



SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Charlie Fox (Co-Chair)
Kathy Reddington (Alternate Co-Chair)

Sherry Baker, Susan Higginbotham, Janet Megahy, and Chonna Munnalall

Staff:

Jason Chu, Manager, Long Range Planning
Kim Stepto, Recording Secretary
Lesley Visser, Community Recreation Manager

Guest:

David Thiessen, Manager, Township of Langley and White Rock Libraries

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – May 17, 2017

Moved by S. Baker,
Seconded by S. Higginbotham,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the
agenda items of the May 17, 2017 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – April 19, 2017

Moved by C. Munnalall,
Seconded by S. Baker,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the April 19, 2017
meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Library Services

David Thiesen, Manager, Township of Langley and White Rock Libraries, provided a presentation on services to seniors provided through the Township of Langley libraries. The following information was provided:

Fraser Valley Regional Library:

- Vision: To be an innovative organization that is recognized as a vial community destination and resource for literacy, recreation, informed decision-making, and social interaction.
- Largest library system in the province
- Six libraries in the Township of Langley.

Collection Trends:

- One million items in a floating collection
- Continued demand for print children's, bestsellers, and large-print.
- ebooks market is stabilizing – 6% of books published are ebook only.
- ebook market for seniors around 18%

Technology:

- 60% of seniors (65+) go online at home
- Older adults are the 2nd fastest growing group of consumers purchasing computer-related products and services.
- The library helps bridge the digital divide (the gulf between those who have ready access to the internet, emerging technologies, and instruction – and those who do not).

Seniors occasional programs:

- Canada Pension Plan Seminars
- Finance planning
- Genealogy/Ancestry
- Partnerships

Seniors ongoing programs:

- Storytime for Seniors at seniors' residences
- Seniors Week
- Health Seminars
- Neighbourhood Support Program
- Memory and aging program
- Travel/tourism

Social Trends guiding programming:

- Immigration
- The "New" Senior (active longer, preferences shifting to leisure and cultural activities)
- Social Isolation

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Social Engagement programs:

- Knitting clubs
- Book clubs
- Writing clubs
- Men's clubs
- Murrayville art club
- Caregiver's group

Intergenerational Opportunities:

- Chess Club
- Lego Club
- Jigsaw puzzle contest

"Library for you" service:

- Provide free delivery on materials to people who are unable to visit the library due to illness, age, or disability.

Moving forward:

- Continue to adapt services and programs
- Seniors Specialist – Murrayville Library

2. Long Range Planning Update

Jason Chu, Manager, Long Range Planning, provided an update on some of the Long Range Planning initiatives in the Township. He commented that Council adopted a new Official Community Plan (OCP) for the Township of Langley on December 12, 2016, which provides a long-term vision for sustainable growth and development. Under the OCP is a set of planning documents such as Community Plans, Neighbourhood Plans, and Functional Plans (ie. Age-Friendly Strategy). He further provided the following information:

Brookwood/Fernridge Community Plan:

- In 2016, Council directed staff to proceed with an update to the Community Plan, based on a Public Engagement Strategy and all the technical information and public input collected in 2012 to 2014. The focus of the current community plan update is on the Undeveloped Areas in Brookwood-Fernridge.
- The planning and engagement process was designed with the Council direction in mind.
- Five phase process: definition, discovery, options, planning, and adoption.
- Draft Community Vision:
 - Brookwood-Fernridge is a liveable and tranquil community known for its towering conifers and small-town feel. It has celebrated its history and protected its natural environment through carefully balanced growth and change. Highly walkable and interconnected, it is a complete community providing the right mix of housing for all of its residents. It contains civic, commercial,

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and cultural spaces that support a strong sense of community and a high quality of life.

- The community concept includes walkable centres and mix of housing to encourage aging in place.

Smith Neighbourhood Plan:

- Vision:
 - By 2040, the Smith neighbourhood will be a green, walkable, and vibrant community with integrated uses and a mix of high and low densities while preserving the natural landscape that encompasses the area.
- Based on the vision, the Smith NP is planned and designed as a walkable centre, providing a wide range of housing types meeting various affordability ranges.

Williams Neighbourhood Plan:

- Work in Williams is underway.
- Design Principles:
 - Respond to natural feature and important community sites
 - Land use transitions
 - Connected walkable neighbourhood
 - Local services and employment uses
 - Inclusive housing options

Age Friendly Amenity Area:

- On April 10, 2017, Council amended the Zoning Bylaw to change the requirements for providing “Child Friendly Amenity Areas” to “Age Friendly Amenity Areas”.
- Will retain children’s play components
- Will include additional age friendly components consistent with current practice and the Age Friendly Strategy.

Social Planner Position:

- On March 6, 2017, Council approved the budget which included a Social Planner position.
- The job was posted from March 7 to 28, but a candidate has not been found yet.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairs Reports

K. Reddington reported the following:

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- The Shepherd of the Valley Housing presentation will be presented to the Langley Seniors Community Action Table (LSCAT), and LSCAT will determine how they can provide community-based support to the project.
- The “Raising the Profile” provincial summit is taking place in November 2017. This is a Ministry of Health funded project to answer the question “How can the community-based seniors’ services sector be integrated with the MOH strategic plan for seniors’ care?”
- The Handydart Survey results are available on the website of the Seniors Advocate: www.seniorsadvocate.bc.ca.
- Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15. Everyone is encouraged to wear purple that day.

Councillor Fox reported that Council approved the motions regarding the MedWatch program and refunding the travel expenses for S. Baker to attend the Rethinking the Region conference. He further commented on the Langley Times handout regarding programs for seniors.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Progress Report – Age Friendly Implementation Plan

The progress report will be discussed at the June meeting.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Seniors Week News Release

June 1 – 7, 2017

2. Township of Langley Amphitheatre Unveiling

May 25, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00pm
Willoughby Community Park

3. Age Friendly Fitness Equipment Installation and Walk with Mayor and Council

June 1, 2017, 10:00am
Derek Doubleday Arboretum

I. **NEXT MEETING**

Date: June 21, 2017
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00 pm

J. **TERMINATE**

The meeting terminated at 8:58pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair