Township of Langley

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SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 4:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC

M I N U T E S

Present:
Councillor T. Baillie, Council Co-Chair

C. Archer, S. Bennett, P. Chhina, L. Fuller, S. Rai, P. Sutherland, and S. Tingley

Staff:
V. Burnett, Council and Committee Clerk
M. Gunn, Planner, Community and Policy Planning
A. Jensen, Manager, Strategic and Social Planning

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OF THE COAST SALISH PEOPLES

Councillor Baillie acknowledged the Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – April 15, 2026

Moved by S. Rai,
Seconded by S. Bennett,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the April 15, 2026 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Seniors Advisory Committee – March 18, 2026

Moved by P. Sutherland,
Seconded by S. Bennett,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee adopt the Minutes of the March 18, 2026 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chair Report

Councillor Baillie noted that accessibility has an impact on seniors, and to be mindful of accessibility in your community.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Survey Preparation

A. Jensen discussed draft survey preparation, which consists of four phases:

Phase One – Context and Thematic Mapping

The committee was given a "Brain-Writing" exercise, with five minutes to list the top three pressures facing seniors today. Key themes for 2026 were shown as examples, these included financial strain, housing security, health access, and digital isolation.

Discussion ensued and the following concerns were identified as pressures facing seniors:

- Healthcare access, including long-term care and surgery wait times. Quality of long-term care available and lack of awareness regarding healthcare services.
- Digital isolation and lack of access to technology.
- Housing security and cost of living.
- Mobility and accessibility, including inaccessible crosswalks.
- Transportation, including public transit, HandyDART, taxis, and personal transportation devices (e-mobility devices, scooters, bikes, etc. – these pose safety challenges for those that are visually or hearing impaired.) Lack of parking and difficulties with pay parking.
- Social isolation.

Phase Two – The "Question Storm"

The committee was split into groups to discuss the following topics:

- Material Well-Being: Housing, food security, and transportation.
- Health and Physical Safety: Healthcare access and fear of scams.
- Social and Emotional Well-being: Isolation, sense of belonging, and "Age-Friendly" community participation.

F. WORK PROGRAM

Discussion ensued and the following potential survey questions were posed:

Demographic Questions:

- What is your household income?
- What percentage of your money goes to housing?
- Where do you live?
- How old are you?

Healthcare Questions:

- Can you afford to eat healthy foods?
- Do you have extended healthcare coverage?
- Do you currently have a family physician or nurse practitioner, and if not, how long have you been without one?
- How would you personally rate your physical and or mental health?
- Do you know where to go for help when your health needs change?
- Overall, how would you rate healthcare access for seniors in the Township of Langley?
- What do you think is the most important improvement needed to support healthcare access for seniors locally?
- Have you visited an emergency department in the past year because you could not access a healthcare appointment? How do you get to healthcare appointments?

Financial and Social Questions:

- How many generations live in your home? Can you afford accessibility modifications?
- Can you afford to update your digital footprint?
- Can you afford transportation?
- Do you find yourself avoiding social interactions that may involve the use of technology?
- What does retirement look like for you?
- What are your anxieties around aging alone?
- Do you find it difficult living in an increasingly individualistic society?

Phase Three: Critical Review and Culling

The committee will review the questions at the next meeting with the goal of eliminating jargon, removing bias, and identifying items that are actionable.

Phase Four: Logistics and Next Steps

Final Considerations:

Demographics - Which factors (age, community, income bracket, etc.) are essential for Township data?

F. WORK PROGRAM

Distribution Strategy - Who is distributing and collecting printed copies and digital surveys?

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338-65 Avenue, Langley, BC
Time: 4:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by L. Fuller,
Seconded by P. Sutherland,
That the meeting terminate at 5:33pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair