

Seniors Advisory Committee

Tuesday April 11, 2017

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Canada Room

Minutes

Attendance:

Patricia Anderson
Satya Arora
Diane Gabay
Laila Jiwa
Yash Kapur
Anthony Ko
Mithan Lal Kansal
Gail Leet, Chair
Kamla Malhotra
Almas Mawani
Alam Muhammad
Arul Rajasingam
Christine Wong
Ramma Chabra, Vice-Chair
Dr. Devendra Mishra
Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong (Arrived at 3:50)

Regrets:

Mithan Lal Kansal
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Amanda Collucci

Staff:

Janet Beatty, Recreation Coordinator
Vanessa Rhodes, Acting Manager, Access & Privacy
Josh Machesney, Acting Legislative Coordinator, Committee Clerk
Sara McMillan, Sr. Manager, Corporate Communications &
Community Engagement
Jason Tsien, Community Manager South

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order & Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 3:05 PM with Gail Leet presiding as Chair.	
2. Approval of the February 14, 2017 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes	The following amendment was made to the minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Chair advised that the Committee will continue to study the feasibility of developing a website.” <p style="text-align: right;">Approved</p> <p>Minutes were approved as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried.</p>	
3. MOSAIC Home Care Services – Dina Campeis	Dina Campeis from MOSAIC Home Care Services was present to provide a short presentation to the Committee. She discussed the services that MOSAIC provides to seniors in Markham and the surrounding communities, including home care, community resource centres, and hosting local events.	
4. Tiky Yuen (O.A.L.A. Associate member) Parks Renaissance Planner – Operations Department	Tiky Yuen, Parks Renaissance Planner, was present to speak about the Parks Redevelopment Program in Markham. She advised members that the City was administering a survey asking residents to provide feedback on which parks the City should make more accessible for seniors. She invited members of the Committee to fill out the survey.	
5. Seniors Art Showcase update	A brief update on the Seniors Art Showcase was provided. Jason Tsien confirmed that the Mayor and Council have been invited to the Art Showcase reception on June 15 th from 4-6 pm. He also advised that planter boxes have been confirmed for the event. <p>Janet Beatty advised members that all logistics (tables, chairs, peg boards) have been secured for the event and that the final documents for the exhibitors have been completed and are now with Gail Leet.</p> <p>Gail Leet advised that the Art Showcase Subcommittee will be meeting next on April 18th at 3:00 pm.</p>	

<p>6. Discussion of findings re proposed need for SAC Website</p>	<p>Sara McMillan, Sr. Manager of Corporate Communications & Community Engagement was present to answer questions regarding the potential of setting up a website for the Seniors Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Gail Leet had compiled feedback from the Committee about whether or not they felt a website would be useful, and distributed her findings at the meeting. There was a consensus that the Committee wanted a website that was user-friendly for seniors and that would communicate the work of the Seniors Advisory Committee and various events for seniors within the community. She also advised that the Committee had established a Facebook page, but wanted something that was more readily available to seniors, such as a webpage on the City’s website.</p> <p>Sara McMillan advised the Committee the City prohibits advisory committees from having Facebook pages, and that she would work with the Committee in understanding their vision of a website for seniors in order to move forward with the development of a web space for the Committee.</p>	<p>Sara will meet with Gail and other Committee members to establish a vision for the Seniors Advisory Committee website.</p>
<p>7. New Business</p>	<p>There was no new business.</p>	
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM</p>	