



SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**April 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Councillor Bill Harper | - Chair |
| Helen Bodner | - Seniors Services Society Representative |
| Calvin Donnelly | - Sapperton Old Age Pensioners |
| Sylvester Helmink | - Queensborough 50+ Social Club Representative |
| Annette Oakes | - Century House Association Representative |
| Brian Pybus | - Community Member |
| Patricia Smith | - Community Member |
| Ravi Teja | - Community Member (arrived at 2:13 p.m.) |
| Susan Zygmunt | - Community Member |

MEMBERS REGRETS:

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| Lois Brassart | - Community Member |
| Giuliana Graves | - Community Member |

STAFF PRESENT:

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| John Stark | - Senior Social Planner |
| Lesley Cole | - Manager, Seniors and Youth Services |
| Sarad Reynard | - Recreation Leader |
| Lauren Blake | - Committee Clerk |

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of March 13, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the March 13, 2014 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Seniors Festival – Annette Oakes

Sarad Reynard, Recreation Leader, reported that the date for the Seniors Festival has been confirmed for October 18, 2014 at the Anvil Centre.

Annette Oakes, Century House Association representative, advised that the Seniors Festival Committee has discussed including for profit groups at the festival to expand the event, as well as to provide additional funding.

Calvin Donnelly, Sapperton Old Age Pensioners representative, volunteered to represent Sapperton on the Seniors Festival Committee.

The next meeting of the Seniors Festival will be held May 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 2.

4.2 Seniors Services Society – John Stark

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, provided an update regarding funding cuts to the Seniors Services Society, and summarized the on table report dated April 14, 2014. Mr. Stark reported that staff has initiated work on the recommendation outlined in the report, including holding discussions and exploring alternative funding sources.

Annette Oakes, Century House Association representative, advised that she will be attending a coordinator's meeting, which will include a representative from United Way, and will include a discussion regarding funding.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Official Community Plan Review – John Stark

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, provided an overview of the Official Community Plan (OCP) and summarized the on table document regarding age and ability. The OCP will be reviewed to ensure that it is responsive to the various needs of the community, and consultations will be held with various community groups over a 14 month period.

5.2 Walk with Your Doc Event – John Stark

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, summarized the on table handout regarding the Walk with Your Doc event, noting that the event is part of the New Westminster Healthier Community Partnership initiative.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Dementia-Friendly Community Initiative – John Stark

John Stark, Senior Social Planner, provided an update regarding the Dementia-Friendly Community Initiative and reported the following information:

- The first year of the initiative will focus on raising awareness, holding consultations with members of the dementia community and researching promising practices;
- The Communication Task Group has been working on six advertisements which will be placed on City Page to communicate information and facts regarding dementia;
- The Communication Task Group includes a representative from the Alzheimer's Society to ensure information in the messaging is factual;
- Website communications will include links to additional information;
- The Consultation Task Group is creating a survey and assembling focus groups consisting of individuals living with dementia to determine opportunities and challenges specific to New Westminster;
- Fraser Health will provide assistance to connect the Consultation Task Group with individuals in New Westminster with dementia; and,
- The Consultation Task Group may expand to include family members of individuals with dementia.

Mr. Stark advised that the next meeting for the working group will be held in May 2014.

Councillor Bill Harper, Chair, advised that the recommendation that was passed regarding the Dementia Friendly Initiative at the October 7, 2013 Regular meeting of Council will be brought forward to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

6.2 Seniors Planning and Action Network – Lesley Cole

Lesley Cole, Manager, Seniors and Youth Services, reported that the next Seniors Planning and Action Network meeting will occur on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 from at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Cole advised that an update will be provided following that meeting.

6.3 Front Counter Payment Services at Century House – Councillor Harper

Councillor Bill Harper, Chair, spoke to the motion that was passed at the March 3, 2014 Regular meeting of Council, regarding front counter civic payment services, which would allow civic centres, such as Century House, to accept payment for civic billing.

Lesley Cole, Manager, Seniors and Youth Services, reviewed the program and provided the following information:

- Concerns were expressed at the Century House executive meeting due to unknown variables associated with the program;
- It was reiterated that Century House is committed to providing excellent customer service during the implementation of the program
- Queensborough Community Centre has successfully implemented a pilot version of the program; and,
- Office volunteers will be able to process simple transactions, while difficult and sensitive transactions, such as taxes, will be directed to City Hall.

Ms. Cole advised that a pilot program will be implemented at Century House, and will be reviewed by the Executive Board of Century House.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 United Way Shortfall Cuts Off Funding to 31 Seniors Groups

The correspondence was circulated for information.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting May 15, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 2

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Certified correct,

**COUNCILLOR BILL HARPER
CHAIR**

**LAUREN BLAKE
COMMITTEE CLERK**