SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

MINUTES

Present:
K. Ludlam, Community Co-Chair
Councillor T. Baillie, Council Co-Chair

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

In Attendance:
P. Crump, Langley Seniors in Action

Staff:
M. Gunn, Planner II, Community and Policy Planning
A. Jensen, Manager, Strategic and Social Planning
C. Naples, Special Events Coordinator
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OF THE COAST SALISH PEOPLES

K. Ludlam acknowledged the Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – February 19, 2025

Moved by P. Chhina,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the February 19, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – January 22, 2025

Moved by L. Dysart,
Seconded by P. Chhina,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the January 22, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Corporate Events: Seniors Week

C. Naples, Special Events Coordinator with the Township of Langley, attended the meeting to seek input from the committee regarding the large event during Seniors' Week and what the members would like to see offered. He noted that during Seniors' Week in 2024, the Township organized a Seniors' Tea at West Langley Hall and the Recreation Department offered other activities and programs. The Tea was a successful event and may be offered again in 2025.

The following other ideas were provided by the committee:

- Make use of the areas at the Langley Events Centre such as the Bocce court, amphitheatre, soccer field, spirit square etc. and have an all-day event with several activities happening at once and a lunch. Activities could include:
    - Bocce
    - Wine tasting from local wineries
    - Walking Soccer
    - Stick Curling
    - Service Provider Fair
    - Scam / fraud awareness sessions
    - Storytelling tent (including Indigenous presenters)
    - Tai Chi
    - Walk and talk
    - Painting class taught by youth
    - Digital workshop
    - Incorporate youth in some of the events
    - Food (food trucks)
    - Entertainment (music)
- Washroom accessibility is essential and some form of cover if it is raining or hot.
- Could be beneficial to offer satellite events in other communities for those who cannot travel to Willoughby.

D. REPORTS

1. Council Co-Chair Report

Councillor Baillie commented on the "Hospital on the Hill" book event he attended and the importance of preserving our history by potentially forming a "Speakers Bureau" who would be a group of historical speakers who could be called upon to speak at events or local schools.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. 2025 Work Program

Staff presented the draft work program based on the comments and suggestions provided at the last meeting.

MOTION
Moved by L. Dysart,
Seconded by S. Hedao,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee endorse the draft 2025 Work Program, as amended.
CARRIED

COUNCIL
Moved by S. Bennett,
Seconded by F. Chan,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that Council approve the draft 2025 Work Program, presented as Attachment A.
CARRIED

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. SAC Photo

A photo was taken of the committee for the Township website.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, March 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 S. Hedao,
That the meeting terminate at 8:42pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair	Council Representative Co-Chair

Attachment A

Seniors Advisory Committee
2025 Work Program

The Seniors Advisory Committee proposes to undertake the following work in 2025 consistent with the Committee's purpose and mandate. Calendar months show the time and duration of the work.

Project & Associated Tasks	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Seniors Week Events[2] • Presentations from TOL staff • Discussion of events and ideas		√	√	√	√	√						
Transportation[3] • Presentation from Langley Seniors in Action • Presentation from TOL Transportation staff: Transportation & Mobility Strategy					√							
Health and Aging[4] • Presentation from Rec. Arts & Culture • Primary Care Network: Frail and Elderly Network • Presentation from Langley Senior Resource Society: Programming & Events				√	√				√	√		
Accessibility Plan • Information and engagement • Work to remove and prevent barriers				√	√	√						
Housing[3] • Seniors at Risk of Homelessness • Presentation on barriers to seniors housing • Housing Options & Resources • Update on Housing Projects in TOL • Emergency Preparedness					√	√			√	√	√	
Seniors Workforce[1 & 5] • Skill sharing activities and benefits of older people in the workforce • Age-friendly Business Recognition • Presentation from Chamber of Commerce									√	√	√	

Age and Dementia Friendly Strategy

[1]Priority 1 - Civic Participation and Employment
[2]Priority 2 - Communication and Information
[3]Priority 3 - Places and Mobility
[4]Priority 4 – Community Support and Health
[5]Priority 5 – Social Connection and Participation