

## Seniors Advisory Committee

Tuesday December 13, 2016

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Canada Room

### Notes

**Attendance:**

Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong  
Councillor Amanda Collucci  
Diane Gabay  
Yash Kapur  
Gail Leet, Chair  
Christine Wong

**Staff:**

Brian Bailey, Recreation  
Janet Beatty, Recreation Coordinator  
Michael Blackburn, Marketing & Communications Advisor  
Vanessa Rhodes, Legislative Coordinator, Committee Clerk

**Regrets:**

Councillor Colin Campbell  
Ramma Chabra, Vice-Chair  
Laila Jiwa  
Katy Kwan  
Dr. Devendra Mishra  
Faiz Mohyuddin  
Bala Ponniah  
Asad Shariff  
Sajeda Shirazi  
Jason Tsien, Community Manager, North  
Manickampillai Velauthapillai

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order & Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened without quorum at 3:11 PM with Gail Leet presiding as Chair.	
2. Approval of the October 11 and November 8, 2016 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes	As there was no quorum, approval of the October 11 <sup>th</sup> and November 8 <sup>th</sup> minutes are postponed to the next meeting.  Regional Councillor Armstrong raised a concern that was discussed at General Committee on November 28, 2016 regarding her commitment to assist the	

	<p>committee in fundraising \$10,000 to support a Seniors event in 2017. The October 11<sup>th</sup> minutes have been amended to clarify that Regional Councillor Armstrong has committed to assisting the Committee in fundraising \$10,000 to support a Seniors event in 2017.</p> <p>The Committee will decide on an event to host in 2017, and then a decision will be made regarding how much fundraising will be required to support the event.</p>	
<b>3. Introduction of Mr. Arul Rajasingam (Guest from Greensborough Tamil Seniors Wellness Club)</b>	<p>Gail Leet introduced Arul Rajasingam to the committee members present.</p> <p>Arul Rajasingam is the founder of the Greensborough Tamil Seniors Wellness Club, and discussed the various activities that the club offers. The Club now has 34 members who are Tamil.</p>	
<b>4. 2016 Health Fair Wrap-Up</b>	<p>Janet Beatty notified committee members that there is \$1,500.00 left over from the 2016 Health Fair.</p> <p>Councillor Collucci noted that the Angus Glen Seniors Club. The Cornell Senior's Club may be interested in hosting the 2017 Health Fair.</p>	Jason Tsien will reach out to the Angus Glen Seniors Club to identify if they are interested in hosting the event in 2017.
<b>5. Seniors Advisory Committee 2017 Participation</b>	<p>Gail Leet introduced Brian Bailey to the Committee.</p> <p>Brian Bailey is the Seniors Coordinator at the Thornhill Community Centre.</p> <p>On behalf of the Thornhill Seniors Club, Brian Bailey proposed that the Thornhill Seniors Club partner with the Seniors Advisory Committee to collaborate and host various Seniors events across the City throughout the year. The objective of the partnership would be to increase the Thornhill Seniors Club's reach to the entire city and expand beyond the Thornhill residents.</p> <p>The first event that Brian Bailey presented to the Committee was hosting a Seniors Art Showcase at the Civic Centre. The event would involve Seniors displaying their artwork, which would be displayed for approximately 3 days in the Great Hall.</p>	

	<p>The second event Brian Bailey presented to the Committee was a Seniors Fashion Show. The Thornhill Seniors Club would benefit from the Committee assisting with finding another central location in the City to accommodate the increased participation of the event.</p> <p>The Committee members present at the meeting were supportive of both events presented. Gail Leet noted that there should be integration of the Seniors groups across the City, and by working collaboratively with the various Seniors Clubs it would increase the events' successfulness.</p> <p>Brian Bailey will provide the Committee with previous years' promotional material for the Seniors Art Showcase and the Fashion Show.</p> <p>Regional Councillor Armstrong supported the Fashion Show, but raised the question of whether there would be a benefit in hosting a Fashion Show in 4 different locations across the City so that it would be more accessible to Seniors and residents.</p> <p>There are 7 registered Seniors Clubs, which are located at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thornhill Community Centre</li> <li>• Angus Glen Community Centre</li> <li>• Milliken Mills Community Centre</li> <li>• Markham Seniors Activity Centre</li> <li>• Armadale Community Centre</li> <li>• Centennial Community Centre</li> <li>• Cornell Community Centre</li> </ul> <p>Gail Leet discussed the Committee assisting with hosting the Light Tour in 2017.</p>	
<b>6. New Business</b>	<p>Regional Councillor Armstrong informed the Committee that there will be a Canada 150 Committee created by some Members of Council and the public. Other City Advisory Committees that can apply for funding for up to \$2,000.00 to support events that promote Canada 150.</p> <p>Gail Leet asked Michael Blackburn to assist the Committee with developing a</p>	<p>Michael Blackburn will speak to Lisa Lombardo how the Committee can create a webpage.</p>

	<p>Seniors web page. The Committee will discuss what information should be displayed on the City's Portal.</p> <p>Councillor Collucci discussed that the Committee can assist with increasing integration of the Seniors Clubs across the City by inviting some Seniors Club members to attend the Committee meetings as advisors. The advisors would then disseminate the information from the Committee meetings to their respective Senior Club members.</p> <p>Regional Councillor Armstrong invited the Committee to her New Year Levy that will be held at the Armadale Community Centre on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00-5:00 PM.</p>	
<b>7. Adjournment</b>	<p>The Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:34PM.</p>	