Township of Langley

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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 7:00pm
Langley Regional Airport
#300, 5385-216 Street
Langley, BC

A G E N D A

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – July 20, 2022

Recommendation that the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the July 20, 2022 meeting.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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1. Seniors Advisory Committee – June 15, 2022

Recommendation that the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the June 15, 2022 meeting.

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairs Report

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F. WORK PROGRAM

5-8 **1. Adaptable Housing Policy Review**

Committee review of and discussion on the draft survey.

2022 SAC Work Plan Item #1: Accessible and affordable housing
- Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan action 3B: Continue to develop and implement plans and policies, such as the Housing Action Plan, that support appropriate, affordable, and accessible housing.

Relevant 2021 Housing Action Plan action:
- 1B: Explore opportunities to enhance the adaptable housing policy.

9-11 **2. Seniors Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report**

Recommendation that the Seniors Advisory Committee receive and endorse the SAC 2022 Annual Report and ask staff to forward to Council.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: TBD
Location: TBD
Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

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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

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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.

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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

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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

Adaptable Housing Survey

(2022-07-20 DRAFT)

You are receiving this survey because, according to our records, you live in an adaptable housing unit. Adaptable housing units include design features that meet, or can more easily be modified to meet, the needs of persons with mobility limitations. Some examples of adaptable design features are additional space around doors and in hallways, and reinforced bathroom walls to accommodate the installation of grab bars. Visit tol.ca/housing to learn more about adaptable housing.

The Township of Langley is reviewing its adaptable housing policies and would greatly appreciate your assistance by filling out this survey, which should take about 10 minutes to complete.

Any personal information collected will be managed in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Please direct enquiries, questions, or concerns regarding the collection, use, disclosure, or safeguarding of personal information associated with this survey to Supervisor, Information, Privacy and Records Management, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley BC, V2Y 3J1, 604.532.7396.

Section A.

1. Before receiving this survey, did you know that you were living in an adaptable unit? (Yes/No)

Section B. If answered yes to question 1.

2. How did you come to live in an adaptable unit?

- I sought out an adaptable unit because I or someone else in my household has a mobility limitation
- I sought out an adaptable unit because I think I or someone else in my household may have a mobility limitation in the future
- I just like my unit and was indifferent to the adaptable design features
- Other (please explain):

3. How did you find your adaptable unit?

- Through the Township of Langley's Geosource online map
- My realtor found one for me
- My rental agent found one for me
- A family member or friend found one for me
- I called a developer and inquired about their adaptable units
- I built my own home that was adaptable
- Other (please explain):

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4. Please select the response that most accurately completes the following sentence. It was _____to find an adaptable unit that met my needs.

- Very easy
- Easy
- Neither easy nor challenging
- Challenging
- Very challenging
- Other

5. What adaptable housing features, if any, do you appreciate most?

6. Have you made any modifications to your home? If yes, please explain.

7. Do you plan to make modifications to your home in the future? If yes, please explain.

8. Do you have access to an extra-wide parking space?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

9. [If answered yes to question 8] Is the extra-wide parking space necessary for your mobility needs (now or in the future)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

10. Did you make any trade-offs to live in an adaptable housing unit? For example, is your home in the neighbourhood you most wanted to live in Langley?

11. How could the Township make is easier for individuals to find an adaptable unit?

12. Are there any other design features that would improve your home?

Section C. If answered no to question 1.

2. Do you dislike any of the adaptable design features in your home?

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3. Do you appreciate the potential opportunity to have an easier time staying in your home into your later years?

4. What could be done to better communicate adaptable housing units and their design features to households?

Section D. For all

1. What type of housing do you live in?
- Apartment
- Townhouse (strata)
- Rowhouse (fee-simple)
- Semi-detached / Duplex
- Single-detached
- Other:

2. Do you rent or own your home?
- Rent
- Own

3. How many bedrooms are in your home? ___

4. What is the square footage of your home? ____

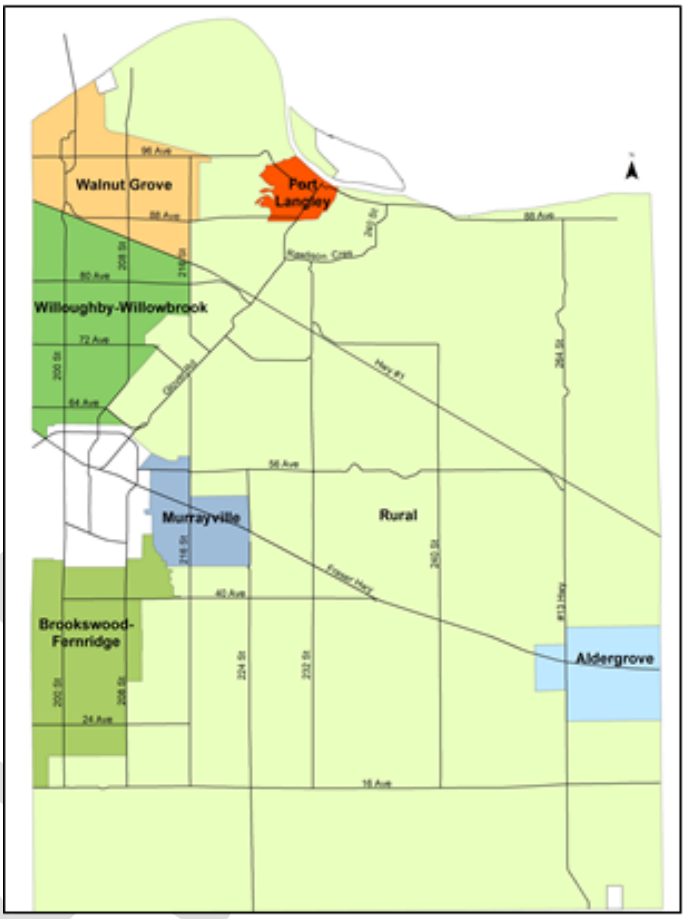
5. How many people live in your home, including you? ____

6. What is your age?
- Under 20
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-79
- 80-89
- 90+

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7. What community do you live in?

- Aldergrove
- Brookswood-Fernridge
- Fort Langley
- Murrayville
- Rural
- Willoughby-Willowbrook
- Walnut Grove



8. Do you or does anyone else in your household have a mobility limitation?

- Yes
- No

9. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about adaptable housing?

Would you like to receive further communications about adaptable housing in Langley? If yes, please provide your contact information:

Email (optional if you would like to stay informed):

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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

This report responds to the requirement 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 2022 SAC included nine (9) voting members, as follows:

S. Hedao (Community Co-Chair)
C. Eaton
L. Gates (resigned in April)
L. George
M. Kramer
K. Mackie
S. Martin
L. Solomon
G. Wong (youth representative)

And three (3) non-voting members:

Councillor P. Arnason (Council Co-Chair)
Councillor S. Ferguson (Council Co-Chair)
C. Chandra and T. Murphy, Fraser Health Authority representative

The Committee was supported by:

K. Stepto, Council and Committee Clerk
P. Ward, Manager, Strategic and Social Planning

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In keeping with its terms of reference and its 2022 work plan, the SAC:

- Received a report on provincial accessibility legislation, including forthcoming requirements for local governments
- Received presentations on seniors isolation from the Langley Senior Resources Society, Langley Seniors in Action, and Langley Meals on Wheels
- Received a presentation on the Township's 2021 Housing Action Plan and identified actions for further SAC engagement through implementation
- Received a presentation on the Township's Age-friendly Business Recognition Program and provided input on opportunities to enhance age-friendly business practices
- Discussed opportunities to address challenges associated with seniors isolation, and identified an assessment of community gathering places as a focus area moving forward
- Received a presentation and provided feedback on the wayfinding signage pilot project at McLeod Athletic Park Stadium
- Received a presentation on and discussed opportunities to enhance the adaptable housing policy
- Brainstormed types and features of community gathering places to inform the development of terms of reference for the proposed assessment project
- Provided input on the Aldergrove Gateway site
- Discussed opportunities to implement information-sharing and advocacy actions related to community health in the 2021 Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan
- Received a presentation on and discussed issues related to extreme heat
- Reviewed and provided feedback on the draft terms of reference for the Spaces to Connect (Phase 1) project, focusing on community gathering places
- Reviewed and provided feedback on a draft survey for the adaptable housing policy review

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO COUNCIL

- Whereas the 2021 Housing Action Plan endorsed by Council on November 22, 2021 includes "explore opportunities to enhance the adaptable housing policy" as a short-term action (2022 – 2023);

  Therefore be it resolved that the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that Council consider increasing the proportion/percentage of adaptable units in new apartment developments as part of the recently initiated review of the adaptable housing policy; and further

  That the policy review include exploration of opportunities to address the needs of people living with vision impairments, hearing loss, and dementia.

- That Council direct staff to collect and develop maps on vulnerable senior populations to inform future planning initiatives, including extreme heat preparedness and response.

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RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

No changes are recommended to the committee's terms of reference for 2023. [For further consideration by the SAC].

PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN ITEMS FOR 2023

SAC work plan items for 2023 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 2023 work plan will be submitted to Council in 2023. [For further consideration by the SAC].

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