

Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee - Minutes

Present:

Councillor Starchuk, Vice Chair
S. Bell
M. Drozda
D. Evans
S. McIntosh
V. Nielsen
J. Schmalz
K. Weber
Cst. Majara

Absent:

Councillor Steele, Chair
S. Jahan-Chaudhary
L. Lange
K. Noonan

Staff Present:

S. Tosdevine-Tataryn, Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors Project Manager
J. Tyler, Manager, Guildford Recreation Centre
I. Stachura, Manager, Read Ability Services, Library
C. Bootsma, Community Services Assistant
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting of May 2, 2017 to be adopted.

It was

Moved by S. McIntosh

Seconded by M. Drozda

That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee (SAAC) meeting on May 2, 2017 be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

1. **Adaptable Housing Standards**

File: 4815-01

As follow-up to the Adaptable Housing Standards presentation at the May 2, 2017 SAAC meeting, the Committee is requested to discuss endorsing a motion to support the proposal to amend the Surrey Zoning Bylaw.

It was

Moved by S. McIntosh

Seconded by V. Nielsen

That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee support the proposal to amend the Surrey Zoning Bylaw to require that all new apartment units comply with the *British Columbia Building Code Adaptable Housing Standards*; and to develop a definition of an accessible housing standard as a voluntary guideline for development proposals.

Carried

D. NEW BUSINESS**1. Age Friendly for Seniors Initiatives Update**

Age Friendly Conference (June 2 – 3, 2017) – Staff reported that the event went well even though registration was lower than expected. The RCMP and Fire workshops were cancelled; however, 15 workshops were still hosted. The Committee recommended that the following be considered at future conferences: 1) shuttle buses be arranged from a central location, 2) consider hosting the event on a weekday when the sports fields may be less utilized 3) organize the workshops to enable participants to be able to attend more of them, for example, offer workshops in the morning and then repeat them in the afternoon.

2. Seniors Volunteer Initiative

Throughout many organizations and community based services, we know seniors' are already sharing their skills, experience and wealth of knowledge to make Surrey a richer and more diverse community. City staff and a student from the University of BC have been reaching out to community organizations and seniors to get input into the development of the Seniors Volunteer Initiative. A number of focus groups have been scheduled within each town center in Surrey.

3. Committee Round Table Reports and Updates

- Councillor Starchuk: The Newton Seniors Centre is re-opened and the building was designed with all mobility issues considered.
- Canada Day (Strawberry Tea) - July 1 at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. An engagement tent will be set up with other additional activities to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. Staff will be doing some youth engagement work and looking at doing a human library. The human library which has been a successful and unique way of telling stories. Staff noted that if any members know of any seniors that would like to be involved to forward their information. Staff noted that it is a good opportunity for elders and youth to tell and hear stories.
- Staff is working with a group of seniors to plan a concert at City hall on November 24, 2017. The purpose of the event is to engage seniors in the planning and delivery of the event. The event will be Celebrate Seniors and bring a various local performers to the stage.
- Reminder that it is Seniors Week this week – June 5 to 9 and Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15.
- Doors Open – June 17. The Committee is encouraged to attend the event. Staff will be managing a booth at City hall.

- Fusion Festival – July 22 - 23. Staff will have an engagement tent there on behalf of the SAAC.
- J. Schmalz noted that she has secured a suite in a senior’s residence facility in Port Coquitlam and will be moving at the end of July.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

H. NEXT MEETING

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2017 in 2E Community Room A at 9:00 am.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by V. Nielsen
Seconded by M. Drozda
That the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility
Committee meeting do now adjourn. Carried

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

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Starchuk
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee