

## Seniors Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

York Room

3:00 PM

<b>Attendance:</b>  Gail Leet, Chair Diane Gabay, Vice-Chair Satya Arora Patricia Anderson Anthony Ko Arul Rajasingam Laila Jiwa Yash Kapur Mithan Lal Kansal Councillor Keith Irish Mayor Frank Scarpitti  <b>Representatives from Markham's Senior's Clubs:</b>  Kirk McDonald, Angus Glen Seniors Club  <b>Staff:</b> Portia Lee, Rec Coordinator, Programs and Outreach Hristina Giantsopoulos, Council/Committee Coordinator	<b>Regrets:</b>  Councillor Amanda Collucci Alam Muhammad Almas Mawani Andrea Berry, Senior Manager of Corporate Communications & Community Engagement Heather Hogan, Communications Coordinator Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator
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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 June 11, 2019 Minutes</b>	The attendance of the June 11, 2019 Senior's Advisory Committee Minutes was updated to reflect that Laila Jiwa was not in attendance.	

	<p><b>The Senior's Advisory Committee Recommended:</b> That the Minutes from the June 11, 2019 Seniors Advisory Committee be approved as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>	
<p><b>4. Wrap Up of Senior's Health Fair</b></p>	<p>Portia Lee provided a summary of the Senior's Health Fair and reported that there were 52 vendors and 350 attendees. The event was very well received. Positive feedback was received from both the vendors and attendees.</p> <p>The Committee remarked that the Aaniin Community Centre was a good venue for the event, as it provided ample parking and other services. However, the gym was crowded, and future consideration should be given to also using the Senior's Room.</p> <p>Gail Leet, Chair suggested hosting different types of events in 2020. The Committee discussed holding both a health fair, and another type of event. It suggested establishing a sub-committee for each event.</p> <p>Committee discussed possibly hosting a fashion show for men and women with cultural entertainment. Venue ideas for the event included Aaniin, Angus Glen, or Centennial Community Centre.</p> <p><b>The Senior's Advisory Committee Recommended:</b> That the Senior's Advisory Committee plan two events in 2020; and,</p> <p>That a sub-committee be established for each event.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>	<p>Anthony Ko to provide information on the availability of a cultural group(s) to perform at a fashion show event.</p> <p>Anthony Ko to also provide information on availability of male models.</p> <p>Patricia Anderson to inquire if Peppertree Fashions would like to participate.</p> <p>Include this item in agenda for next meeting.</p>
<p><b>5. Christmas Lunch</b></p>	<p>Committee agreed to hold the Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, December 10, at 12 noon in the Ontario Room. The invitation list will include Committee Members, the Mayor and senior staff.</p>	<p>Diane Gabay and Satya Arora will coordinate this event.</p> <p>Portia Lee will inquire about catering from the Pickle Barrel.</p>
<p><b>6. Markham Life</b></p>	<p>The Committee discussed the article in the November issue of Markham Life that highlighted the Senior's Hall of Fame Awards night. It also noted that the next</p>	

	<p>issue will include an article on the Senior's Health Fair.</p>	
<p><b>7. New Business</b></p>	<p><u>Update from the Mayor</u>            Mayor Frank Scarpitti congratulated and thanked the Committee for their work in the community, and discussed the importance of their contributions. The Mayor looked forward to the Committee's continued support.</p> <p>The Mayor provided an update on a possible hospice in Markham, and on how he brought three key stakeholders together to work on this initiative; Markham Stouffville Hospital, Saint Elizabeth Healthcare, and Evergreen Hospice. A update on the Memorandum of Understanding will be provided in the new year.</p> <p><u>Meeting Time</u>            The Committee discussed changing the start time for future meetings to 2:30 PM to better accommodate the schedules of some Members. The time can be re-evaluated in the future if required.</p> <p><b>The Senior's Advisory Committee Recommended:</b></p> <p>That future Senior's Advisory Committee meetings be held from 2:30 to 4:30 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> <p><u>Cycling for Seniors</u>            Anthony Ko advised he would like to give a presentation in the spring about cycling for seniors.</p> <p><u>Fundraising Announcement</u>            Arul Rajasingam announced he will be presenting a cheque to the City for future Celebrate Markham seniors initiatives on December 6, 2019, on behalf of the Middlefield Seniors Wellness Club that raised the funds.</p>	
<p>8. Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>The next meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 2:30 PM.</p>	

9. Adjournment	The Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:37 PM.	
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