

Seniors Advisory Committee

Tuesday April 9, 2019

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Canada Room

Minutes

Attendance:

Satya Arora
Arul Rajasingam
Patricia Anderson
Anthony Ko
Almas Mawani
Yash Kapur
Mithan Lal Kansal
Diane Gabay, Vice-Chair

Regrets:

Gail Leet, Chair
Councillor Amanda Collucci
Alam Muhammad

Guests:

Kirk McDonald – Angus Glen Seniors Club
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Staff:

Josh Machesney, Elections & Committee Coordinator
Marta Wrzal, Recreation Coordinator – Programs & Outreach
Heather Hogan, Communications Coordinator
Jason Tsien, Senior Manager, Business Development

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order & Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest	<p>The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 3:01 PM with Diane Gabay, Vice-Chair, presiding as Chair.</p> <p>Diane provided opening remarks, and announced the passing of valued friend, member, and Vice-Chair, Ramma Chabra. Members expressed their sincerest condolences to her family.</p>	
2. Approval of the March 12, 2019 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes	<p>That the March 12, 2019 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
3. Jason Tsien, Senior Manager, Business Development – Older Adult Strategy	<p>Jason Tsien, Senior Manager, Business Development, was in attendance to deliver a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City's Older Adult Strategy for the purpose of providing an update to the Committee.</p> <p>Jason reiterated the purpose of the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish goals, outcomes and recommended actions to make Markham an Age-Friendly Community; • Recommend an appropriate age definition for older adults in Markham; • Recommend affordable and sustainably subsidy framework for older adult programs and services. <p>Jason discussed the various “touchpoints” - particular governmental programs and services, where seniors interact with various levels of government, and explained how these touchpoints are being made more age-friendly through the Older Adult Strategy.</p> <p>Jason provided an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older Adult Strategy-related programs implemented since 2018; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of various communication channels for seniors; • Next steps. <p>Jason advised that it is the City's intention to provide quarterly updates to the Committee related to work across the corporation to support the alignment the strategy to Age-Friendly Community requirements.</p>	
4. Coffee Talk Update	Marta Wrzal, Recreation Coordinator – Programs & Outreach, confirmed that the first Seniors Advisory Committee-organized Coffee Talk will take place on April 11, 2019 from 11 AM – 12 PM at Armadale C.C. The talk will be about the Ministry of Transportation and a representative from the Ministry will there to facilitate the discussion.	
5. Markham Life Update	<p>Heather Hogan, Communications Coordinator, announced that Markham Life Magazine is actively looking to do more to feature seniors, seniors programs, and the Seniors Advisory Committee. She reminded Members that anyone with any articles or events that they would like to be promoted to send the information to her for publishing in next edition of Markham Life.</p> <p>Heather announced that the City has initiated the Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) and is looking for feedback. The kick-off to the consultation is Thursday April 25 from 5:30-8:30 PM at the Markham Civic Centre.</p> <p>Heather announced that launch of Your Voice Markham, the City's new online engagement platform that allows residents to contribute ideas and feedback on City matters. More information can be found at www.yourvoicemarkham.ca. Heather further advised that the City will be engaging residents and looking for feedback on Markham Life Magazine via Your Voice Markham platform.</p>	
6. Committee for an Age-Friendly Markham - Update	Diane provided an overview of the Committee for an Age-Friendly Markham, explaining how the Committee came to fruition, what the Committee does, and the action plan they brought forward to Markham City	

	<p>Council in February 2019 with 19 concrete and comprehensive recommendations for action to deal with affordable housing for seniors and others and the need to build a residential hospice in Markham.</p> <p>She explained that the next step is to facilitate a workshop with the various parties involved, such as the City, Region of York, and the Province, to discuss what needs to be done to build a residential hospice in Markham and deal with affordable housing.</p>	
7. New Business	<p>Kirk McDonald of the Angus Glen Seniors Club announced that his club's annual dinner will be May 18th and tickets are now available.</p> <p>Patricia Anderson inquired about the appointment of new members and Council Members to the Committee. Josh Machesney, Elections & Committee Coordinator, advised that interviews for new Committee Members were underway, however Council appointments to advisory committees has not yet been made public.</p>	
8. Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:37 PM.</p>	