

## **Seniors Advisory Committee**

Tuesday February 13, 2018

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Canada Room

### **Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Patricia Anderson  
Satya Arora  
Gail Leet, Chair  
Arul Rajasingam  
Christine Wong  
Councillor Amanda Collucci  
Diane Gabay  
Yash Kapur  
Alam Muhammad  
Anthony Ko

**Regrets:**

Ramma Chabra, Vice-Chair  
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong  
Councillor Colin Campbell  
Dr. Devendra Mishra  
Almas Mawani  
Kamla Malhotra  
Mithan Lal Kansal  
Laila Jiwa

**Staff:**

Janet Beatty, Recreation Coordinator  
Josh Machesney, Acting Legislative Coordinator, Committee Clerk  
Andrea Berry, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications &  
Community Engagement

Item	Discussion	Action Item
<b>1. Call to Order &amp; Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest</b>	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 3:05 PM with Gail Leet presiding as Chair.	
<b>2. Approval of the January 9, 2018 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes</b>	That the January 9, 2018 minutes be approved.  Carried.	
<b>3. Update on Hobby and Craft Fair</b>	<p>Gail announced that the confirmed date for the Hobby and Craft Fair is June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Aaniin Community Centre. She also informed members that the poster is complete and that the Corporate Communications Department is working on additional materials to promote the Fair. Andrea Berry, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications and Community Engagement advised members that the Corporate Communications Department can help advertise for the Fair using Twitter and other social media channels, including sending out notifications to subscribers via the City's email notification system.</p> <p>It was announced that the City is hosting a craft fair at Thornhill Community Centre on February 25<sup>th</sup> for senior crafters, and there was discussion about approaching some of the vendors to come participate in the Hobby and Craft Fair being put on by the Committee in June.</p> <p>The next Hobby and Craft Fair Sub-committee meeting is scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
<b>4. Article in Thornhill Magazine</b>	Gail announced that the Committee was featured in the Olde Thornhill Village Magazine, February 2018 issue. Some members appeared on the front page, and the Committee was the subject of the magazine's featured story.	
<b>5. Update on Markham Life Magazine</b>	<p>Gail shared that she felt the Committee needs to come up with new ideas for articles in Markham Life Magazine. Andrea suggested putting in advertisements for the 2018 Seniors Extravaganza and the Craft and Hobby Fair. Diana Gabay suggested having a seniors-related FAQ section, where seniors could go to have commonly asked question answered.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Committee establish a sub-committee to create some</p>	Andrea will follow up with York Regional Police about setting up a presentation for the committee and other seniors in the community regarding

	website content for the Seniors Advisory Committee on the City's new website.	fraud prevention.
<b>6. Roles and Responsibilities of Committee Members</b>	Gail asked members to reflect on and articulate what they thought they could contribute to the Committee and what they thought they would get out of their experience as a member of the Committee, before they had joined. She encouraged members to reflect on their commitment to the Committee. She asked members to consider pursuing more serious and pressing issues that seniors in the community face, such as expanding the availability of hospice and palliative care.	
<b>7. New Business</b>	There was no new business.	
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM	