision Statement. The revised statement has been taken from the City of Surrey's Official Community Plan (OCP) to include "thriving, green inclusive City".
- Feedback from the consultation and engagement segment of the work by staff will assist in creating the final draft of the Charter which will be presented to Council for their review in March, 2016. It is anticipated that the draft update Charter 2.0 will have final approval in April, 2016.

The delegation was thanked for the presentation.

## C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

### 1. Seminar – Transportation and Mobility – February 17

- Councillor Starchuk will provide opening comments at the seminar.
- 42 people are registered and registrations are still being accepted.
- The event has been advertised in the local papers. Staff requested that the Committee help promote the event.

**2. Focus on Seniors Forum(s)****• March 12, 2016 – Guildford Recreation Centre****Forum Focus: Housing**

- The presenters have been confirmed for the full day event.
- The Committee discussed modifying the format of the forum to include information about what the City of Surrey does and to provide what services are available. (presenters and panel)
- Staff commented that home security assessments have been completed for seniors and tips about trees to lighting and door locks are provided.
- The Committee raised a concern about senior property owners having their homes marketed properly and not by the first person who walks in.

**• May, 2016 – Fraser Heights**

A Focus on Seniors Forum presented in Punjabi and in Mandarin will be planned in coordination with our partner agencies. Dates to be confirmed.

**• July and August**

- The Committee discussed the option of organizing forums for July and August and it was determined that a forum held in September would be more successful.
- The Committee discussed actively participating in other City events such as the Fusion Festival and other town centre community festival and events to engage seniors and build more awareness of the Committee and the initiatives. Staff will create a list of festivals and draft a calendar to determine who is able to volunteer from the Committee to attend.
- The Committee would like to host mini forums and build connections with seniors in parks, such as Bear Creek Pavilion.
- The Committee noted that people feel more comfortable asking questions and participating in discussion with smaller groups.

**• Seniors Strawberry Tea – July 1, 2016**

- The Committee discussed the Seniors Strawberry Tea event held in Cloverdale and the feedback received that some seniors do not feel part of the Canada Day celebration.
- It was noted that Surrey supports integration of seniors and is an age-friendly City. A better connection could be established by integrating the Seniors Strawberry Tea event with the Canada Day event.
- Staff will review the options of hosting the tea event outside and report back to the Committee.

**3. Seminar – Healthy, Wellness and Safety – April 12**

- Staff reminded the Committee about the seminar on Healthy, Wellness and Safety on April 12, 2016. It will be held in South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre

**4. Aging in Place Conference's 2016**

- Saturday, June 4 hosted by Fleetwood
- Saturday, October 1 hosted by Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

Staff requested feedback from the Committee regarding an opportunity to film short videos capturing intergenerational connections with youth and seniors. Staff noted that the project is still in the preliminary stages and would consist of seniors being interviewed for short clips with messages to the community. The short clips would be uploaded to the website and used as a marketing tool.

**E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL****F. CORRESPONDENCE****G. INFORMATION ITEM****H. OTHER BUSINESS****1. Fire Services – Development of door hanger**

- The Assistant Chief provided an example of door hanging notices for the Committee to consider for marketing purposes. The cost is very economical to advertise events or provide information.
- The Committee suggested that the information on the door notices promote upcoming events such as forums or special events within a few weeks of the date.
- Staff to work on a draft door hanger to present to the Committee for approval.
- Councillor Starchuk updated the Committee of distributing the reflector armbands to pedestrians and noted that the Traffic Operations have organized distribution of the armbands.
- Staff noted that additional armbands have been ordered and will be distributed at all the seniors Forums and seminars where appropriate.

**2. Yellow Resources Cards Update**

Staff noted that the yellow resource cards are being printed and will be sent out to the libraries, City Hall and all recreation centres when they are available. Staff further noted the cards have been very successful as staff have noticed Seniors have been carrying them around.

**3. Staff updates, reports and newsletters**

A Committee Member provided comments on a recent article featured in the Peace Arch News written by the Community Response Network. The article referenced abused and neglected seniors and leaving the issue to professionals. The member noted that seniors will likely feel more comfortable talking to neighbours, friends or family about what is happening to them.

**I. NEXT MEETING**

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2016 in 2E Community Meeting Room A at 9:00 a.m.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

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

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee adjourned at 10:30 am.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Chairperson, Councillor Steele  
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee