

Seniors Advisory Committee

Tuesday May 8, 2018

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

York Room

Minutes

Attendance:

Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Amanda Collucci
Gail Leet, Chair
Ramma Chabra, Vice-Chair
Patricia Anderson
Satya Arora
Alam Muhammad
Laila Jiwa
Arul Rajasingam
Christine Wong
Almas Mawani
Anthony Ko

Regrets:

Councillor Colin Campbell
Mithan Lal Kansal
Diane Gabay
Yash Kapur

Staff:

Janet Beatty, Recreation Coordinator
Laura Gold, Acting Council/Committee Coordinator
Andrea Berry, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications &
Community Engagement
Kaushalya Rajah

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order & Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 3:02 PM with Ramma Chabra presiding as Chair. Gail Leet assumed the role of Chair at 3:45 pm. Committee observed a moment of silence for late Ms. Kamla Malhotra,	

	Committee member, Senior's Advisory Committee who had recently passed away.	
2. Approval of the April 10, 2018 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes	<p>Moved by Patricia Anderson Seconded by Anthony Ko</p> <p>That the April 10, 2018 minutes be approved with following amendment: Alam Muhammad was in attendance at the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
3. Jane Teasdale, Principal, Director of Business Development, Mosaic Home Care Services & Community Resource Centres	<p>Jane Teasdale, Principal, Director of Business Development, Mosaic Home Care Services & Community Resource Centres delivered a powerpoint presentation on the Importance of Person Centered Community Integrated Care.</p> <p>She began by thanking the Committee for inviting her. She explained the success of Mosaic's person centred community focused model in Canada and in UK. Mosaic has been providing integrated services for the past 8 years in Markham and Toronto (CNIB Centre).</p> <p>The presentation introduced Mosaic's services and the importance of private and not-for-profit organizations working together to provide integrated services for seniors thereby filling in the gaps in the service levels. With the shortage of public funds and the threat of funding cuts, small scale isolated projects are not sustainable.</p> <p>The committee thanked Jane Teasdale for sharing her research. There were some questions regarding services provided by Mosaic, the costs, how they hire and train their staff, the average age of participants, etc. The Committee requested a tour of the Mosaic Centre. Jane Teasdale suggested doing the tour in July or August or sometime in the fall.</p>	

	<p>Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong suggested inviting Jane Teasdale to do a presentation of her model to Council. Laura Gold advised that the Committee could pass a motion to this affect and forward it to Council for its consideration.</p> <p>Moved by Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong Seconded by Ramma Chabra</p> <p>That Jane Teasdale be invited to Council to do a presentation on the Importance of Person Centered Community Integrated Care.</p> <p>Carried</p>	
<p>4. Smart Cities Challenge – Information and Update</p>	<p>Andrea Berry gave an overview of the Smart Cities Challenge application, a competition for municipalities by Infrastructure Canada to work towards meaningful outcomes for residents through the use of data and connected technology. Staff had extensive community consultation and an application was submitted under the \$10 Million category to use data and connected technology to better the lives of seniors in our community.</p> <p>The challenge statement of City of Markham's submission as follows: Every senior in our community will be empowered to make choices, and experience proactive and responsive care that eliminates social isolation and improves their health and wellness, and that of the broader community.</p> <p>The project will address issues such as lack of information, lack of access to information, mobility challenges, language barriers, physical inability to participate, lack of services, etc through the use of data and connected technology.</p> <p>Mayor Frank Scarpitti announced the City of Markham's submission to the</p>	<p>Email the Pdf</p>

	<p>Smart Cities Challenge at the Union Villa Long-Term Care Centre.</p> <p>Andrea Berry will forward the pdf version of the submission to the Committee.</p>	<p>version of submission to committee – Andrea Berry</p>
5. Update on Craft Fair	<p>Janet Beatty provided an update on the craft fair. She advised that there have already been 31 vendors registered to participate in the event and that 48 tables will be needed. Janet Beatty will get in touch with Sustainability & Asset Management Staff to determine the maximum number of tables that could be put at the Aaniin Community Centre to decide the final number of tables for the event.</p> <p>The Committee decided to keep the vendor booth promotion going for one more week then change the wording to just promote the event.</p>	<p>Check the maximum allowed number of tables at the Aaniin CC – Janet Beatty</p> <p>Change the wording of the ad after a week – Andrea Berry</p>
6. Update on Markham Life and Q & A Discussion	<p>There was a brief discussion on the Markham Life magazine. The Committee was requested to make suggestions for topics for the next issue of Markham Life, which will be published in August. Some of the topics suggested were – Part 2 of the Fraud Prevention article, Internet Fraud, and anything related to safety. There was also a suggestion to request Jane Teasdale to provide an article.</p> <p>Andrea Berry advised that Heather Hogan will be consulting the Committee on the senior's section in the next issue of Markham Life.</p> <p>The Chair reminded that only events that are open to public will be promoted in the magazine.</p>	
7. 2018 Canada Day Seniors' Luncheon	<p>It was noted that the registration for Canada Day Senior's Luncheon will open on May 28th and that the Seniors Advisory Committee and the Senior's Hall of Fame Committee have tables assigned for them.</p>	

	Nomination forms and posters for Senior's Hall of Fame Awards will be available at the event. The Chair encouraged the Members to submit nominations for the Senior's Hall of Fame Awards.	
8. New Business	There was no new business.	
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM	