

MINUTES
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 10, 2016
3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Attendance: Gail Leet, Christine Wong, Diane Gabay, Councillor Amanda Collucci, Ramma Chabra, Asad Shariff, Katy Kwan, Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, Manickampillai Velauthapillai, Yash Kapur and Faiz Mohyuddin

Staff: Janet Beatty, Recreation Coordinator and Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets Michael Blackburn, Corporate Communications,, Councillor Colin Campbell, Jason Tsien, Community Manager, North , Laila Jiwa, Vincent Cheung, Sajeda Shirazi, Bala Ponniah, and Dr. Devendra Mishra

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. CALL TO ORDER	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 3:35 PM with Gail Leet presiding as Chair.	
2. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 12, 2016 SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES	<p>Moved by Chrisine Wong Seconded by Diane Gabay</p> <p>That the minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
3. Older Adult Strategy	<p>Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong briefly explained the process of the York Region Senior Task Force.</p> <p>The Committee was advised that York Region staff attended the May 2, 2016 General Committee meeting and provided a presentation regarding York Region's Senior Strategy.</p>	
4. 2016 Health Fair	<p>The following information was provided relative to the 2016 Senior Health Forum being held on November 17, 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revera is sponsoring the food again this year 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thornhill Community Centre staff will set up two auditoriums for the event • The Senior Advisory Committee will sponsor the entertainment for the Welcome Back event held at the Thornhill Seniors Centre in the Fall • Councillor Amanda Collucci will donate red T-shirts with white writing (on the back of the t-shirt it will have "Senior Advisory Committee of Markham" and will confirm if the Markham Logo can be placed on the t-shirt) for all Committee members. She will have the t-shirts prior to the Canada Day Seniors Luncheon • Janet will assist in ordering pens that can be handed out at the Health & Wellness Fair - it was suggested to order 300 • Gail will update the brochure that was handed out at the 2015 Seniors Forum by including new pictures and doing some minor edits • Regional Councilor Armstrong advised that she will send a letter to former Mayor Hazel McCallion inviting her to the Seniors Health and Wellness Fair. Councillors Collucci and Campbell will join her in doing this. 	<p>Councillor Collucci will try to have the t-shirts for Canada Day</p> <p>Janet will assist with ordering pens Gail will update the brochure Regional Councillor Armstrong will send a letter to Hazel McCallion inviting her to the Seniors Health & Wellness Fair</p>
5. New Business	<p><u>Muslim Welfare Centre</u></p> <p>Asad Shariff advised that the Muslim Welfare Centre has retained SHS Consultant to survey GTA seniors regarding affordable housing. He will send out the information to Gail via e-mail. Gail will forward the information to all Committee members and anyone interested in participating to please advise him.</p> <p><u>Canada Day</u></p> <p>It was noted that members of the Seniors Advisory Committee will be invited to the Canada Day lunch. It was suggested that perhaps a representative from the other Advisory Committees would also be welcome as their issues are also relevant to Seniors. Councillor Amanda Collucci will consider this.</p> <p>The Chair will approach Lorraine Li with a view to including reference to the Seniors</p>	

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	<p>Advisory Committee in the Mayors video or speech on Canada Day.</p> <p><u>Volunteers</u></p> <p>Regional Councillor Armstrong agreed to investigate the lack of recognition /volunteer awards for members of all Advisory Committees working for the City.</p> <p><u>Seniors Hall of Fame</u></p> <p>Yash Kapur advised that he is the Chair of the Seniors Hall of Fame Committee and that they are looking for nominations.</p>	<p>Regional Councillor Armstrong will speak with Andy Taylor regarding recognition for volunteers.</p>
7. ADJOURNMENT	The Seniors' Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:36 PM.	