



SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Angie Quaale (Co-Chair)
Kathy Reddington (Co-Chair)

Tricia Bailey, Sherry Baker, Susan Higginbotham, Coral Kaliciak, Chonna Munnalall, and Barb Stack

Staff:

Kim Stepto, Recording Secretary
Lesley Visser, Community Recreation Manager

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – June 21, 2017

Moved by C. Kaliciak,
Seconded by B. Stack,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the June 21, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – May 17, 2017

Moved by C. Munnalall,
Seconded by C. Caliciak,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairs Reports

K. Reddington reported the following:

- The Walk with the Mayor and unveiling the Age-friendly Outdoor Fitness Equipment took place on June 1 at Derek Doubleday Arboretum.
- The Seniors LINC Summit, "Redesigning Seniors Care" took place on June 8. The Langley Seniors Community Action Table (LSCAT) was identified as the organization in Langley to be the independent, coordinating body for senior's issues. The Langley CRN and Triple A Senior Housing groups will become sub-committees of LSCAT.
- Local MP's are exploring ways to engage with the community regarding the National Housing Strategy. SAC would like to ensure the Age-Friendly Strategy is reflected and that varying demographics are represented.
- A National Seniors Strategy was recently announced by the Federal Government.
- Front line dementia training is being provided to all volunteers at Meals on Wheels. Should this training be offered to others in the community who have contact with seniors ie, businesses, agencies, etc?
- The United Way met with all coordinators of Senior Planning Tables to discuss a renewed focus on seniors and potential funding again of these planning tables.

ACTION:

Staff to invite MP's Mark Warawa and John Aldag to attend a future SAC meeting to discuss the National Housing Strategy and National Seniors Strategy.

ACTION:

Front Line Dementia Training to be added to the September SAC agenda to discuss how SAC can support this initiative.

Councillor Quaale reported the following:

- Councillor Fox has another commitment on Wednesday nights and will no longer be able to attend SAC. Councillor Quaale will now be the Council Co-Chair.
- The Youth Hub ground-breaking took place on June 20.
- The Brookwood-Fernridge Public Hearing will take place on Tuesday, June 27 at 6:00pm.
- Construction has started on the 216 Street Highway interchange and truck route. First Responders have commented how much this will improve access to Walnut Grove for emergency purposes.
- Construction will begin the new Langley Hospice soon.
- The MedWatch program was presented to Council and well received.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Progress Report – Age Friendly Implementation Plan

L. Visser commented that a year end progress report regarding the Age Friendly Implementation Plan is required for Council. The report is to include updates on the specific actions noted within each strategy under the eight themes. It was suggested to turn each action into a colour representing complete, in progress, and not yet started. A draft document will be prepared by staff over the summer months to discuss at the September meeting.

ACTION:

L. Visser to send out updates to SAC. Staff to prepare progress report for September meeting.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Rethinking the Region Conference

S. Baker represented SAC as a panelist at the Rethinking the Region Conference. The conference focused on Citizen Advisory Committees influencing policy, and city Councillors working with Citizen Advisory Bodies. The keynote address was on “Public Participation for the 21st Century Democracy: Rethinking Local Civic Infrastructures”. The address focused on the extent of the role that citizens have in creating our cities.

Sherry presented SAC’s involvement in the Township of Langley receiving its Age-Friendly designation and also representing seniors' perspectives on municipal and other key seniors' issues.

2. Seniors LINC Meeting

B. Stack reported that the Division of Langley Practice and Parks and Recreation are looking into how to support LGBTQ+ seniors in the community.

3. Seniors Addictions

A question was raised on whether addiction with seniors is an issue that should be address. It was suggested to invite Chief Gamble to a future meeting to discuss, as First Responders are usually the first to respond to these emergency situations.

ACTION:

Councillor Quaale to invite Chief Gamble to a future SAC meeting.

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A further question was raised on educating seniors about racism. An organization called "Empower Me" provides families in diverse communities with translators and information on how to recycle, pay taxes, water restrictions etc.

ACTION:

Councillor Quaale to speak with Ryan Schmidt, Manager, Energy and Solid Waste, regarding what services the TOL offers citizens from other nationalities.

4. Thank you

A thank you card was presented to L. Visser for her support of SAC over the past several years. The Planning Department will now be responsible for SAC.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: TUESDAY, September 19, 2017
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

The meeting terminated at 8:33pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair