



SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:00pm
Via Zoom

MINUTES

Present:

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

E. Brett, C. Eaton, L. Gates, L. George, S. Soheili, and G. Wong

Staff:

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

Guest:

P. Crump

Code of Ethics Signing

Members signed the *"Code of Ethics, Confidentiality, and Conflict of Interest for Council Members and Appointees"* and submitted them electronically.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – January 20, 2021

Moved by S. Soheili,
Seconded by L. George,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the January 20, 2021 meeting, as amended.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – December 16, 2020

Moved by S. Soheili,
Seconded by C. Eaton,
That Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2. Dementia-friendly Task Force Notes – December 16, 2020

Moved by S. Soheili,

Seconded by L. Gates,

That Seniors Advisory Committee receive the Notes of the December 16, 2020 meeting (see Attachment A).

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Langley Seniors in Action

P. Crump, Chair, Langley Seniors in Action, presented an overview of the organization. He noted that this group was formerly the Langley Seniors Community Action Table and that they became a registered society in 2020 and re-branded themselves to be Langley Seniors in Action. The focus of the organization is to:

- Facilitate seniors' leadership and involvement in the community;
- Recognize local issues and opportunities;
- Share information and resources; and
- Build partnerships with other community services.

Some of the issues they have addressed include:

- Housing
- Transportation
- Education and awareness (e.g. online workshops)
- Health
- Social isolation
- Elder abuse

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

- COVID-19, seniors, and advocacy
- Equity, inclusion, and seniors
- Opportunities for additional seniors' centres (e.g. Willoughby)
- Connecting seniors with children and youth
- Engagement with First Nations and Indigenous organizations
- Seniors and community connectedness

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Reports

Councillor Ferguson reported that the Council is currently going through the budget process and that staff and the Council co-chair had an orientation session with the new SAC members.

Councillor Arnason noted that she is the Council representative on the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board, and that there are many virtual programs currently being offered.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. 2021 Work Plan

The SAC discussed its work plan for 2021. P. Ward noted that the 2020 work plan was included in the agenda package for reference purposes and that the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan had been identified as a preliminary work plan item in SAC's 2020 annual report. Discussion ensued and it was suggested that part of the SAC meetings during the first half of 2021 could be allocated for the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan (through the Dementia-friendly Task Force), with the other part of the SAC meetings allocated for other work plan items. It was suggested to include COVID-19 recovery as a possible work plan item for 2021.

The 2021 work plan will be further discussed and finalized at the February meeting.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Terms of Reference

The committee reviewed the Terms of Reference.

2. 2021 Meeting Schedule

Provided in package for information.

3. 2021 Membership List

Provided electronically after the committee agreed.

I. **NEXT MEETING**

Date: February 17, 2021
Location: via Zoom
Time: 8:30 pm

J. **TERMINATE**

Moved by S. Soheili,
Seconded by C. Eaton,
That the meeting terminate at 7:52pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair