

## Seniors Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

York Room

3:00 PM

<b>Attendance:</b>  Gail Leet, Chair Diane Gabay, Vice-Chair Satya Arora Patricia Anderson Anthony Ko Almas Mawani Arul Rajasingam Councillor Amanda Collucci Laura Gold,  <b>Representatives from Markham's Senior's Clubs:</b>  Kirk McDonald, Angus Glen Seniors Club  <b>Staff:</b> Jason Tsien, Senior Manager of Business Development Andrea Berry, Senior Manager of Corporate Communications & Community Engagement Portia Lee, Rec Coordinator, Programs and Outreach Heather Hogan, Communications Coordinator Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator	<b>Regrets:</b>  Yash Kapur Mithan Lal Kansal Alam Muhammad KY Chu, MONTM KC
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Item	Discussion	Action
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 3:04 PM with Gail Leet in the Chair.	
<b>2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest</b>	None.	
<b>3. Approval of the April 9, and</b>	The Minutes of the April 9, and May 9, 2019 Seniors Advisory Committee were approved as presented.	

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<b>May 9, 2019 Minutes</b>		
<b>4. Presentation – Age Friendly Community</b>	<p>Andy Langer, provided a presentation entitled “Update on the Age Friendly Markham Progress”. He advised that some of the key issues facing senior’s today include: affordable housing for seniors; long wait list for long term care; and how to make accommodations age friendly. Solving these issues will require the cooperation of all three levels of government.</p> <p>The focus of the presentation was on residential hospices, which currently do not exist in Markham. A residential hospice is a home like environment where end of life care is provided. The cost of providing this service is approximately \$450 per day, per bed versus \$1,200 per day, per bed at a hospital. It costs from \$6 -\$10 million to build a residential hospice.</p> <p>Evergreen is a compassionate care facility. It is funded through fundraising activities.</p> <p>Committee Members were encouraged to educate themselves on the hospice concept.</p>	
<b>5. Markham Life/ Website Update</b>	<p>Heather Hogan, Corporate Communications &amp; Community Engagement, Coordinator provided an update on the Senior’s section of Markham Life. The Senior’s Hall of Fame Awards is being promoted in the issue. The magazine will also be available online.</p> <p>Markham’s website is being updated to include all City programs and services for older adults. The goal is to centralize services being offered to seniors in one place, so that it is easier for residents to find the information.</p>	
<b>6. Canada Day Update</b>	<p>Andrea Berry, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications &amp; Community Engagement advised that Members of the Seniors Advisory Committee have been formally invited by phone to attend the Canada Day Luncheon.</p>	

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	<p>Almas Mawani and Kirk McDonald will be contacted about the luncheon, as they indicated that they had not received a phone call.</p> <p>Satya Arora agreed to man the Committee's booth at the luncheon. Portia Lee, Rec- Coordinator, Programs and Outreach was requested to look for the Committee's t-shirts and pens, so that they can be used at the luncheon.</p>	
7. Senior's Health Fair	<p>Gail Leet, Chair spoke about the Seniors Health Fair. The fair has 30 plus health and wellness booths. Andrea Berry and Almas Mawani joined the Sub-Committee. Portia Lee was advised that her assistance will be required in the planning and undertaking of the fair.</p> <p>Heather Hogan circulated the draft poster for the fair. The Committee will provide staff with feedback on the poster by email.</p>	Provide feedback to staff on poster – Gail Leet
8. New Business	<p><u>Armada Old Adult Club</u> Patricia Anderson will be providing a presentation at the Armadale Community Centre.</p> <p>A new website has been created for the <a href="http://www.aoac.ca">www.aoac.ca</a>.</p> <p><u>Coffee Talks</u> Jason Tsien and Satya Arora will discuss the next steps with respect to the talks at Armadale.</p> <p>Arul Rajasingam advised that a new coffee shop called "Daddy and Mommy Café" has opened up at the Aaniin Community Centre. It is operated by the Middlefield Seniors Club</p>	
9. Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee will be held on July 9, 2019 at 3:00 PM.	
10. Adjournment	The Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:30 PM.	