

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 14, 2013 2:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Bill Harper	- Chair, Council Member
Helen Bodner	- BC Senior Services Society
Jacqueline Buchanan	- Community Member
Linda Cooper	- Community Member
Giuliana Graves	- Community Member
Sylvester Helmink	- Queensborough 50+ Social Club
Alana McIntyre	- Community Member
Annette Oakes	- Century House Association
<i>Vacancy</i>	- Fraser Health Authority

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Calvin Donnelly	- Sapperton Old Age Pensioners
Brian Pybus	- Community Member

STAFF:

John Stark	- Senior Social Planner
Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Fraser Health's Home First Initiative was added as agenda Item 6.6 under Reports and Information.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of December 6, 2012

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held on December 6, 2012 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Orientation and Oath of Office – Donna Martin

The following documents were reviewed and distributed to Committee members:

- Rules of Conduct: Advisory Committees & Bodies of Council
- Social Media Policy
- Terms of Reference
- Permission Forms

Members are to contact Donna Martin regarding attendance at each meeting. If for some reason a member is unable to fulfill his/her duties they are asked to notify staff as soon as possible so the position can be refilled.

The Oath of Office was administered to the Committee members.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Seniors Festival Update - Chair or Committee Member

Annette Oakes reported the committee held a brainstorming session with those available. A chair has yet to be appointed and more volunteers are needed. It has been suggested there be a whole week of events leading up to the major event on Saturday. There will be three components:

- Opening speaker
- IMBY entertainment
- Educational component on senior topics

4.2 Age-Friendly Business Presentation Update – Chair

John Stark reviewed “Becoming an Age-Friendly Business in New Westminister.” The presentation addressed:

- An aging population
- Age related considerations
- Becoming an age friendly city
- Benefits to businesses
- Becoming an age friendly business
- Guide and assessment tool
- Moving forward and conclusions.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Election of Member to Master Transportation Advisory Committee – Chair



MOVED and SECONDED

That Linda Cooper serve as the Seniors Advisory Committee representative on the Master Transportation Advisory Committee for the term beginning February 1, 2013 and ending January 31, 2014 and report back to the Committee.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) Lens – John Stark

The Seniors Advisory Committee is often requested to review developments and projects. The “Seniors Lens” is a tool used to assist with assessments.

6.2 Century House Inclusion Enhancement Survey Summary

In November 2012, 162 Century House members took time to complete a survey related to inclusion. Based on the survey, there appears to be strong support for creating an environment in which everyone 50+ feels included with change being driven from within and not imposed from outside.

6.3 In Search of ‘Eldertopia’

For information only.

6.4 Seniors Planning and Action Network – Lesley Cole

Sanjay Gulati reported on the “Better at Home” program scheduled to be launched in mid-March. This program will be operated by the Seniors Services Society and coordinated by the United Way of the Lower Mainland, with the support of a provincial funding grant. This program will allow some seniors needing light housekeeping and transportation to remain in their homes. The Senior Services Society is recruiting volunteers to assist in homes or with transportation.

A subcommittee of SPAN and Voices of Burnaby are coming together to discuss projects for which corporate funding will be requested.

6.5 Seniors Advisory Committee Notes – January 17, 2013

This item for information only.

6.6 Home First

There is concern about the lack of integration with community-based service providers who have similar mandates – i.e., assisting seniors to live as independently as possible in their homes and community.

The Committee was asked to consider making a recommendation to Council to direct staff to write a letter to Fraser Health requesting its ‘Home First’ initiative work closely



with community-based service providers to assist seniors to live as independently as possible in their homes and community. The letter would also request Fraser Health consider actions, including possible funding, to assist these community-based service providers.

After a brief discussion, staff was asked to invite someone from Fraser Health to address the committee on this initiative.

6.7 Living with Low Vision

The Lions Club in partnership with Century House Association will present a forum on living with low vision at Century House on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Councillor Bill Harper
Chair

Donna Martin
Committee Clerk