



## **SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00pm  
Salmon River Committee Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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### **MINUTES**

#### **Present:**

C. Munnalall (Community Co-Chair)  
Councillor P. Arnason (Council Co-Chair)  
Councillor S. Ferguson (Council Co-Chair)

E. Brett, S. Hedao, and S. Soheili

#### **Guests:**

K. Kuhn, Regional Mentor, BC Association of Community Response Networks  
K. Martin, Langley Community Response Network

#### **Staff:**

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

### **A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **1. Seniors Advisory Committee – March 20, 2019**

Moved by S. Soheili,  
Seconded by S. Hedao,  
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the  
agenda items of the March 20, 2019 meeting.  
**CARRIED**

### **B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **1. Seniors Advisory Committee – February 20, 2019**

Moved by C. Munnalall,  
Seconded by S. Soheili,  
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the February 20,  
2019 meeting.  
**CARRIED**

## **C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Elder Abuse**

K. Kuhn, Regional Mentor Fraser Valley West, BC Association of Community Response Networks and K. Martin, Langley Community Response Network provided a presentation regarding their organization's work in preventing elder abuse. The following information was provided:

- Abuse is considered any action that causes harm to another, including physical, financial, sexual, or psychological abuse.
- The BC Association of Community Response Networks has awarded the Langley Community Response Network \$3,000 to assist them in providing the "It's Not Right" workshops, which educate people on how to recognize the signs of elder abuse, and help those being abused to feel more comfortable to report the abuse.
- The Langley Community Response Network is willing to work with the Township to present the "It's Not Right" workshop to staff or potentially partner in presenting public workshops or a larger forum.

Discussion ensued and the following suggestions were provided:

- Have this information available in the libraries as well as use these venues to present the workshop; and
- Tailor the workshop for recent immigrants.

#### **Action Item:**

Staff to correspond with the Community Response Network to thank the presenters for their presentation and invite them to further engage with staff on potential opportunities for collaboration.

## **D. REPORTS**

### **1. Co-Chair Reports**

Councillor Arnason reported the following:

- The provincial government has launched a Poverty Reduction Strategy: "TogetherBC".
- The federal government has committed \$50 million over the next five years for a National Dementia Strategy.
- She and P. Ward recently met with J. Cook, Executive Director, Langley Memorial Hospital and Langley Community Services, to discuss opportunities for Fraser Health to participate on the committee. Participation from Fraser Health could take various forms, including the provision of an occasional presentation or the appointment of a representative to attend regularly as a non-voting member. It was noted that the latter would require an amendment to the Council Advisory Committee Establishment Bylaw. SAC members were in support of having a representative attend regularly as a non-voting committee member, and expressed an interest in providing input into the type of representative appointed by Fraser Health in terms of their position and portfolio.

**D. REPORTS**

**COUNCIL**

Moved by S. Soheili,

Seconded by E. Brett,

That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to prepare an amendment to Council Advisory Committee Establishment Bylaw No. 4700 to include a Fraser Health representative as a non-voting member on the Seniors Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED**

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

**F. WORK PROGRAM**

**1. Dementia-friendly Communities**

The committee reviewed the Alzheimer Society of BC's Dementia-Friendly Communities Local Government Toolkit, including the steps to becoming a recognized dementia-friendly community. SAC expressed interest in learning more about the process from a representative of the Society. Staff noted that there may be grant opportunities to support work on becoming a recognized dementia-friendly community.

**Action Item:**

Staff to invite a representative from the Alzheimer Society of BC to a future SAC meeting to provide more information regarding dementia-friendly communities, and what existing resources are available to help residents with dementia.

**G. COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. Green Burials**

E. Brett provided a brief overview of green burials and the potential benefits, including cost and environmental factors. Discussion ensued and the SAC suggested that this item be considered at a future meeting in order to provide members an opportunity to research green burials in further detail.

**Action Item:**

To be placed on a future SAC agenda for discussion.

**2. Federal Pensions**

E. Brett commented on issues and concerns with the Canadian Pension Plan.

## **H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **3. Manufactured Home Parks**

E. Brett commented that the Township has one of the best Manufactured Home Park Redevelopment Policies in the province, but the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy prohibits municipalities from developing new parks on rural land. Discussion ensued and staff noted that Township and Metro Vancouver policies are generally consistent regarding the development of new manufactured home parks outside the urban area.

### **4. Respite Care Facility for Caregivers of People with Dementia**

E. Brett noted that a new respite care facility for caregivers of people with dementia has opened in Abbotsford, and this facility may serve as a good model for other communities.

### **5. Tiny-homes on Municipal Property**

E. Brett commented on the potential of using tiny homes to house, on a short-term basis, people that are homeless. Councillor Arnason noted that a group of local residents are also interested in this idea and that it may be good for SAC to receive a presentation from this group.

#### **Action Item:**

Staff to invite the group to give a presentation to SAC at a future meeting.

### **6. Township of Langley Website**

E. Brett commented that he was unable to find any information related to seniors on the Township website. Discussion ensued and staff noted there are resources for seniors on the Township website. SAC suggested that staff investigate ways to make this information easier to find.

#### **Action Item:**

Staff to investigate ways to make the information related to seniors easier to find and report back to the committee.

### **7. SAC Picture**

A photo was taken of the committee for the Township website.

## **I. NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** April 17, 2019  
**Location:** Salmon River Committee Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue  
**Time:** 7:00 pm

J. **TERMINATE**

Moved by S. Hedao,  
That the meeting terminate at 9:00pm.  
**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Community Representative Co-Chair

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Council Representative Co-Chair