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TREE PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:00pm
via Zoom

MINUTES

Present:

C. Grey, Community Co-Chair
B. Whitmarsh, Council Co-Chair
P. Arnason, Council Co-Chair (Alternate)
K. Richter, Councillor

C. Bishop, J. Evanochko, M. Muller, A. Neufeld, H. Sakurai, T. Smith, A. Stewart, J. Turner

Guests:

T. Cox, Principal and Senior Arborist and Planner, Diamond Head Consulting
A. Needoba, Principal and Senior Urban Forester, Diamond Head Consulting
C. Lefrancois, Urban Planner, Diamond Head Consulting

Staff:

J. Chu, Manager, Community and Policy Planning
E. Fong, Superintendent, Trees, Trails, Horticulture, and Natural Areas
A. Jensen, Planner, Community and Policy Planning
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Tree Protection Advisory Committee – February 16, 2021

Moved by A. Neufeld,
Seconded by A. Stewart,
That the Tree Protection Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive
the agenda items of the February 16, 2021 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Tree Protection Advisory Committee – January 12, 2021

Moved by J. Evanochko,
Seconded by A. Neufeld,
That the Tree Protection Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the January
12, 2021 meeting, as amended.
CARRIED

C. **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

D. **REPORTS**

E. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **Email from D. Kask to Council regarding trees lost to development**

The committee received the correspondence from D. Kask regarding trees lost to development.

2. **Email from L. Pahlke to Council regarding trees lost near Parkside Elementary School in Aldergrove**

The committee received the correspondence from L. Pahlke regarding trees lost near Parkside Elementary School.

F. **WORK PROGRAM**

1. **Detailed Review of Tree Protection Bylaw**

Staff provided a comparison of the four Township bylaws and one policy that involve removal and preservation of trees:

- Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 5382
- Tree Protection Bylaw No. 5478
- Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 4758
- Public Spaces Regulation Bylaw No. 5298
- Nuisance Tree Policy

The purpose and operational requirements were discussed for each bylaw.

Staff further presented the Tree Protection Bylaw that incorporated direction and comments from the committee, comments from staff, and items to be further explored and addressed through the Community Forest Management Strategy.

Action: Staff to provide a Word version of the document for the committee to review and provide further comments.

2. **Community Forest Management Strategy**

T. Cox, Diamond Head Consulting, provided an overview of the project timeline, work completed to date, and development of the strategy. He noted that the Township currently has an overall forest canopy cover of 30%.

Diamond Head Consulting led a workshop to seek input on a vision, principles, and goals for Langley's community forest. The following topics were discussed:

F. WORK PROGRAM

- NOW: committee members' perceptions on current challenges and successes in community forest management. What are the perceived risks (political, social, environmental, legal, technological and economic) and opportunities?
- WOW: committee members' perspective on the vision for the Township's community forest management – what should community forest management ideally be like in the future?
- HOW: ideas from committee members on the policy, practice and resourcing changes required to move community forest management from NOW to WOW.

A public engagement approach will be presented by Diamond Head at the next meeting. This will include a project website, two online open houses, an online survey, and an online mapping tool.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Presentations by Metro Vancouver Staff on Climate Action Work and Regional Urban Forest Management

The committee discussed having a presentation from Metro Vancouver. Staff will coordinate for a future meeting.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: March 16, 2021
Location: via Zoom
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by J. Turner,
Seconded by T. Smith,
That the meeting terminate at 9:28pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair



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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 8:30pm
Via Zoom

MINUTES

Present:

E. Brett (Community Co-Chair)
Councillor P. Arnason (Council Co-Chair)
Councillor S. Ferguson (Council Co-Chair)

C. Eaton, L. Gates, L. George, S. Hedao, S. Martin, S. Soheili, and G. Wong

Staff:

P. Ward, Strategic/Social Planner
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – February 17, 2021

Moved by E. Brett,
Seconded by S. Martin,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the
agenda items of the February 17, 2021 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – January 20, 2021

Moved by S. Soheili,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the January 20, 2021
meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Reports

Councillor Ferguson reported that Council has been in budget discussions and that there will be an opportunity for public input.

Councillor Arnason reported that the Federal Government is beginning to implement the National Dementia Strategy. It is reported that approximately nine seniors are diagnosed with dementia every hour in Canada, and two out of three of those are women.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. 2021 Work Plan

P. Ward presented the draft work plan for 2021 based on the committee's discussions at the January meeting. The committee had no further comments or items to add to the work plan.

MOTION

Moved by S. Soheili,

Seconded by L. Gates,

That the Seniors Advisory Committee endorse the 2021 Work Plan, as presented.

CARRIED

COUNCIL

Moved by G. Wong,

Seconded by E. Brett,

That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse the 2021 Work Plan (see Attachment A).

CARRIED

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. COVID-19 Vaccinations

The committee discussed the COVID-19 vaccination rollout and opportunities to communicate the plan to local residents. It was noted that the Township's website includes links to relevant Province of BC and Fraser Health Authority websites, and that the Township has supported communications throughout the pandemic using various channels.

Election

Councillor Ferguson asked if anyone was interested in serving as the Community Co-Chair for 2021. E. Brett and S. Soheili put their names forward.

After a Zoom digital poll, E. Brett was elected as the Co-Chair.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: March 17, 2021
Location: via Zoom
Time: 8:30pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by S. Soheili,
Seconded by L. Gates,
That the meeting terminate at 8:52pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair

Seniors Advisory Committee 2021 Work Plan

This document outlines the projects that the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) intends to undertake in 2021, along with potential projects to be considered in the future. For projects that correspond to existing strategies identified in the Age-friendly Strategy (AFS), the theme, strategy number, and timeframe are noted.

2021 Projects

1. Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan

Background: The Township has initiated a planning process to prepare an Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan (an update to the existing Age-friendly Strategy). A Dementia-friendly Task Force has been established to support the planning process.

Proposed SAC role: Participate on the project Task Force, providing input and feedback at key points during the project (as per the project and task force terms of reference)

Approximate timing: Early 2021 – Late 2021

2. Hidden Mobility Disability Pilot Project

Background: In 2019, the SAC received a presentation on hidden mobility disability, which included suggestions for potential pilot projects.

Proposed SAC role: As part of the development of the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan (see project #1 above), consider the implementation of a hidden mobility disability pilot project such as benches, informal seating, and way-finding signage in partnership with local stakeholders.

Approximate timing: Early 2021 – Late 2021

3. Partnerships and Liaison with Local Seniors' Organizations

Background: There are various local organizations engaging in seniors' issues.

Proposed SAC role: Develop a better understanding of the different seniors' organizations in the community and explore opportunities for collaboration.

Approximate timing: Early 2021 – Late 2021

4. Seniors Week

AFS: Respect & Social Inclusion – Strategy #3 (Medium Term)

Background: The Township typically delivers various recreation and social programs and events during Seniors Week (the first week of June).

Proposed SAC role: Consider an event or activity associated with Seniors Week that meets COVID-19 public health orders, recommendations, and guidelines.

Approximate timing: Early 2021 – Mid 2021

5. Pedestrian Safety

AFS: Transportation – Strategy #6 (Medium Term)

Background: The AFS recommends a pedestrian safety evaluation.

Proposed SAC role: Receive a presentation on pedestrian safety, and the “pedestrian delay model” for light signalization and “traffic refuge islands” as potential components of a pilot project in the Township.

Approximate timing: Mid 2021 – Late 2021

6. COVID-19 recovery

Background: The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted many vulnerable populations, including older adults.

Proposed SAC role: Consider COVID-19 recovery initiatives related to older adults.

Approximate timing: Mid 2021 – Late 2021

7. Housing Action Plan update

AFS: Housing – Strategies #1 – #7 (Short, Medium and Long Term)

Background: The Township has initiated a planning process to update the Housing Action Plan, and the AFS includes a number of housing-related strategies.

Potential SAC role: Provide feedback on draft action ideas for the Housing Action Plan update.

Approximate timing: Mid 2021 – Late 2021

8. Transit Round Table

AFS: Transportation – Strategy #4 (Short Term)

Background: The AFS recommends community outreach to identify underserved areas and services.

Proposed SAC role: Engage in exploration of potentially hosting a “round table” (virtual if necessary) based on facilitated dialogue with TransLink to address, among other items, identified HandyDART gaps and concerns as expressed by SAC in 2019.

Approximate timing: Late 2021

Potential Future Projects

1. Community Health Care Model

AFS: Community Support & Health Services – Strategy #1 (Short Term)

Background: The AFS recommends supporting Fraser Health and community service providers in addressing community health needs.

Proposed SAC role: Liaise with Fraser Health, Healthier Community Partnership, Langley Division of Family Practice, and Township staff in order to identify opportunities for siting comprehensive interdisciplinary primary health care facilities within local communities in the Township.

2. Micro-Transit Service and Ride Hailing Options

AFS: Transportation – Strategy #4 (Short Term)

Background: The AFS includes recommendations regarding improved transit service.

Potential SAC role: Co-ordinate a potential recommendation regarding community shuttle options and a multi-modal transportation approach.

3. Inter-generational programs

AFS: Respect & Social Inclusion – Strategy #4 (Medium Term)

Background: The AFS recommends the development of programs and initiatives that bring multiple generations together, and the Township has piloted such initiatives in the past.

Potential SAC role: Review, identify and recommend appropriate programs and initiatives that can be implemented at established events, such as hot lunch days, reading to elementary / K-classrooms, PAC assistance (finance and accounting), field trips / crosswalks, and band / concert assistance.

4. **Mobility Transportation**

AFS: Transportation – Strategy #8 (Long Term)

Background: The AFS recommends considering the increased use of motorized scooters when reviewing road, sidewalk, and trail design standards.

Potential SAC role: Incorporate scooters and the expanding use of other mobility devices for immediate analysis to accelerate the timeline for review in current Age-friendly Strategy. Township staff to coordinate with SAC on assessments and review of current standards for consideration of amendments to design standards in the Township to reflect an age-friendly “lens.”

5. **Seniors Employment**

AFS: Civic Participation & Employment – Strategy #7 (Long Term)

Background: The AFS includes actions that encourage local businesses to identify employment positions for older adults.

Potential SAC role: Consider sponsoring or co-hosting a workshop or job fair on senior employment opportunities by liaising with senior-service stakeholder agencies such as the Langley Seniors in Action, the Langley Seniors Resources Society and other identified senior-serving agencies.

6. **Redevelopment of Langley Memorial Hospital Site**

AFS: Community Support & Health Services – Strategy #6 (Long Term – Ongoing)

Background: The AFS recommends collaborating with Fraser Health in preparation of a Master Site Plan for the Langley Memorial Hospital.

Potential SAC role: Liaise with Fraser Health, Langley Memorial Hospital Foundation, and Township staff in order to inform “age-friendly” values such as “aging in place” with respect to creating a viable and vibrant re-design of the existing hospital site to include housing and campus of care with focussed geriatric programmes and other complementary disciplines, further to the focus and interests of SAC.