

Present:

Councillor Starchuk, Chair
S. Bell
M. Drozda
D. Evans
S. Jahan-Chaudhary
S. McIntosh
V. Nielsen
K. Noonan
J. Schmalz

Absent:

Councillor Steele
M. Cross
R. Cross
L. Lange
A. Sharma
C. Hong
K. Weber

Staff Present:

S. Tosdevine-Tataryn, Community Services
I. Stachura, Manager, Read Ability Services,
Library
K. Huffer, Community Services Assistant,
S. Robinson, Asst. Chief, Surrey Fire Services
Coordinator, North Surrey
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

A roundtable of introductions was done.

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting of February 9, 2016, to be adopted.

It was

Moved by S. Robinson

Seconded by M. Drozda

That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &
Accessibility Committee meeting on February 9, 2016, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

1. **Focus on Seniors Forum(s)**

- a) **Housing Forum**

- Staff advised that 105 registrations have been received to date for the Saturday, March 12, 2016 forum.
- The Committee reviewed the proposed agenda provided by staff and approved the template as presented.
- Staff to confirm resource tables and requested confirmation if any members were interested in setting a table up.

- Staff will look into the possibility of a speaker to provide information about strata housing. It was noted that Karen Weber may be able to provide this information.

b) Mandarin Forum

- Staff will be working with Fraser Valley Neighbourhood Association and other key partners to organize a forum in Mandarin on April 9, 2016 at Fraser Heights.

2. Seminar – Health, Wellness and Safety – April 12, 2016

- Staff advised that the Health, Wellness and Safety seminar will be hosted at the South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre.
- Promotion of the seminar will commence soon and the Committee will receive the materials.

3. Door Hanger Update

- At the previous Seniors Accessibility Advisory Committee (SAAC) meeting, the Committee expressed interest in exploring the option of door hangers as a cost effective way to advertise community events and increase participation.
- Staff and Fire Services met to determine what information will be provided on the door hangers in bullet form.
- Staff noted that marketing requires the information for the door hangers by March 11 and a draft will be presented to the SAAC prior to printing.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Transportation Seminar

- Staff noted that the three hour Transportation seminar held on February 17 in Cloverdale was successful. Staff received positive feedback on TransLink's presentation.
- A secondary Transportation seminar has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 4 at the South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre. Eventually, the seminar will be available in each town centre.

2. Mobile Outreach

- Staff noted two sessions on April 5 on Emergency Preparedness and Seniors Outreach on April 19. Both events will be held at the Church of Nazarene.

3. Age Friendly Conference

- The initial planning meeting for the Age Friendly Conference, in celebration of Seniors Week will be held on Tuesday, March 8 at 9:30 am at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre. The Age Friendly Conference is scheduled for June 4 in Cloverdale.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**F. CORRESPONDENCE****G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Staff noted that the Fraser Valley Neighbourhood Association is interested in hosting seniors programs and events such as the Share and Care Program. Staff will continue to work with the Fraser Valley Neighbourhood Association to discuss and organize future programs and events.
2. Staff attended the Aging Together Conference in Abbotsford. Dan Levitt, Executive Director, Tabor Home Society, emceed the conference. Staff noted that Mr. Levitt could be a potential delegation at a future SAAC conference or event. Staff provided an article on-table called – “Who’ll care for the rapidly aging?” for information purposes.
3. Last year, 200 internal staff participated in Elder Abuse training sessions. Through these sessions, seniors have also expressed an interest in attending the training. Staff noted it would be a good opportunity to introduce the ambassador program.
4. A member shared a letter with the Committee entitled – “Health Crisis for our Seniors and their families”, a personal story of the experience a family who sought residential care for their Mother and the obstacles they faced.

H. OTHER BUSINESS**1. Staff updates, reports and newsletters**

The Seniors Come Share Society provided the following handouts with information pertaining to:

- Income Tax Program
 - Community Kitchen Program
 - Social Club & Walking Club at Chuck Bailey
 - English Lessons for Seniors
 - Legal Advice Clinic
 - Community Support Education Sessions
 - Caregiver Outreach
 - Volunteer Accompanied Grocery Shopping
2. The Seniors Come Share Program presented to the Royal Roads Masters and Leadership Program. As part of the leadership training, students provided 8 different proposals on how the organization could be more effective.
3. A Committee Member raised the issue of access to public toilets for seniors and children. A group has taken up the issue and has been distributing postcards - "Toilets for All".
4. Staff noted that a potential Punjabi Forum is scheduled for May 7 and the location will be Fleetwood or Chuck Bailey due to the renovations occurring at Newton.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2016 in 2E Community Room A at 9:00 a.m.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by S. Robinson
Seconded by M. Drozda
That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee adjourned at 10:20 am.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Steele
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee