Township of Langley

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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:00pm
Via Zoom

MINUTES

Present:
Councillor P. Arnason, Council Co-Chair
Councillor S. Ferguson, Council Co-Chair

C. Eaton, L. Gates, L. George, M. Kramer, K. Mackie, L. Solomon, and G. Wong

Fraser Health:
C. Chandra

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

Welcome
Councillor Arnason welcomed everyone, and round table introductions took place.

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

Election of Co-Chair
Staff provided information on the role of the Community Co-Chair and asked members to consider if they would like to take on this position. Election to be held at the February meeting.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – January 19, 2022

Moved by L. Gates,
Seconded by L. George,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the January 19, 2022 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – December 15, 2021

Moved by C, Eaton,
Seconded by G. Wong,

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Council Co-Chair Report

Councillor Ferguson and Councillor Arnason commented on the work that the committee has completed over the past few years and reported that Council is currently in budget discussions.

Councillor Ferguson left the meeting at 7:23pm.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. 2022 Work Plan

P. Ward noted that the SAC 2021 Annual Report indicated that work plan items for 2022 would be guided by recommended actions identified in the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan. Councillor Arnason facilitated a brainstorming session regarding potential further Work Plan topics. The following suggestions were provided:

- Climate change and senior's health i.e.: extreme heat
- Potential seniors centre in Willoughby
- Medical cannabis for seniors
- Housing Action Plan in relation to seniors i.e.: accessibility, affordability, rental housing, public transportation, and accessible streets
- Assisting with access to banking services
- Helping seniors in the community who may be lost or confused – signage in business windows
- Hearing issues in businesses
- Community health care i.e: lack of home support, access to doctors, continuity of care
- The impact of COVID-19 on seniors, including isolation
- Food security – more affordable food supply
- Seniors and technology
- Multi-generational and dementia-friendly events and recreational opportunities

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- The mental health impacts of social isolation – having resources more widely available
- Connect with other societies and community groups that are providing services to seniors

Members were asked to send any further suggestions to staff. The Work Plan will be discussed further at the February meeting.

2. Provincial Accessibility Legislation

P. Ward reported that the Province recently passed accessibility legislation to support people with disabilities by identifying and removing accessibility barriers. The Province has now advised that it intends to identify local governments as a prescribed organization under the Act in September 2022. As a result, local governments will be required to establish an accessibility committee, have an accessibility plan, and have a mechanism for providing feedback on accessibility. Discussion ensued, and it was noted that the Province should consider assisting local governments with the resource implications of this work.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Terms of Reference

Provided for information.

2. 2022 Meeting Schedule

Provided for information.

3. 2022 Membership List

Provided electronically following the unanimous consent of the committee.

4. Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan

Provided for information.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: February 16, 2022
Location: TBD
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by K. Mackie,
Seconded by L. George,
That the meeting terminate at 8:10pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair