

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00pm Salmon River Committee Room 4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

NOTES

Present:

Councillor C. Fox (Co-Chair) K. Reddington (Co-Chair)

J. Megahy, C. Munnalall, and B. Stack

Staff:

- J. Chu, Manager Long Range Planning
- P. Ward, Strategic/Social Planner
- K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

Guests:

- R. Petri, Catalyst Community Developments
- L. Schroeder, CHP Architects

As no quorum was present, Notes only were taken.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – September 19, 2017

The Seniors Advisory Committee received the agenda of the September 19, 2017 meeting.

Clerk's Note: Item H.1 was referred to the October 18, 2017 meeting.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – June 21, 2017

The Seniors Advisory Committee received the Minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Shepherd of the Valley Housing Proposal Update

R. Petri, Catalyst Community Developments, commented that she is the project manager for this housing project and that she has had a meeting with the neighbours, and hired CHP Architects and Krahn Engineering.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

P. Ward provided the committee with information regarding the Township's housing policies. He provided the following information:

The Township's Policy framework is as follows:

- Sustainability Charter
 - Official Community Plan (OCP)
 - Community Plans
 - Neighbourhood Plans
 - Functional Plans
- The Sustainability Charter is a high-level policy that commits the community to a lifestyle that is socially, culturally, economically, and environmentally balanced. It states it will provide flexible, affordable, and mixed housing options.
- The OCP is a long-term plan for sustainable growth and development. It provides tools and incentives to encourage affordable housing and address the scope of special needs housing. 5% of townhomes and 10% of apartments in the Township are to be adaptable.
- The Housing Action Plan is a functional plan to guide decision-making related to market and non-market housing. It has over 60 different actions for market and non-market housing.

K. Reddington indicated that the Age-Friendly Strategy is a functional plan to help the Township meet the needs of its older residents. It states the following about housing:

- Identify ways to support developers in the introduction of accessible or adaptable features.
- Work with the development community to identify ways to achieve more rental and affordable units.
- Support a diverse range of housing with bedrooms and bathrooms on the ground level.
- Encourage new housing for older adults in areas that are in proximity to transit and services.

L. Schroeder showed the overall plans for the development and noted there will be five single family homes, three two-storey buildings with townhouses, and a four-storey apartment building with underground parking. The parking will meet the zoning requirements and an age-friendly outdoor amenity space will be provided. The exterior will likely have a west coast design and there will be a pedestrian connection from the buildings to 72 Avenue.

After R. Petri and L. Schroeder left the meeting, further discussion ensued and members commented on how they may be able to endorse this project, particularly if the proponent was able to increase the number of adaptable units. It was suggested that staff work with the proponent on increasing the number of adaptable units and integrating universal design elements, and provide tools to possibly assist with any financial impacts.

Action: P. Ward to report back at a future meeting on progress of project.

D. <u>REPORTS</u>

1. Co-Chairs Reports

Councillor Fox reported that the International Day of Older Persons is on October 2, 2017 and a flag raising will take place at 1:45pm. He also noted the Public Hearing for the proposed Brookswood-Fernridge Community Plan was on September 12, 2017.

K. Reddington reported the following:

- Seniors LINC held a Summit for the purpose of bringing together seniors, Fraser Health, non-profits, and businesses to foster relationships, identify seniors' issues and collaborate to develop community-based solutions.
- An update on the Shepherd of the Valley Housing Project was presented to the Housing Committee of the Langley Seniors Community Action Table (LSCAT). Shepherd of the Valley is looking for endorsement from LSCAT and SAC.
- LSCAT and Triple A Senior Housing presented delegations to Council in support of Councillor Arnason's motion regarding creating a framework for affordable housing protocols. This motion was referred to a future Council Priorities Committee for discussion.
- The Seniors Advocate report, Every Voice Counts: Residential Care Survey, is now available. 22,000 individuals in 292 residential care facilities were interviewed.
- LSCAT will now be the host agency for the BC Community Response Network Elder Abuse Prevention.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Draft Progress Report – Age Friendly Implementation Plan

A draft progress report for the Age-Friendly Implementation Plan was presented to the committee. P. Ward noted that this was a preliminary draft and that many of the status's need to be updated in consultation with other Township departments.

Action: P. Ward will update the document and will provide to the committee at the October and November meetings.

G. <u>COUNCIL REFERRALS</u>

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. LGBTQ2 Social/Recreation Group Update

Referred to October 18 meeting.

2. Meals on Wheels Dementia Training Program

B. Stack reported that a training program has been developed to educate people on dementia and to provide tools to those who encounter people with dementia. Meals on Wheels has received a grant to expand the training into the community.

Action: P. Ward to look at other communities that have dementia friendly strategies and provide information to SAC at October meeting.

3. Social Planning Work Program

P. Ward presented the Social Planning Work Program for 2017/2018. It contains the following:

- SAC liaison and support,
- Intergovernmental and community liaison,
- Policy and project implementation, and
- Policy development.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date:	October 18, 2017
Location:	Salmon River Committee Room
	4 th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time:	7:00 pm

J. <u>TERMINATE</u>

The meeting terminated at 9:03pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair