SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
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Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Township of Langley

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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:00pm
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M I N U T E S

Present:
Councillor S. Ferguson, Council Co-Chair
S. Baker, Community Co-Chair

S. Bennett, P. Chhina, S. Hedao, K. Ludlam, A. Nierop, S. Tingley

Fraser Health Representative:
C. Chandra, Fraser Health

Guest:
M. Larson, Consultant

Staff:
M. Gunn, Planner
C. Quin, Recording Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OF THE COAST SALISH PEOPLES

S. Baker acknowledged the Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – March 20, 2024

Moved by S. Bennett,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the March 20, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – February 21, 2024

Moved by S. Bennett,
Seconded by S. Tingley,
That the Senior Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Council Co-Chair Report

Council Ferguson reported an update from Metro Vancouver who continue to build and strengthen relations with local First Nations, together with all levels of government and other organizations.

Community Co-Chair Report

S. Baker welcomed everyone, and SAC members were introduced.

S. Baker announced the Road Safety Strategy Stakeholder Meeting. SAC members are welcome to attend and offer feedback at next meeting.

- Thursday, March 21 at 9:00-11:30am
- Langley Airport, 3rd Floor Presentation Room

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. 2024 Work Plan Discussion

M. Larson, Gerontologist, B.A. PBD, facilitated a Planning Workshop with SAC members. Presentation was provided on table.

SAC members were tasked with identifying what is important and prioritize specific ideas to the following questions.

Individual Priority – Solo Reflection.

Which priority action item is **most** important to YOU? Why?
- Direct and/or indirect experience?
- Scale or urgency of concerns?

What **specific action(s)** did you have in mind to address the priority item?
- Start a high-level to-do list for the next 3 months.

F. WORK PROGRAM

Group discussion comments were as follows:

- Belonging – start with survey and ask seniors what their needs are.
- Housing and Homelessness – housing is a basic need for people, lots of people cannot afford today's rental market, indirect experience via work and hearing about clients.
- Specific Action – identify areas of need for housing, advocate for funding, work with developers for accessible housing (wheelchair, hand bars, etc.).
- Transportation – lack of, impacts loneliness and seclusion.
- High Level Actions – piggy-back on Road Safety Strategy to move it along, includes physical and personal safety.
- More Transportation Actions – get SAC members to notice and share ways to improve existing infrastructure, to poll family/friends/contacts.
- Housing and Homeless – it is becoming worse, and the lower mainland is becoming unlivable due to affordability, urgent across all generations, especially seniors and developmental disabilities, minimum accessibility requirements for new buildings (design and adoptability, initiatives like Happiad (house matching), aging in place supports).
- Housing and Homelessness – indirect experience, extremely urgent, find statistics on the number of subsidized units for seniors, identify possible EWR locations and operators.
- Transportation – ask to increase the number of handicap parking stalls where seniors drive to the most, medical buildings/hospitals, drug stores, grocery stores.
- Belonging – aging in place.
- Healthy Living – Community Resources.
- Action – engage with partners for housing – financial, health, suggestion Chamber of Commerce.
- Business – engage with health agencies, food services (Meals on Wheels)
- Financial - unable to afford to retire, many seniors are not in a good financial situation.
- Age Friendly – community resources, IT education, work with partners to offer in person support.

Discussions ensued determining that there are many, many concerns that need to be addressed. A few common concerns were, Belonging, Transportation and Community Awareness. The next steps to think about would be who will take the lead and what is needed to move forward? What can SAC recommend to Council to address these common concerns?

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. 2021 Census Data

M. Gunn provided on table for SAC members to review and A. Jensen or M. Gunn are available to answer any questions.

2. SAC Photo

SAC photo to be taken at next meeting.

3. Accessibility Committee

M. Gunn reported on the new Accessibility Committee, and it is now open for applications until April 15, 2024 on the Township of Langley website.

I. NEXT MEETING

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Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by P. Chhina,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the meeting terminate at 9:00pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO:	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	**DATE:**	OCTOBER 23, 2023
FROM:	ENGINEERING DIVISION	**FILE NO:**	8500-01
SUBJECT:	SENIORS SHUTTLE BUS		

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Mayor and Council information on the feasibility of an independent transit service for a seniors shuttle bus. At its March 28, 2022, Regular Meeting, Council requested that staff report back to Council on the feasibility of a seniors shuttle bus, including information on regulatory, technical, and operational considerations.

Existing transit services within the region, including the Township, are the responsibility of TransLink. The South Coast British Columbia Transportation Act requires that independent transit services obtain approval from TransLink for services such as the proposed seniors shuttle bus. In previous proposals for an independent service, such as the Aldergrove Trolley, TransLink indicated that a review would need to be undertaken to ensure that any proposed services do not reduce the effectiveness or financial viability of the regional transportation system. There is some concern that implementing an independent service may delay expansion of TransLink services.

Transit services within the Township are provided by the Coast Mountain Bus Company (CMBC) and HandyDART, both of which are overseen by TransLink. CMBC operates two types of buses in the Township, conventional and shuttle, on fixed routes that have been reviewed and approved by TransLink to serve the greatest number of residents the most efficiently. These bus routes typically follow arterial and collector roadways with stops in between and at major hubs. This is consistent with other municipalities where TransLink is the transit authority, to connect communities. As such, CMBC may not be able to serve certain communities or areas within the Township that are sparsely populated and/or along local roads.

HandyDART is a door to door and shared ride service that can provide transit options to people with permanent or temporary disabilities that do not live near an accessible transit route or require assistance to board the bus. The fare cost is equivalent to conventional transit, and payment can be made via TransLink’s Compass Card system. HandyDART trips are available seven (7) days a week between the hours of 6:00am to 12:00am.

Under the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Act (SCBTA), municipalities proposing independent transit services require approval by the Authority (TransLink) and a review from TransLink to ensure that the service does not reduce the effectiveness or financial viability of the regional transportation system and agreement on the terms and conditions under which the service may be operated.

Staff researched relevant information regarding the provision of seniors shuttle bus services including considerations such as existing transit services, TransLink approvals, other municipalities that have implemented an independent transit, and challenges with an Independent Transit Service. Prior to considering any such service, a business case, including projected ridership, revenue, capital costs, operations and maintenance costs, administrative infrastructure, licensing, permits, and inspections, must be undertaken. Such a service would have significant financial and resource implications.

District of West Vancouver Seniors Bus:

The District of West Vancouver offers a seniors shuttle bus service in the Ambleside and Park Royal neighbourhoods with an opportunity to access the District's Seniors' Activity Centre and various amenities, such as grocery stores, medical offices, Park Royal Mall, and two seniors' housing complexes. The shuttle follows a set route and pick-up/drop-off points but allows for the flexibility of customers to wave down the bus within a few blocks of the route. Riders are recommended to contribute $3 for a round trip. Various community partners and private donors, such as the two serviced senior homes, assist in funding the cost of the shuttle service. However, the amount of operational costs covered by the District of West Vancouver was not provided.

Zunga Bus – Demand Pilot (City of Powell River):

In 2021, the City of Powell River (the City) was selected by BC Transit to pilot an on-demand transit service, the Zunga Bus, which is currently being operated by the City. The on-demand Zunga Bus offers door to door and shared ride services in its service area, which in Phase 1 of the pilot program, is limited to the City's core (Westview area). The Zunga Bus provides a service intended to enhance the existing conventional transit options offered by BC Transit, and targets youth, seniors, and those with mobility issues. This service operates seven (7) days a week between 11:00am to 6:30pm. Customers must schedule a ride ahead of time, up to three (3) days in advance, via an app or by phone, and the bus utilizes BC Transit's fare system of tickets or customers may choose to pay with a credit card. The fare costs $2.25 per ride, $20 per 10 tickets, or $35 per 20 tickets. Through the booking system, the most efficient route is then determined to transport passengers. The bus does not offer passenger assistance and directs customers to HandyDART for such services.

<u>Ownership:</u>

- The City owns and operates the bus
- The routes are based on the customers' destinations

<u>Finance:</u>

- Capital cost to procure the buses: information not available
- Operating cost of $220,000 per year (one bus in service, one spare)
- Funding sources:
    - Fare revenues
    - Built In Canada Innovation Program
    - BC Transit (unfunded in 2023)
    - BC Provincial Subsidy (up to 67%)

The Zunga Bus had received positive feedback from the public, and the City is exploring options to expand its services by increasing the number of buses from one (1) to two (2), expanding the service area, and streamlining on-demand with conventional transit.

City of Langford Trolley:

In 2007, the City of Langford (the City) implemented a donation based trolley to service routes that were not covered by BC Transit at the time. In reference to the April 23, 2012 "Aldergrove Trolley" staff report and updated information from the City's staff report, the following summarizes the findings:

Ownership:

- The City owns and operates the trolley system
- The stops were designed, constructed and are owned by the City
- The City planned and marketed the routes

Finance:

- Two (2) used trolleys, were purchased in 2007 for $175,000 using funds donated by developer
- One (1) trolley was purchased in 2013 for $87,00
- Operating cost of $200,000 per year
- Additional resources required from City staff to manage the system
- Revenue sources:
    - $15,000 per year through donation
    - $30,000 to $60,000 per year in advertising revenue, managed through a third-party media firm
    - Advertising on trolleys and at bus shelters
    - City subsidizes the operating costs to make up for revenue shortfall

The trolleys' route primarily serviced recreational and retail centres, targeting seniors, tourists, and school groups. This service was cancelled in 2017 due to increased maintenance and operational costs, lack of staffing with a Class 3 driver's license, shortfall from donations and advertising revenue, and the improved service provided by BC Transit. Currently, the three (3) trolleys are stored in a garage and used only for parades for special events with an annual maintenance cost of $5,000 and insurance cost of $6,000.

City of Delta Seniors Bus:

The City of Delta launched the North Delta Seniors Bus Pilot program in 2013 to provide additional accessible transit options for seniors in the community of North Delta. Residents had raised concerns regarding the lack of available transit services to amenities and facilities in the area, such as the Kennedy Seniors Recreation Centre, Sungod Recreation Centre, and North Delta Recreation Centre as these destinations are less centrally located when compared to South Delta. The bus is an on demand and door to door free service for seniors over the age of 65 that operates Monday to Friday between 9:00am to 4:00pm. Users must book a ride at least one (1) day in advance. As demand increased, the City purchased additional buses between 2016 and 2022 to better serve the various communities. Based on the most recently available pre-covid ridership stats, the average yearly trips were 6,000 for North Delta and 4,000 for South Delta.

Equipment:

- 2016: 18-seater bus for South Delta
- 2019: 12-seater bus for North Delta
- 2022: 16- seater bus for South Delta

Ownership:

- The city owns and operates the buses
- The routes are based on the customers' destinations

Finance:

- Four (4) buses leased/purchased between 2013 and 2022 at $90,000 - $120,000 each
- Operating cost of $135,000 per bus for an approximate total of $540,000 per year
- Six (6) drivers and one (1) dispatcher required
- Funding sources:
    - Provincial Age-friendly Community Planning & Project Grants Program
    - City budget

Aldergrove Trolley:

In 2013, an Aldergrove Trolley that provided service between Aldergrove and Gloucester was implemented by a private party. The trolley operated in a one way operation with stops on private property. The service was permitted on Township roads with several conditions, such as TransLink approval, insurance, litter collection and upkeep at stops, and no financial contribution from the Township. The trolley service also obtained a BC Passenger Transportation License and a Township business license. The trolley service operated for several months before it was discontinued. Low ridership and operational costs were cited as primary factors for this decision.

Summary:

Based upon the considerations noted above, the Township does not currently have the resources to pursue an independent seniors shuttle service. Staff is also concerned that this could be an example of a "downloading" of responsibility for transit services from TransLink, who are responsible for the delivery of transit in Metro Vancouver. Work on the Transportation and Mobility Strategy is currently underway, and staff will continue to explore opportunities to improve and enhance transportation services to improve accessibility for Township residents.

SAC Work Plan Items: 2017-2023

2023

- received a Council referral regarding sidewalks and potholes near Fernridge Manufactured Home Park and discussed incorporating the discussion into the 2023 work plan.

- received a presentation from staff on the Seniors' Skills and Stories Project. It was noted that the Township received grant funding for the project which originated from the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan, Priority 1, Action H which states: "explore additional opportunities to share skills and stories across generations". The Social Sustainability Strategy, Priority 2, Action E also states: "conduct research and pilot innovative programs, initiatives, and events that foster intergenerational, intercultural, and urban-rural connectedness".

- discussed the "BC Care Providers Association – Intergenerational Guide and Toolkit", and what the committee would want to see in a supplementary guide.

- received an update presented by staff on Phase 1 of the Spaces to Connect project along with the Terms of Reference. It was noted that this item is related to "project No. 3: Social gathering places for seniors" on the 2023 work plan, which was shaped by the work of the committee from the previous year. Two (2) case studies were presented, and discussion ensued around potential spaces and opportunities for intergenerational programs within the Township.

- received a presentation from M. Larson, who provided an overview of the Age- and Dementia Friendly Action Plan, work completed to date, challenges, emerging issues and the next steps. The presentation highlighted how dementia-friendly communities can complement age-friendly initiatives by adding nuance and depth with respect to the needs of people living with dementia.

- received an update on the 2023 work plan. An overview and progress update was provided for the seven (7) work plan items. Notable item included the Transportation and Mobility Strategy, which was related to Work Plan item #5 "Mobility".

- discussed an update to the Seniors page on the website and the inclusion of a link to the Volunteer Bureau to enhance volunteer opportunities and intergenerational participation.

- received a presentation from staff on Langley's Cool Parks Project, a heat and shade study of six (6) Township of Langley parks that will result in Cool Park Guidelines.

- received a work plan update and noted progress to date including the endorsement of the Primary Care Network work plan, an "Intergenerational Programming Workshop" was hosted by the Township in support of the Skills and Stories Project, and work was underway on a Detached Suite Policy.

- discussed a Seniors' Tea with a suggestion that an event be held during Seniors' Week in June.
- received an update on the cost of Seniors Recreation Passes and how they compare to surrounding municipalities.

2022

- 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
- Received a presentation on and discussed issues related to extreme heat
- Discussed opportunities to implement information-sharing and advocacy actions related to community health in the 2021 Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan
- 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

Recommendation 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.

2021

- 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 o Reviewed community engagement results to identify key findings, themes, and emerging priorities o 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

Recommendation to Council:

Endorsed and recommended Council endorsement of the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan

2020

- Discussed the possible re-naming of the committee to the Seniors and Social Planning Advisory Committee, or potential other name, in accordance with Council's November 4, 2019 motion
- Received a presentation on Township communications, including the results of the communications survey, and provided input on opportunities to enhance communications targeted at seniors
- Received a presentation on the draft Social Sustainability Strategy
- Led the recruitment and endorsed the appointment of the Dementia-friendly Task Force
- Received and discussed correspondence from L. Gaudette, Langley Seniors Community Action Table, regarding the challenges of housing hard-to-house populations in senior's social housing
- Received an update and provided input into the Dementia Friends Forum, a kickoff event for the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan project
- Provided input on resources to include on the Township seniors' webpages
- Discussed the Climate Action Strategy survey
- Reviewed and provided feedback on a draft list of stakeholders for the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan project
- Reviewed materials regarding hidden mobility disability and discussed opportunities for future projects
- Received an update on a proposed green burial area in Township cemeteries

SAC Work Plan Items: 2017-2023

2019

- Received a presentation on elder abuse (including telephone and online scams) from the BC Association of Community Response Networks, and suggested that the Association and Township explore opportunities for further collaboration to implement the action in the Age friendly Strategy related to elder abuse

- Received information on dementia-friendly communities, including a presentation from the Alzheimer Society of B.C., to inform its consideration of a dementia-friendly planning project

- Received a presentation on the ICBC Seniors Drive Smart presentation from ICBC, and suggested that ICBC and the Township explore opportunities for collaboration in the delivery of a Seniors Drive Smart presentation in the community

- Reviewed and provided input into the 2019 Age-friendly Business Recognition Program

- Received an update on the Social Sustainability Strategy

- Received a presentation on recreation opportunities for low-income residents from Parks and Recreation staff

- Received a presentation on the Langley Hospice Society and palliative care from the Langley Hospice Society

- Reviewed, provided input, and endorsed terms of reference for the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan project

- Received an update on the Housing Needs Report project

- Convened a presentation with local organizations serving seniors and people with disabilities on accessible transit services and HandyDART from Coast Mountain Bus Company

- Received a presentation on hidden mobility disability

- Reviewed, provided input, and endorsed the 2019 Age-friendly Strategy Progress Report

- Discussed other topics, including:
    - Affordable housing and manufactured home parks
    - Green burials
    - Potential improvements to the seniors section of the Township website
    - Programs for LGBTQ seniors
    - Respite for caregivers of people with dementia In many cases, action items related to these topics were identified by the SAC, including requests that staff gather and provide additional information for the committee's consideration.

Recommendations to Council:

That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to prepare an amendment to Council Advisory Committee Establishment Bylaw No. 4700 to include a Fraser Health representative as a non-voting member on the Seniors Advisory Committee.

That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that Council receive the 2019 Age friendly Strategy Progress Report memorandum for information, in accordance with the monitoring required by the Age-friendly Strategy Implementation Plan.

Seniors Advisory Committee Motions:

That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends a future application to the UBCM Agefriendly Communities Grant Program to assist the Township in working towards becoming a dementia-friendly community, by applying a dementia-friendly lens to its existing Agefriendly Strategy.

That the Seniors Advisory Committee endorse the draft Terms of Reference for the Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan and the Dementia-friendly Task Force.

That the Seniors Advisory Committee consider the information presented on hidden mobility disability as part of the proposed age- and dementia-friendly planning project, anticipated to commence in 2020.

That the Seniors Advisory Committee endorse the development of a green burial area at the Langley Lawn Cemetery as a high priority project, as identified in Report to Council 19-81 (Cemetery Operations Review).

SAC Work Plan Items: 2017-2023

2018

- Appointment of the Social Sustainability Task Force
- Review and input into the proposed Fort Langley projects
- Review and input into two age-friendly projects (community gardens and the age-friendly business recognition pilot program) that are being funded in part by the UBCM Age-friendly Communities grant awarded to the Township for 2018
- Receipt of presentations and consideration of potential actions on dementia
- reviewed and provided input into a draft concept plan for the community gardens at Yorkson Community Park and the proposed seniors gardening programs.
- Members of SAC were involved in the following community initiatives with reports and updates being brought back to the Committee table:
    - Seniors of Langley (SOL), a social group for LGBTQ seniors
    - TransLink Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee, a committee that provides ongoing advice on all TransLink plans, programs, and initiatives, making sure that accessibility issues are always considered

Recommendation to Council:

That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse the appointment of the individuals to the Social Sustainability Strategy Task Force.

SAC Work Plan Items: 2017-2023

2017

- Seniors LINC (Langley Integrated Network of Care) held quarterly Community Planning Summits to bring the community-based seniors services sector together for the following reasons:
    - To create sustainability around a community-driven structure and plan that allows its members to see how each contributes to the change in how seniors' health care is delivered;
    - To create and sign on to a community covenant that supports "every door to be the right door" for a senior to access care in Langley;
    - To ensure that the work of Seniors LINC carries forward into 2018 and beyond.

- Langley Seniors Community Action Table focuses on seniors' education and awareness regarding issues critical to their well-being, and advocates for improvement in housing, transportation and income for the seniors of Greater Langley. SAC has ongoing representation at this table.

- Raising the Profile – This 2-year provincial project evaluated the contribution made by community-based seniors' services to the overall health, well-being and quality of life of the older residents of the Province to answer the question: "How can the community-based seniors' services sector be integrated with the Ministry of Health strategic plan for seniors' care?". Work will be ongoing to ensure that community-based seniors' services are formally recognized as a sector that plays an essential role in supporting seniors' independence, resilience and social connectedness.

- At the Vancouver conference, "Rethinking the Region", with a focus on citizen engagement and particularly the role of citizen advisory groups.

- Shepherd of the Valley Housing Project – As this project progresses, SAC will have the opportunity to provide input on the design of seniors' housing in this development.

- SAC endorse the Social Sustainability Strategy project and recommend that staff present the project to Council for endorsement.

- SAC endorse an application to the UBCM Age-friendly Communities Grant Program to assist with the development of an age-friendly business recognition program and the installation of community gardens in Yorkson Community Park.

Recommendations to Council:

That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that the Med Watch/Greensleeve program be presented to Council at a future Regular Afternoon meeting.

That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that the following requests from MedWatch be referred to Council for consideration:

A space at the Civic Facility for a public presentation on the Medwatch program (June 2017 and Fall 2017).

When possible, promotion of the Medwatch program/presentations on the TOL website, recreation guide, and TOL section of the local newspaper.

A small grant from the Township of Langley for printing costs of the Medwatch forms and guide ($2,500.00)

That Council receive the 2017 Age-friendly Strategy Progress Report memorandum for information, in accordance with the monitoring required by the Age-friendly Strategy Implementation Plan.