

Seniors Advisory Committee

Tuesday June 12, 2018

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Minutes

Attendance:

Gail Leet, Chair
Ramma Chabra, Vice-Chair
Satya Arora
Laila Jiwa
Arul Rajasingam
Christine Wong
Almas Mawani
Mithan Lal Kansal
Diane Gabay
Yash Kapur

Regrets:

Councillor Colin Campbell
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Amanda Collucci
Patricia Anderson
Alam Muhammad
Anthony Ko

Staff:

Josh Machesney, Acting Council/Committee Coordinator
Andrea Berry, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications & Community Engagement
Abid Mirza, Communications Officers, Elections
Yvonne Yeung, Senior Planner
Heather Hogan, Marketing & Communications Coordinator
Janet Beatty, Community Program Coordinator, South West
Marta Wrzal, Recreation Coordinator – Programs & Outreach

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order &	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 3:07 PM with Gail Leet	

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest	<p>presiding as Chair.</p> <p>Gail Leet, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Janet Beatty for her hard work over the past 4 years as the Staff Liaison for the Seniors Advisory Committee. The Committee also welcomed the new Staff Liaison, Marta Wrzal.</p>	
2. Approval of the May 8, 2018 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes	<p>That the May 8, 2018 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Approved</p>	
3. 2018 Municipal Election – Accessibility	<p>Abid Mirza, Communications Officer, was in attendance to discuss Markham's Online Voting Model and the City's strategy for engaging seniors during the election process.</p> <p>Abid outlined Markham's new online voting model. He explained that paper ballots will be available during the early voting period from October 12 – 19; however on voting day (October 22), only online voting will be available. Elections staff will be reaching out to seniors to help make them familiar with Markham's online voting methods. He further explained that the City is moving forward with a comprehensive communications plan to help make seniors and other members of the community familiar with Markham's new voting model and platforms.</p> <p>He urged members to contact him to have Elections Staff attend their respective Senior's organizations to talk with other seniors in the community regarding Markham's voting process.</p>	<p>Members can leave contact information with Josh to pass on to Abid to have Elections Staff attend their event to speak about Markham's Voting Model.</p>
4. Urban Design Accessibility – Older Adult Strategy	<p>Yvonne Yeung, Senior Planner, was in attendance to provide a presentation regarding Markham's urban design strategy for accessibility.</p> <p>She advised that the City is moving towards more age-friendly and pedestrian-friendly urban design using recommendations from the 2017</p>	

	Older Adult Strategy. She offered various examples to demonstrate ways in which cities can make streets, sidewalks, and other public spaces friendlier to pedestrians, particularly to those with accessibility needs, and discussed Markham's vision for a more accessible City.	
5. Update on Markham Life and Q & A Discussion	<p>Heather Hogan, Marketing & Communications Coordinator provided a brief update on Markham Life Magazine. She explained that she is responsible for the magazine's editorial section and is looking to help Committee members and other seniors get information regarding senior's events to other members of the community via Markham Life Magazine.</p> <p>She urged members that are hosting seniors events to contact her.</p>	
6. Craft Fair Update	Janet Beatty provided a brief update on the Craft Fair. She advised that there is approximately 45 vendors scheduled for the Fair, with a diverse selection of crafts.	
7. New Business	There was no new business.	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:11 PM	