



SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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

Guest:

L. Cassap, Road Safety & Community Coordinator, ICBC

Staff:

V. Gafka, Senior Manager, Economic Investment & Development
P. Ward, Strategic/Social Planner
C. Quin, Recording Secretary

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – April 17, 2019

Moved by S. Soheili,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the
agenda items of the April 17, 2019 meeting, as amended.

The following items were added to the agenda:

- H.1 – Langley Hospice Society Presentation
- H.2 – Qmunity Presentation
- H.3 – Housing Discussion with Parliamentary Secretary Adam Vaughn
- H.4 – Round Table

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – March 20, 2019

Moved by S. Soheili,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the March 20, 2019
meeting.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. ICBC Seniors Drive Smart

L. Cassap, Road Safety & Community Coordinator, ICBC, provided an overview of the ICBC Seniors Drive Smart presentation. The approximate one-hour presentation provides information about the impacts age has on driving, how to prepare for the Enhanced Road Assessment (ERA), and other road safety and driving tips. The following information was provided:

- The ERA is a driving assessment that evaluates a driver's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. Drivers with a medical condition that may affect the motor, cognitive, or sensory functions required for driving may be referred to the ERA, which is administered by ICBC on behalf of RoadSafetyBC.
- The ERA is different from an ICBC road test as there is no pass or fail. The ERA assesses driving skills and behaviours, where driver must self-navigate and adapt to changes. ICBC forwards results to RoadSafetyBC to review in order to make a licensing decision.
- ICBC is exploring opportunities to deliver the Seniors Drive Smart presentation in the Township, in collaboration with other organizations. ICBC will be providing a presentation in the City of Langley during seniors' week (the first week of June).

Discussion ensued and the committee encouraged staff to explore potential opportunities for collaboration with ICBC in the delivery of the Seniors Drive Smart presentation.

Action Item:

Staff to correspond with ICBC in order to further explore opportunities for collaboration in the delivery of the Seniors Drive Smart presentation in the Township.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Reports

Councillor Arnason and C. Munnalall reported that they had participated in a virtual dementia tour offered by Bria Communities, and noted that it was a good experience. Councillor Arnason indicated that there may be future opportunities for other committee members to participate.

Councillor Arnason reported on the upcoming seniors' week during the first week of June, and noted that previous years featured many different activities throughout the Township.

Action Item:

Staff to forward the list of seniors' week activities to committee members once it is available.

C. Munnalall circulated a folder of seniors-related resources and information to committee members. Staff offered to scan and distribute copies of the information to committee members electronically.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Age-friendly Business Recognition Pilot Program

V. Gafka provided a presentation on the 2019 Age-friendly Business Recognition Program. The 2019 program builds on the "Age-friendly Business is Good Business" initiative undertaken with SAC in 2016 as well as the pilot program launched in 2018 in conjunction with a UBCM Age-friendly Communities Grant, which sought to recognize local businesses implementing age-friendly practices. The 2018 pilot program involved the following work:

- Completion of best practice review and brand development
- Development of an application and self-assessment form, utilizing the age-friendly business criteria developed with SAC in 2016
- Delivery of dementia awareness seminars for local businesses in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of B.C.
- Delivery of communication and outreach from June to November 2018, with an application deadline of November 28, 2018
- Administration of a participant feedback survey

The 2018 application process was designed to be simple and straight-forward, and required business to make a commitment to improving age-friendly business practices on an ongoing basis. By December 2018, recognition certificates were awarded to 16 businesses

F. WORK PROGRAM

The program impacts included:

- Increasing ongoing public awareness about Township's Age-friendly Strategy and associated programs
- Helping local seniors continue to access goods and services in the community with independence
- Piloting a model that is potentially replicable and adoptable for future programs, by the Township and other municipalities

For SAC's input, the following 2019 program continuation details and activities were reviewed:

- An annual activation aligning with June's seniors' week
- A community-centric activation (Walnut Grove) with service-centric concentrations (grocery, coffee shop, etc)
- An "age-friendly challenge" to business associations / membership
- Collaboration with a seniors living facility (Chartwell in Walnut Grove), including a social at the facility to introduce the activity to residents
- Work with local media to garner attention
- TOL staff to visit nominated businesses and assess criteria achievement
- Compliant businesses to receive Age-friendly Business Recognition Certificate
- Nominating seniors to receive commendation recognition
- Post-activity assessment

Discussion ensued, and committee members noted the challenges experienced by some seniors in accessing local businesses due to pedestrian infrastructure and public transit service issues. Committee members expressed interest in learning more about TransLink's HandyDART service.

Action Item:

Staff to gather and provide information on TransLink's HandyDART service in the Township.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Langley Hospice Society Presentation

S. Hedao suggested that the Seniors Advisory Committee invite a representative from the Langley Hospice Society to provide an overview of their services and end of life care in the community.

Action Item:

Staff to invite a representative from the Langley Hospice Society for a presentation.

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

2. Qmunity Presentation

S. Hedao suggested that the Seniors Advisory Committee invite a representative from Qmunity, a non-profit organization based in Vancouver that works to improve queer, trans, and Two-Spirit lives, to provide an overview of services and programs for LGBTQ seniors. Discussion ensued, and it was noted that a social group for LGBTQ seniors in Langley was formed in 2018.

Action Item:

Staff to gather and provide information on the status and activities of the social group for LGBTQ seniors in Langley.

3. Housing Discussion with Parliamentary Secretary Adam Vaughn

S. Soheili attended and gave a brief summary of a recent discussion with Parliamentary Secretary Adam Vaughn on housing measures in the 2019 federal budget and National Housing Strategy.

4. Round Table

E. Brett noted several external websites with information about green burials. Discussion ensued on green burials and the potential role of SAC. P. Ward noted that Township bylaws currently contemplate natural burials, but cemetery improvements would be required to accommodate them. P. Ward offered to arrange a meeting between E. Brett and the appropriate Township staff to further discuss the item.

E. Brett requested an update from staff on potential revisions to the Township website to make information related to seniors easier to find. P. Ward reported that staff have begun to explore opportunities to make such information easier to find.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: May 15, 2019
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

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

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair