

Present:

Councillor Starchuk, Chair
S. Bell
M. Cross
M. Drozda
D. Evans
S. McIntosh
V. Nielsen
R. Noble
K. Noonan
J. Schmalz

Absent:

Councillor Steele
R. Cross
C. Hong
S. Jahan-Chaudhary
L. Lange
K. Weber
Cst. Hayes

Staff Present:

J. Tyler, Manager, Fraser Heights Rec. Centre
I. Stachura, Manager, Read Ability Services,
Library
S. Robinson, Asst. Chief, Surrey Fire Services
Coordinator, North Surrey
C. Bootsma, Community Services Assistant
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting of June 14, 2016, to be adopted.

It was

Moved by S. Robinson

Seconded by S. McIntosh

That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &
Accessibility Committee meeting on June 14, 2016, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS****D. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Overview of Summer Events/Activities**

Carissa Bootsma, Community Services Assistant, provided the following update:

- The Canada Day event was well attended. The games and activities tent for all ages was added in the main event area this year for the first time and was very successful in connecting youth and seniors.
- The KPU Dementia Friendly Communities Event scheduled for August 17 was postponed due to an unexpected illness of the keynote presenter and discussion facilitator.

- Elder Abuse Awareness sessions for front-line city staff were held in July and August with additional sessions being planned for the fall. The Committee had raised the issue of the length of the sessions and suggested that staff look at shorter sessions.

2. Fall 2017 Scheduled Events

SAAC, Age representatives will be present at other city events this fall including:

- **September 10** – Fleetwood Festival
- **September 24** – Cemetery BBQ event. Cemetery Services will be hosting a Community BBQ event on September 24 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.
- **September 17** – Focus on Seniors Forum – Financial Focus
 - 54 registrations have been received to date. A newspaper advertisement went out on the weekend and staff noted that registrations tend to spike after newspaper advertisements go out.
 - The forum is at 9 am to 2:30 pm at the Fleetwood Community Centre. All presenters have been confirmed and resource tables are still available. For more information about how to get a table, contact Carissa Bootsma.
 - The Committee raised a concern about some attendees not being able to understand the guest speakers. It was noted that this has been an issue in the past and it was suggested that a hardcopy of presentations are available at the forum.

- **September 30** – National Seniors Day - Concerts in Care Event

The City of Surrey has partnered with the Center for Hip, Health and Mobility and the Health Arts Society to host this event. Dr. Art Hister will present at 11:00 am in the Council Chambers, City Hall, followed by a performance by Concerts in Care.

- **October 1** - National Seniors Day Conference

- Registrations are currently low for the conference. The key note speaker is Martha Lewis from the BC Centre for Elder Advocacy and Support who will present on the rights of people living in residential care and how to respond to concerns about care.
- The Committee suggested that financial stresses around involuntary separation be raised at the conference. Staff will forward the suggestion to the speaker.

- **October 7** – Elim Village Wellness Event

The event is scheduled for 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. A table with resources and information will be set-up. The presentation is yet to be confirmed.

- **October 12 – Volunteer Better at Home training session**

The Volunteer Better at Home session will take place in South Surrey. Seniors Come Share Society is working with the City of Surrey on this initiative. One of the issues raised is “understanding boundaries”.

- **October 26 – Ambassador Training “When I’m 64”**

The Ambassador Training will take place in Guildford.

- **Elder Abuse Awareness Training**

- Training sessions were held in July and August and the next session is scheduled for September 21. Marlene Drozda and Carissa Bootsma will be facilitating the staff training.
- The Committee suggested teaching the art of advocacy which works in small groups and is something people need to know. There is a right way for advocacy and it would be a good thing for the ambassadors program to incorporate.
- The Committee suggested checking with financial institutions to see what kind of awareness they provide for their staff.

- **November 19 - Tree Lighting Festival (SAAC will have a presence at the event)**

- **November 19 - Forum – What you need to know**

This event will be held at Elgin Hall in South Surrey. The location was selected especially for the acoustics. This forum will focus on issues related to end of life care and planning.

- **December 6 – Christmas Luncheon**

The Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held at Guildford. The agenda is still being developed.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Evaluations** - The Committee suggested that questions be developed for the evaluations such as –“What are the main issues affecting seniors today”

2. **September 11** – Seniors Come Share pancake lunch for caregivers. This luncheon provides an opportunity for couples to socialize together and get out and not isolate themselves.
3. **September 13** – Seniors Come Share Breathing and Relaxing session. This hour long session is focused on caregivers.
4. **Seniors Come Share, Share and Care** program will be expanding to Fraser Heights and Bridgeview. The Guildford Come Share facility is targeted to be complete by October 10. The program will provide support for people in the community and offer osteo-fit training and core balance training, and seniors will be able to connect with each other and to feel part of something and valued. The program will also enable family members to have time to do something for themselves.
5. **Name Change of Committee** – it was questioned whether or not any movement has been done with the change of the Committee name. Staff noted that it is still in the works.
6. **Intercultural Show** - November 5 at the Chuck Bailey Recreational Centre.
7. **City Centre Library Anniversary** – the Library will be celebrating its 5th anniversary from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 1.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2016 in 1E Community Room B at 9:00 a.m.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by S. Robinson
Seconded by K. Noonan
That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee adjourned at 10:05 am.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Starchuk
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee