Township of Langley

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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 7:00pm
Via Zoom

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Recommendation that the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the December 15, 2021 meeting.

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1. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes – November 17, 2021

Recommendation that the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the November 17, 202.

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Recommendation that the Seniors Advisory Committee receive and endorse the SAC 2021 Annual Report and ask staff to forward to Council.

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I. NEXT MEETING

Date: January 19, 2022
Location: Langley Airport
Time: 7:00pm

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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 7:00pm
Via Zoom

MINUTES

Present:
E. Brett, Community Co-Chair
Councillor P. Arnason, Council Co-Chair

C. Eaton, L. Gates, L. George, S. Hedao, and G. Wong

Guest:
A. Kupferschmidt, United Way Provincial Working Group on Seniors Transportation
R. Meijer Drees, New Westminster and Burnaby Walkers' Caucus
M. Wilson, New Westminster and Burnaby Walkers' Caucus

Staff:
C. Quin, Recording Secretary
P. Ward, Strategic/Social Planner

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – November 17, 2021

Moved by L. Gates,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the November 17, 2021 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes – October 20, 2021
Dementia-friendly Task Force Notes – October 20, 2021

Moved by G. Wong,
Seconded by C. Eaton,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the October 20, 2021 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting and receive the Notes of the October 20, 2021 Dementia-friendly Task Force meeting (see Attachment A).
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. United Way Provincial Working Group on Seniors Transportation

A. Kupferschmidt, member of the United Way Provincial Working Group on Seniors Transportation, provided the following information:

The Working Group makes recommendations to the Community-Based Seniors Services Leadership Council convened by the United Way of BC. Includes representation from:

- Community-based senior-serving agencies
- Health sector
- Municipal and regional governments across BC
- TransLink
- ICBC
- Better Environment Sound Transportation (BEST)

Five Priority Areas

- Transportation to medical appointments
- Public transit
- Paratransit
- Driving cessation
- Sedentary lifestyles

Provincial Consultation on Seniors' Transportation

- Group activities
- Interactive polls
- Breakout rooms

Suggested Community Adaptions

- Provide transportation to medical appointments
- Provide supportive programs
- Provide supportive built environments
- Rural context versus urban context

Priority Actions

- More funding
- Involve healthcare system
- Engage with policy makers
- Training programs
- Advocate for more transport options and built environment actions

Discussions ensued and comments as follows:

- TransLink's Community Travel Training is very successful and working well with HandyDART and bus ridership
- Need to bring a higher profile to Langley and promote partnerships
- Scooter mobility is a consideration
- Finding new ways for shuttle services from senior facilities to a variety of amenities
- Resources should be used to their full potential

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2. Walkers' Caucus

R. Meijer Drees and M. Wilson, New Westminster and Burnaby Walkers' Caucus, provided the following information:

Pedestrian Advocacy 101

- Speaking up for folks who get around on foot
- Primarily concerned with walking as a transportation mode, rather than exercise
- Pedestrian advocacy is very local, focused on the built environment
- Three legs for change; requiring action from municipal staff, Council and the public
- Walkers' Caucus started five years ago, not a registered society
- Website, Facebook, Twitter, and Newsletters

Walkers' Caucus Strategic Plan

- Political Advocacy
- Membership Growth and Engagement
- Communication
- Partnerships

Projects and Events

- Walk30
- Jane's Walk
- Getting a dedicated seat on the City of New Westminster's Active Transportation Advisory Committee
- Provincial activism; the Pattullo Bridge Replacement project
- City activism; new crossing near a shopping mall

Discussions ensued and comments as follows:

- Advocacy is a long-term goal and is about partnerships and connections
- Audits done by citizens with a checklist of communities' walkability and safety for pedestrians

It was suggested that committee members review the Walkers' Caucus website for additional information.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Reports

Councillor Arnason:

- Thank you to Township of Langley's crews, staff, emergency responders, and community for diligently working through the storm.
- Council was well represented throughout the community attending virtual Remembrance Day ceremonies.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Transportation for Seniors

G. Wong provided an update on a community-based seniors shuttle initiative, being led by Langley Seniors in Action. Research has shown that shuttle services differ throughout different communities based on their needs. Possible funding may be available through health-related resources for a shared bus or van. A transportation targeted survey is being considered to determine where there are gaps in the transportation resources.

2. Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan

MOTION
Moved by L. Gates,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee endorse the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan (see Attachment B).
CARRIED

COUNCIL
Moved by L. Gates,
Seconded by G. Wong,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan (see Attachment B).
CARRIED

COUNCIL
Moved by L. George,
Seconded by C. Eaton,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that Council approve a presentation from the Seniors Advisory Committee on the proposed Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan at the December 13, 2021 Regular Council meeting.
CARRIED

F. WORK PROGRAM

It was suggested that the project consultant deliver the presentation on behalf of the committee.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: December 15, 2021
Location: Zoom
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by G. Wong,
Seconded by C. Eaton,
That the meeting terminate at 8:35pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair

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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2021 ANNUAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

This report responds to the Council direction that Advisory Committees prepare an annual report for Council's information, which includes a summary of the activities undertaken in the current year, any suggestions for revisions to the Advisory Committee's current terms of reference and/or mandate, and the proposed work plan for the following year and budget requirements.

PURPOSE OF THE SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As outlined in the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) terms of reference, the purpose of the Committee is to:

- Represent the Township of Langley seniors' perspectives on municipal and other key seniors' issues;
- Provide a voice for Township of Langley seniors, exchanging information about current issues and emerging concerns;
- Provide input to Township of Langley staff as requested;
- Work toward identified goals as outlined in an annual work plan; and
- Make recommendations to Council on related matters.

MEMBERSHIP AND STAFF SUPPORT

The 2021 SAC included nine (9) voting members, as follows:

E. Brett (Community Co-Chair)
C. Eaton
L. Gates
L. George
M. Gill
S. Hedao
S. Martin
S. Soheili
G. Wong (youth representative)

And three (3) non-voting members:

Councillor P. Arnason (Council Co-Chair)
Councillor S. Ferguson (Council Co-Chair)
C. Dragt, Fraser Health Authority representative

The Committee was supported by:

C. Quin and K. Stepto, Council and Committee Clerks
P. Ward, Strategic/Social Planner

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In keeping with its terms of reference and its 2021 work plan, in 2021 the SAC:

- Participated on the Dementia-friendly Task Force, which guided the preparation of the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan and included the following work:
    - Received a presentation from BC Healthy Communities on opportunities to apply an equity lens to age-friendly planning
    - Provided input and feedback on community engagement activities, including the community survey, the Dementia Friends Virtual Forum, and community focus groups
    - Brainstormed ideas for the vision and potential actions for the Action Plan
    - Reviewed community engagement results to identify key findings, themes, and emerging priorities
    - Provided input on opportunities to obtain community feedback on a draft Action Plan
    - Provided feedback on the draft Action Plan
- Received a presentation from Langley Seniors in Action on its mandate and focus areas
- Discussed opportunities to support the provincial vaccination program
- Discussed and provided suggestions for Seniors' Week activities
- Discussed opportunities to support COVID-19 recovery efforts related to older adults
- Provided input on a community-based seniors' shuttle initiative being led by the Transportation Working Group of Langley Seniors in Action
- Provided feedback on the draft Housing Action Plan
- Received a presentation on the Christian Life Assembly Housing Society and Murrayville Rental Housing projects, and discussed opportunities for a workshop to convene stakeholders and develop partnerships
- Received an update on provincial accessibility legislation and potential implications for the Township
- Received presentations from the United Way Provincial Working Group on Seniors Transportation and the New Westminster and Burnaby Walkers' Caucus
- Endorsed and recommended Council endorsement of the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan

RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

No changes are recommended to the committee's terms of reference for 2022.

PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN ITEMS FOR 2022

SAC work plan items for 2022 will be guided by recommended actions identified in the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan. Pursuant to Council Advisory Committee Establishment Bylaw No. 4700, a more detailed and prioritized 2022 work plan will be submitted to Council in 2022.