

Present:

Councillor Steele, Chair
Councillor Starchuk, Vice Chair
Cst. Majara
K. Noonan
M. Drozda
R. Noble
S. Bell
S. Jahan-Chaudhary
S. McIntosh

Absent:

L. Lange
D. Evans
V. Nielsen
K. Weber

Staff Present:

C. Bootsma, Programmer Seniors Services
I. Stachura, Manager, Read Ability Services,
Library
S. Tosdevine-Tataryn, Age Friendly Strategy for
Seniors Project Manager
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting of September 3, 2017 to be adopted.

It was

Moved by S. McIntosh

Seconded by S. Jahan-Chaudhary

That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory &

Accessibility Committee (SAAC) meeting on September 3, 2017 be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS****D. NEW BUSINESS****1. Update on events and initiatives**

- Staff thanked the SAAC for the assistance with the National Seniors Day celebration at City Hall on Friday, September 29. It was noted that the event was successful.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Transportation Forum – Saturday, October 21
 - Celebrate Seniors ‘150 Concert’ - November 24
 - French forum - November 25
 - Christmas Luncheon – December 5 at the Surrey Arts Centre

2. Committee Round Table

- Staff requested that “Round Table Updated” be added as a standing item to the SAAC agendas.
- Sue McIntosh provided an update on the Peers Reaching Out (PRO) program and noted that there are currently 27 participants. The program is to assist people where needed to enable them to thrive in the community once released from the hospital. Volunteers are trained on how to assist people to develop a plan that will work for them. An example is providing support to a person who received a hip replacement and assisting them with walking again.
- Surrey Delta Intercultural – forum in November. The forum welcomes newcomers in Surrey and in British Columbia. A reminder will be sent out with more information to the SAAC.
- Shabina Jahan-Shaudhury advised that the Intercultural event will be held on May 5, 2018 at Guildford Recreation Centre
- Kay Noonan raised the topic of recycling and how it potentially affects seniors.
- The Chair advised that the media has recently report that there are 114 homeless seniors in Surrey and noted that the City of Surrey is working on the issue in collaboration with other organizations to deal with the issue.
- On November 2-3, 2017, the City of Surrey, in partnership with the Raising the Profile Project, BC Ministry of Health, the Active Aging Research Team at the Centre for Hip Health and Mobility, United Way of the Lower Mainland, United Way’s Better At Home Program the BC Recreation and Parks Association, will host the inaugural Provincial Summit on Aging (the “Summit”. The primary objective of the Summit will be to raise the profile and increase capacity of the Community-Based Seniors Services (CBSS) sector –which includes non-profit leaders and municipal seniors’ service providers to delivery health promotion and prevention programming that supports seniors’ independence, resilience and social connectedness.
- It was noted that home support agencies are no longer doing laundry for clients (seniors). The SAAC was asked for any suggestions on how to solve that piece. It was further noted that this will be an issue for seniors that reside in an apartment complex.

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

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

H. OTHER BUSINESS

I NEXT MEETING

The next Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2017 in 2E Committee Room B at 9:00 am.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee adjourned at 10:00 am.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Steele
Seniors Advisory & Accessibility Committee