

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 27, 2013 2:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Bill Harper	- Chair
Helen Bodner	- BC Seniors Services Society Representative
Calvin Donnelly	- Sapperton Old Age Pensioners (arrived 2:05 p.m.)
Giuliana Graves	- Community Member
Sylvester Helmink	- Queensborough 50+ Social Club Representative
Alana McIntyre	- Community Member
Annette Oakes	- Century House Association Representative
Brian Pybus	- Community Member
Patricia Smith	- Community Member
<i>Vacancy</i>	- <i>Fraser Health Authority</i>

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Jacqueline Buchanan	- Community Member
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STAFF PRESENT:

Lesley Cole	- Manager, Seniors & Youth Services (arrived 2:05 p.m.)
John Stark	- Senior Social Planner
Donna Martin	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of April 11, 2013

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held April 11, 2013 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Century House Inclusion Enhancement Project – John Stark and Lesley Cole

John Stark, Senior Social Planner reviewed the project addressing membership, project objectives, project activities, survey and interview results and next steps. Mr. Stark pointed out that the population of New Westminster is changing:

- 33.4% of the population are immigrants;
- 34.8% of the population report having visible minority status; and
- 3.4% of the population report having aboriginal identity.

From 2006 to 2011, increases to the immigrant population comprised 61.3% of total population growth indicating the City population is currently immigration driven.

There is a commitment to enhancing inclusion at Century House:

- The Manager of Seniors and Youth Services sits on committee;
- The Century House Association is supportive of the project;
- The Century House Membership appears supportive of the project;
- There is buy-in by underrepresented groups;
- The City is working towards the development of an age and ability friendly City;
- The City is working towards a more welcoming and inclusive community.

Mr. Stark presented On-Table an Action Plan based on the survey, interviews and focus group results offering short-term, mid-term and long-term actions.

Any ideas not captured in the Action Plan document should be sent to John Stark at jstark@newwestcity.ca.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 My Health My Community – John Stark

Mr. Stark noted some communities are launching the My Health My Community program this week. However, in order to appropriately develop, implement and evaluate local-level programs and policies, there must be an accurate understanding of the community's health status. The City has not yet received the results of the survey and is therefore not ready to move forward at this time.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Appointment of Representative to Master Transportation Advisory Committee

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Calvin Donnelly be appointed as the Seniors Advisory Committee representative to the Master Transportation Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

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

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Age-Friendly Businesses in New Westminster – John Stark

SPAN is applying to New Horizons for funding to train volunteers to assess the age friendliness of businesses in the community.

6.2 Seniors Planning and Action Network Update – Lesley Cole

Lesley Cole, Manager, Seniors & Youth Services reported on the following:

- SPAN will be holding an election for a vice chair in September;
- Not in my Backyard (NIMBY) is working in conjunction with the Seniors to put on a fair in the fall;
- SPAM is meeting as needed with Burnaby Voice to work on joint projects;
- Agencies have been networking and service providers will meet in February;
- SPAN's next meeting is September 25th at Century House from 1:00p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

6.3 Seniors Festival Update – Annette Oakes

Annette Oakes reported the Seniors Festival Subcommittee met twice in May and will meet again in June to continue the planning process. The schedule is set and the keynote speaker Dr. Wayne Jakeman is booked. Dr. Jakeman will speak on brain health. There will be art displays, dancing and other entertainment featured as well as an education component. The food service is coming together and arrangements are underway for a shuttle bus for the Festival.

Alana McIntyre and Helen Bodner will approach businesses this fall for donations and prizes for the Festival.

A report from Senior Services was added as Item 6.4 by consensus.

6.4 Seniors Services

Helen Bodner advised the Senior Services 3-year plan is updated. Van McFadden has been elected the new president and all current board members were re-elected. The board has been expanded by 3 members.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting September 12, 2013 in Committee Room No. 2

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR BILL HARPER
CHAIR**

**DONNA MARTIN
COMMITTEE CLERK**