



SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor P. Arnason (Council Co-Chair)

E. Brett, M. Gill, and S. Hedao

Staff:

P. Ward, Strategic/Social Planner

K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

Code of Ethics Signing

Members signed the *"Code of Ethics, Confidentiality, and Conflict of Interest for Council"*

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – January 16, 2019

Moved by M. Gill,

Seconded by S. Hedao,

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the January 16, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – June 20, 2018

Recommendation that Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the June 20, 2018 meeting.

Clerk's Note: Deferred to next meeting.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Icebreaker Activity

Roundtable introductions took place. Members participated in a “get-to-know–you” activity.

2. Review of Items for Information

P. Ward provided an overview of the following:

Seniors Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

- The purpose and mandate of the committee were reviewed.
- It was noted that the election of a community co-chair would be considered at the next meeting.

Seniors Advisory Committee 2018 Annual Report

- The committee’s 2018 projects were highlighted.
- The suggested 2019 work plan items were reviewed. The suggested items include work towards a dementia-friendly community and review and input into projects identified in the Age-friendly Strategy.

Age-friendly Strategy

- The process for preparing the Age-friendly Strategy and achieving formal age-friendly recognition was reviewed.
- The vision, guiding values and principles, and role of the Township were highlighted.

Age-friendly Strategy Implementation Plan

- The strategies and implementation timeframe were reviewed. It was noted that the strategies address the eight age-friendly community themes established by the World Health Organization.

Age-friendly Strategy Progress Report (November 2017)

- It was noted that a progress report is required every two years.
- The 2017 Progress Report indicates that 85% of the short term strategies are either complete or in progress and 63% of the medium term strategies are either complete or in progress.
- The age-friendly projects highlighted in the 2017 Progress Report were reviewed. It was further noted that the Township was awarded a grant in 2018 to assist with the installation of new community garden plots and the delivery of an all-season gardening program for community members

F. WORK PROGRAM

aged 55 years and older at Yorkson Community Park as well as the development of an age-friendly recognition pilot program.

3. 2019 Work Plan

Members brainstormed some potential work plan ideas for 2019. The following topics were discussed:

- Seniors poverty, with regards to cost of living and the challenges of fixed income.
- Elder abuse, particularly with financial matters. It was suggested that businesses could be educated to recognize the signs of elder financial abuse.
- Housing, particularly housing affordability. It was noted that the province recently adopted legislation that requires local governments to prepare housing needs reports.
- Age-friendly business practices. It was suggested that the Age-friendly Business Academy be invited for a presentation.
- National Pharmacare.
- Ridesharing.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Terms of Reference

Seniors Advisory Committee Terms of Reference provided for review.

2. 2018 Annual Report

Seniors Advisory Committee 2018 Annual Report provided for review.

3. Township of Langley Age-friendly Strategy

Township of Langley Age-friendly Strategy provided for review.

4. Township of Langley Age-friendly Strategy Implementation Plan

Township of Langley Age-friendly Strategy Implementation Plan provided for review.

5. Age-friendly Strategy Progress Report (November 2017)

Age-friendly Strategy Progress Report (November 2017) provided for review.

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6. 2019 Meeting Schedule

Provided on table for information.

7. 2019 Membership List

Provided on table for information.

8. SAC Picture

Deferred to next meeting.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: February 20, 2019

Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue

Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

The meeting terminated at 9:02pm.

CARRIED