



SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**May 15, 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 |
| Giuliana Graves | - Community Member |
| 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 |
| Susan Zygmunt | - Community Member |

MEMBERS REGRETS:

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| Lois Brassart | - Community Member |
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STAFF PRESENT:

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of April 16, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes from the April 16, 2014 meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee 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 – Chair

Annette Oakes, Century House Association, provided an update regarding the Seniors Festival and reported the following information regarding the Seniors Festival:

- The 2013 budget will be utilized to develop the 2014 budget;
- Two additional members have joined the Seniors Festival Committee;
- Committee members were requested to bring forward programming suggestions for the fair;
- Due to the size of the Anvil Centre Conference Room, the Committee would like to book a high-profile keynote speaker; and,
- An art program, a dance class and computer lessons are being planned.

Ms. Oakes advised that a grant has not been received for the In My Backyard (IMBY) Fair, and that the Seniors Advisory Committee will be provided with an update in June 2014.

Councillor Harper, Chair, suggested that the Committee investigate the possibility of providing its own funding, or acquire sponsorship for the IMBY fair.

The Committee suggested that either Dr. Art Hister or Dr. Wong be approached as keynote speakers.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 2011 Seniors Demographic Information by Neighbourhood – John Stark

John Stark, Social Planner, reported that Tristan Johnson, Planning Analyst, is collecting information to create cross tabulations regarding seniors in New Westminster.

5.2 Official Community Plan Community Workshops – John Stark

John Stark, Social Planner, noted that Official Community Plan (OCP) workshops will provide staff with community input towards the development of the OCP.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Dementia-Friendly Community Initiative – John Stark

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

- The Consultation Task Force Group is developing a survey which will gather information related to challenges and opportunities in New Westminster;
- The Communications Task Group has developed public awareness announcements which are intended to spark interest about dementia and provide links to access help and resource information; and,
- Staff is currently gathering promising practices from other municipalities.

Councillor Bill Harper, Chair, reported that Council, at its Regular meeting of September 12, 2013, endorsed a resolution in support of a National Dementia Strategy. This resolution will be heard at the upcoming Federal of Canadian Municipalities conference in May 2014.

6.2 Seniors Planning and Action Network – Lesley Cole

Lesley Cole, Manager, Seniors and Youth Services, provided a report from the April 23, 2014 Seniors Planning and Action Network (SPAN) meeting, noting that a presentation was received regarding the Welcoming and Inclusive New Westminster (WIN) Welcoming Communities Program. Ms. Cole reported that funding has been requested to secure Mariam Larson's Coordinator position in SPAN until March 2015, with the understanding that alternative funding will be sought after that point.

Ms. Cole advised that the next SPAN meeting is scheduled for June 25, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., at Century House.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 2011 Seniors Demographic Information by Neighbourhood

7.2 Seniors in the Lower Mainland: A Snapshot of Facts and trends

7.3 OCP Discussion Paper: Age and Ability Friendly Community

7.4 Loss in Funding to Programs Serving Homeless People and Seniors

The correspondence was discussed earlier in the meeting.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting June 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 2

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Certified correct,

COUNCILLOR BILL HARPER
CHAIR

LAUREN BLAKE
COMMITTEE CLERK