Township of Langley

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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7:00pm
Langley Regional Airport
#300, 5385-216 Street
Langley, BC

MINUTES

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

L. George, M. Kramer, K. Mackie, S. Martin, and L. Solomon

Staff:
K. Snowden, Assistant Fire Chief
P. Ward, Manager, Strategic and Social Planning
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – June 15, 2022

Moved by L. George,
Seconded by M. Kramer,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the June 15, 2022 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – May 18, 2022

Moved by L. George,
Seconded by L. Solomon,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the May 18, 2022 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Multimorbidity and Socioeconomic Deprivation among Older Adults

Item deferred.

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairs Report

Councillor Arnason provided an update on upcoming events and public input opportunities in the Township.

Councillor Ferguson commented on the Metro Vancouver Liquid Waste Committee and the Indigenous Relations Committee meetings that he attended recently.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Extreme Heat

2022 SAC Work Plan Item #8: Impact of climate change and extreme weather on seniors

- Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan Action 2M: Seek ways to further engage older adults, people living with dementia, and caregivers in emergency preparedness programs, and ensure updates to emergency response guidelines are inclusive of the full diversity of residents.

K. Snowden, Assistant Fire Chief, provided an update on Extreme Heat Preparedness and Response. The following information was provided:

Langley Emergency Program Background:

- Joint Program of the Township and City of Langley
- All-hazards approach
- Maintain and update emergency plans
- Encourage citizens and businesses to be prepared
- Train responders to follow provincial model of response
- Train volunteers to respond
- https://www.langleyprepared.ca

Review of Extreme Heat Event Response Guidelines:

- Began in early April 2022
- Ongoing process
- Information from several agencies and community groups
- Need stakeholder input
- Working closely with Fraser Health
- Every level of government working on their response to extreme heat

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Key Elements of Response:

Level 1 – Heat Warning
- Public communication

Level 2 – Extreme Heat Emergency
- Public communication
- Activation and communication of "places to keep cool"
- Possible activation of Emergency Operations Centre
- Community coordination meetings/communication
- Wellness checks from local organizations/neighbours/friends

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:
- It would be beneficial to train businesses to recognize heat distress.
- Having a registry of people who would like a wellness check would be helpful.
- Could mobile cooling units be used?
- Distribute air conditioners to facilities that have a common area where people congregate.
- How can seniors who don't walk or drive be transported to places to keep cool? Suggestions – facility busses, volunteer drivers, TransLink, Handy Dart.
- The Provincial Health Authority is working on a script for people to use who are doing wellness checks.
- Thermometer distribution to vulnerable people could be helpful.
- Knowing the location of vulnerable seniors would be very helpful during extreme heat events.

COUNCIL
Moved by K. Mackie,
Seconded by M. Kramer,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to collect and develop maps on vulnerable senior populations to inform future planning initiatives, including extreme heat preparedness and response.
CARRIED

2. Spaces to Connect (Phase 1)

2022 SAC Work Plan Item #4: Seniors' centres
- Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan action 5D: Map and inventory community gathering places with a view of identifying gaps and opportunities.

P. Ward presented draft terms of reference for the "Spaces to Connect – Phase 1" project. The draft was based on the suggestions the committee provided at their March meeting. The project will focus on community gathering places that are intended for social interactions and social programs (e.g., community meeting spaces, multi-purpose rooms, and spaces with seating and/or games). The purpose is to better understand the availability and accessibility of gathering places. The scope of work will include mapping, data collection, and analysis,

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promising practices research, and observations, implications, and recommendations for future work. Discussion ensued, with committee members indicating support for the proposed project.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: July 20, 2022
Location: Langley Regional Airport
#300, 5385-216 Street
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by M. Kramer,
Seconded by K. Mackie,
That the meeting terminate at 9:02pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair