

## **Seniors Advisory Committee**

Tuesday August 14, 2018

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Ontario Room

### **Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Ramma Chabra, Vice-Chair

Satya Arora

Laila Jiwa

Arul Rajasingam

Anthony Ko

Diane Gabay

Patricia Anderson

Christine Wong

Yash Kapur

Almas Mawani

Alam Muhammad

Councillor Don Hamilton

Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong

**Regrets:**

Councillor Colin Campbell

Councillor Amanda Collucci

Gail Leet, Chair

Mithan Lal Kansal

**Staff:**

Josh Machesney, Acting Council/Committee Coordinator

Marta Wrzal, Recreation Coordinator – Programs & Outreach

Heather Hogan, Marketing & Communications Coordinator

Melanie Cunha, Outreach Coordinator

Jennifer Stevenson, Community Librarian

Item	Discussion	Action Item
<b>1. Call to Order &amp; Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest</b>	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 3:00 PM with Ramma Chabra presiding as Chair.	
<b>2. Approval of the July 10, 2018 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes</b>	That the July 10, 2018 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes be approved, as amended.  Approved	
<b>3. Library Outreach</b>	<p>Melanie Cunha, Outreach Coordinator and Jennifer Stevenson, Community Librarian, were in attendance to discuss the variety of services available for older adults at Markham Public Libraries.</p> <p>Melanie explained that the new Aaniin Community Centre has a “Maker Space” and design areas that includes a 3D Printer, a laser engraver, a digital embroiderer, sewing machines, a dye cutter, that are available for public use, for a minimal fee. A Digital Media Lab is also available at Thornhill, Angus Glen, Aaniin Community Centres where residents can use a VHS converter or rent a digital camera.</p> <p>Melanie explained the “Markham Reads” program, which is a community-wide book club. This summer, the program will be reading the book of a local author.</p> <p>Melanie provided handout listing many of the summer programs available to seniors at Markham Public Libraries. She encouraged members to check the Library’s website for a full listing of events and programs hosted by Markham Public Library.</p> <p>Melanie advised that many programs offered by the libraries are language specific, and some are tailored to assist seniors that may be facing social isolation to meet others in a socialized setting.</p>	

<b>4. Seniors Hall of Fame Update</b>	<p>Yash Kapur, Chair of Markham Seniors Hall of Fame, was present to provide an update. The deadline to submit a nomination is September 7<sup>th</sup>. He encourages members to nominate their peers for the Hall of Fame. Nomination forms are available on the City of Markham website, or from Yash.</p> <p>Please reach out to Yash if there are any questions or concerns about nomination criteria.</p>	
<b>5. Markham Life Update</b>	<p>Members acknowledged staff's work on the August edition of Markham Life Magazine. They agreed that the Seniors section was very well done.</p> <p>Heather Hogan, Marketing &amp; Communications Coordinator advised the she will be finalizing the next (winter) issue on October 4<sup>th</sup> and invited Senior to submit content to her for the magazine before then. She encouraged members to provide suggestions regarding any winter activities for seniors to be featured in the winter issue.</p>	<p>Yash will send biographies and photos of Senior Hall of Fame winners to be featured in the next issue of Markham Life Magazine.</p>
<b>6. New Business</b>	<p><u>SSN Aging Positively Seniors Fair &amp; Walkathon</u>          The event will take place September 23, 2018 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Unionville High School. You must RSVP.</p>	<p>Josh will email the invitation to committee members.</p>
<b>7. Adjournment</b>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM</p>	