SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 16, 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, S. Bennett, F. Chan, L. Dysart, S. Hedao, A. Nierop, and S. Tingley

In Attendance:
P. Crump, Langley Seniors in Action

Staff:
A. Bouchard, Community and Policy Planner
M. Gunn, Community and Policy Planner
A. Jensen, Manager, Strategic and Social Planning
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 – April 16, 2025

Moved by S. Hedao,
Seconded by S. Bennett,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the April 16, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – March 19, 2025

Moved by L. Dysart,
Seconded by S. Tingley,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the March 19, 2025 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Accessibility Plan Engagement

A. Bouchard and M. Gunn provided information regarding the Township of Langley's Accessibility Plan. The following information was provided:

- In 2021, the Province passed the Accessible British Columbia Act which requires municipalities to establish a committee to address barriers and must develop a plan to identify, remove and prevent barriers.
- The Township's Accessibility Committee has 10 members and held its first meeting in October 2024.

Preparation of the Plan must follow these principles:

- Inclusion
- Adaptability
- Diversity
- Collaboration
- Self-determination
- Universal Design

The Act names eight types of accessibility standards to consider:

- Employment
- Delivery of services
- The built environment and public spaces
- Information and communications
- Transportation
- Health
- Education
- Procurement

Staff and the Accessibility Committee are starting public engagement. SAC members were asked to provide feedback on several questions regarding inclusive access and program design, public spaces and park design, and collaboration and innovation.

Next steps include developing an online survey and conducting public open houses.

For further information, please contact: accessibility@tol.ca

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Reports

Councillor Ferguson reported that he is a Metro Vancouver Director and is on the Liquid Waste, Indigenous Relations and Regional Parks committees.

He further commented on the many capital projects occurring in the Township.

D. REPORTS

K. Ludlam reported the following:

- There is an All-Candidates Meeting at the Langley Seniors Resource Centre on April 17.
- The Fort Langley Community Association is holding an Open House on May 8.
- Mayor Woodward's 2025 State of the Township Address will take place on May 15, 2025 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Langley Events Centre.

She further commented on the passing of Zosia Ettenberg, Founder and Director of Langley Pos-Abilities.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Seniors Week: events and ideas

Follow up from the March meeting:

Staff reported that the Township's Communications Department suggested that the summer would be the best time for the committee to conduct a survey regarding seniors' issues as there are many other surveys and open houses taking place.

It was suggested to have themes/categories and the keep the number of questions to between 8-12.

The Government of Canada has an Age-friendly Communities Evaluation Guide which provides 8 categories for measuring success:

1. Outdoor spaces and buildings
2. Transportation
3. Housing
4. Social Participation
5. Respect and social inclusion
6. Civic participation and employment
7. Communication and Information
8. Community support and health services

Action: Committee members to draft questions for discussion at the May meeting.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by S. Hedao,
Seconded by F. Chan,
That the meeting terminate at 8:50pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair