SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

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

T. Baty-Thomas, F. Chan, P. Chhina, L. Dysart, S. Hedao, and S. Tingley

In Attendance:
P. Crump, Langley Seniors in Action
L. Gaudette, Langley Seniors in Action
H. Mullan, BC Hydro Power Pioneers

Staff:
M. Gunn, Planner II, Community and Policy Planning
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Ferguson 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".*

Election of Community Co-Chair

S. Hedao nominated K. Ludlam to be the Community Co-Chair for 2025.
P. Chhina seconded the nomination.

K. Ludlam was elected Community Co-Chair for 2025 and assumed the position of Chair.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – January 22, 2025

Moved by P. Chhina,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the January 22, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – December 18, 2024

Moved by S. Tingley,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the December 18, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Council Co-Chair Report

Councillor Ferguson reported that Council will soon be discussing the 2025 budget.

K. Ludlam commented that the seniors population is growing rapidly in Langley and that this committee can be the eyes and ears for Council.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Orientation to the SAC

M. Gunn provided an overview of the Seniors Advisory Committee for new and returning members. She reviewed the purpose and mandate of the committee:

Purpose:

The Committee is established by Council to:

- represent the Township of Langley seniors' perspectives on municipal and other key seniors' issues (i.e. transportation, affordable housing, parks, cultural, and recreation services, and geographical service delivery)
- provide a voice for Township of Langley seniors, exchanging information about current issues and emerging concerns
- provide input to Township staff as requested on an ongoing basis
- make recommendations to Council on related matters

F. WORK PROGRAM

- work toward identified goals as outlined in an annual work plan (work plan may include hosting seniors' discussion forums, support strategic planning for development of local senior services, public information, etc.)

Mandate:

The Committee is interested in raising awareness of seniors needs for services in terms of outdoor spaces and places, transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and inclusion, communication and information, and community support and health services in the community.

2. 2025 Work Plan

The committee reviewed the 2024 Work Plan and brainstormed ideas and priorities for the 2025 Work Plan. The following topics were suggested:

- Presentations from different organizations in the community:
  - Primary Care Network
  - Meals on Wheels
  - TransLink
  - Township of Langley Transportation and Mobility Strategy
  - Nidus (legal services)
  - Township of Langley Seniors Week
  - A representative from the development community regarding barriers to building low-cost housing in the Township
  - Township of Langley Recreation Seniors Programming
- Communication
- Have a "Seniors Booth" at Township community events to be able to talk with seniors about their needs and concerns
- Housing
- Transportation
- Seniors' specific shuttle service
- Seniors' Shelter
- Seniors' employment

Action: Staff will compile the suggestions along with staff suggested topics and present a draft workplan at the February meeting.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Terms of Reference

Provided for information.

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2. Age- and Dementia-friendly Action Plan

Provided for information.

3. 2024 Work Plan

Provided for information.

4. 2025 Meeting Schedule

Provided for information.

5. 2025 Membership List

Provided for information.

6. SAC Photo

Deferred to next meeting.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by P. Chhina,
Seconded by L. Dysart,
That the meeting terminate at 8:52pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair