

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**September 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2
City Hall**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Ravi Teja	- Community Member
Brian Pybus	- Community Member

STAFF PRESENT:

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 2:00 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no items.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of June 12, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes from the June 12, 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 the following update regarding the Seniors Festival:

- Sponsorship letters have been distributed to VanCity, London Drugs, Westminster Savings Credit Union and Save-On Foods;
- Piffle magazine has offered to provide advertising for the event;
- Complimentary underground parking will be provided at the Anvil Centre;
- Senior Services Society will shuttle seniors to and from the Anvil Centre, with stops including Queensborough, Century House and Dunwood Place;
- Dr. Art Hister has been confirmed as the keynote speaker, and will remain after his speech for a meet and greet;
- A mask workshop has been organized to reflect the theme of “the Changing Faces of Aging”;
- There will be a Dementia Friendly City Panel featuring John Stark, Rebecca Morris and Jim Mann;
- There will be presentations regarding Intimacy for Seniors and Engaging Isolated Seniors; and,
- An Advanced Care Planning seminar will be provided.

4.2 Dementia-Friendly Community Initiative – John Stark

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

- The survey has been prepared in both hard and electronic copies and will be distributed by Fraser Health, as well as being available online;
- Two of the three advertisements have been placed in the Newsleader, and feedback to the advertisements has been positive;
- Lionsview Seniors Planning Society has expressed an interest in receiving a presentation regarding New Westminster’s Dementia Friendly Community Initiative; and,
- Staff is working on a report regarding the promising practices of other municipalities regarding dementia-friendly community initiatives.

4.3 Seniors Planning and Action Network

Lesley Cole, Manager of Seniors and Youth Services, advised that SPAN has received funding for an additional nine months, and will seek alternative funding for the period beyond that. The next SPAN meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Century House.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Vulnerable Seniors: Spotlight on New Westminster

John Stark, Social Planner, reviewed the handout regarding vulnerable seniors (attached), noting that the information provided will be useful for City planning.

5.2 Un-retirement and Its Implications

John Stark, Social Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding un-retirement and its implications (attached).

Discussion ensued, and the Committee noted the following comments:

- Many elderly workers are choosing to become self-employed or work contract jobs;
- It was noted that older workers can often be encouraged to continue working until younger workers are fully trained; and,
- It was suggested that the PowerPoint presentation be submitted to Fraser Works Employment Services Centre.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 The Economics of Aging – Paul Luke

6.2 2014 Canadian Un-retirement Index Report – Sun Life Financial

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is October 9, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 2

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Certified correct,

**COUNCILLOR BILL HARPER
CHAIR**

**LAUREN BLAKE
COMMITTEE CLERK**