

Present:

Councillor Starchuk, Chair
S. Bell
M. Cross
M. Drozda
D. Evans
C. Hong
S. Jahan-Chaudhary
L. Lange
S. McIntosh
V. Nielsen
K. Noonan
J. Schmalz
K. Weber

Absent:

Councillor Steele
R. Cross

Staff Present:

S. Tosdevine-Tataryn, Age Friendly Strategy
Coordinator
J. Tyler, Manager, Guildford Recreation Centre
I. Stachura, Manager, Read Ability Services,
Library
S. Robinson, Asst. Chief, Surrey Fire Services
Coordinator, North Surrey
A. Sousa, Crime Prevention Programs
Coordinator, Surrey RCMP
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting of April 5, 2016, to be adopted.

It was

Moved by S. Robinson
Seconded by K. Weber

That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &
Accessibility Committee meeting on April 5, 2016, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. **Public Safety Strategy**

Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Age Friendly Strategy Coordinator provided the following opening comments regarding the Public Safety Strategy (formerly called the Crime Reduction Strategy):

- The Surrey model for Public Safety brings together key players externally and internally and some of those include: Parks, Recreation & Culture Department, Engineering & Transportation Department, Surrey Police, businesses and community organizations.
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- The Public Safety Strategy will be an evidence-based, collaborative approach to enhance livability by addressing issues related to crime, personal safety, emergencies, disasters, road safety, and persistent social challenges.
- Public Consultation sessions for targeted groups and the general community will continue until June. Once complete, the feedback provided will be gathered and analyzed to determine specific themes. Best practices will be reviewed and be linked to existing City strategies.
- The Committee was divided into groups and were requested to provide feedback on the following questions:
 - **What does a Safe City look like?**
 - Blockwatch communities and a sense of community in your neighbourhood
 - Engaging youth (education, positive activity, after school programs)
 - Trusting the system (know there is help for addictions such as recovery houses)
 - **What does Public Safety mean to you?**
 - Having a clean, visual presence (clean and well maintained City)
 - No racism or discrimination
 - Family walkways; wide pathways for bike and walking
 - Feel safe (people looking after each other)
 - Lighting (streets, parks, walkways)
 - **What are your Public Issues and Concerns?**
 - Funding and basic skills training for newcomers
 - Community Court (the court system takes too long to respond to victims)
- A Public Safety Solutions Community Summit will be held in late summer of 2016 with the strategy launched in October.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Aging in Place Conference

- The conference is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2016. The focus is on the four key areas of the Age Friendly Strategy: Safety, Health & Wellness; Home; Transportation & Mobility and Buildings & Outdoor Spaces.

2. Seminars & Planning

- **Transportation Seminar**– The seminar held in May at the South Surrey Recreation and Arts was successful and TransLink’s presentation was well received.
- **Girl Guide Meeting** – Staff will meet with the Girl Guide leaders on Wednesday, May 11 to discuss opportunities of how to engage Girl Guides for intergenerational work.
- **Public Safety Strategy** – The Seniors Consultation Session will be May 18 at the Chuck Bailey Centre.
- **Probus** – Staff is scheduled to present to the Probus group on May 25 and discuss how to engage the group with City activities and interest for volunteer work.
- **Age Friendly Strategy meeting** - Staff will connect with the Parks Department staff to discuss how to work together to support the action items in the Age Friendly Strategy.
- **Transportation Seminar** – hosted in Punjabi at Bear Creek Pavilion will be held on Monday May 30, 9:00 am-12 noon. This seminar is in collaboration with PICS and DIVERSEcity.
- **Transportation Seminar** – hosted in Punjabi - Bear Creek Pavilion on May 30 from 9:00 am to noon, in collaboration with PICS and DIVERSEcity.
- **Intergenerational Day**– June 1, 2016
- **Seniors Week** – June 5 – 11, 2016, variety of activities and events will be offered throughout all areas in Surrey.
- **Concerts in Care** - June 7 (Fleetwood) & June 8 (South Surrey Recreation Arts Centre) offered in collaboration with Arts Health Society.
- **Doors Open** - June 18 in Cloverdale, Age Friendly for Seniors Engagement tent/booth will be on site staff and some SAAC members will host the booth

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

G. INFORMATION ITEMS**1. ElderStory**

- The Surrey Seniors' Planning Table, DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society and KinVillage Association are working together on the ElderStory project which connects seniors and youth. The project coordinators are seeking local seniors that are interested in sharing stories about their lives. ElderStory is sponsored by the Government of Canada New Horizons for seniors program.
- The stories shared will be recorded and told to children at local schools, libraries or seniors centres. Judith McBride and Gordon Long are overseeing the project and are both authors.
- A Committee member mentioned her concern that the picture displayed on the Elder Project poster may not reflect memories of seniors who immigrated to Canada accurately. The representative of the Surrey Seniors Planning Table acknowledged the comments and advised the members that she would take the feedback back to the Committee who is leading the project.

2. KPU – Kwantlen Dementia Friendly

- Staff advised that they met with KPU students associated with the Gerontology Program to discuss a project re: Dementia Friendly Communities. The KPU Staff have applied for a grant and are interested in working with the City on the project. –Further information will be brought forward as the project progresses.

3. Tripe “E” Elder Bank and Tapestry Project

- The City received \$300,000 of provincial funding for a project re: volunteerism. The comprehensive volunteer model strives for seniors to be seen more as a resource; a positive, contributing asset to society, rather than providing something for the seniors to do. Staff advised that the project is new and there aren't too many details yet. Updates will be provided as the project progresses.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Door Hanger Update** – Staff advised that the project has been placed on hold while staff reviews other potential options that may be more suitable for building awareness of the Age Friendly Strategy initiatives. Staff is working with the Communications and Marketing staff team to explore these options.
2. **Seniors Guide Survey** – Staff welcomed feedback from the Committee on the Seniors Guide that is sent out annually. Feedback will help staff to determine if the guide is feasible or if it needs to be revised etc.
3. **Outreach** – Various presentations on the ‘Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors’ and the other Mobile Outreach opportunities continue to be delivered both internally and externally.
4. **Semiahmoo Planning Table** – Staff attended a Semiahmoo Planning Table meeting and met with the Executive and representatives from Comfort Keepers and Community Response Network. The Table is engaging in a Community Pop-Up Resources Caravan program similar to Surrey’s Mobile Outreach Program. The focus will be in South Surrey and White Rock. It was also noted, the City logo is on the flyer as the South Surrey Recreation Art Centre has been hosting their meetings in-kind since the group began through the original United Way funding.
5. **Grandparents Day** – Saturday, June 11 in White Rock. Seniors Come Share Society is hosting the event to celebrate Grandparents. The intergenerational event is \$15.00 to attend which includes lunch and entertainment.
6. **BC Crime Prevention Association and CRN** – the two organizations are doing a focus group on May 25 re: Senior Elder Abuse.
7. **Staff Position Update** – Sahra-Lea has a new position that will focus on the actions of the Age Friendly Strategy and Katelyn will be attending school and plans to work part time pending availability.
8. **Canada Day** – A 20 ft. x 20 ft. tent for seniors will be set up on site at the Canada Day celebration. The tent will be intergenerational with games set up to actively engage youth and seniors. The Strawberry Tea will still be located in the Cloverdale Recreation Centre. Kwantlen Park Choir will be performing in the lobby area as seniors enter for the Strawberry Tea.

An additional stage is confirmed for the event and organizers will ensure there are covers and extra seating for seniors and mobility challenges.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2016 in 2E Community Room A at 9:00 a.m.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee adjourned at 10:46 am.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Steele
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee