

Seniors Advisory Committee

June 14, 2016
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Canada Room

Minutes

Attendance:

Ramma Chabra, Vice-Chair
Yash Kapur
Katy Kwan
Gail Leet, Chair
Asad Shariff
Manickampillai Velauthapillai
Christine Wong

Staff:

Nasir Kenea, Chief Information Officer
Kiran Saini, Legislative Coordinator, Committee Clerk
Jason Tsien, Community Manager, North

Regrets:

Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Councillor Colin Campbell
Vincent Cheung
Councillor Amanda Collucci
Diane Gabay
Laila Jiwa
Dr. Devendra Mishra
Faiz Mohyuddin
Bala Ponniah
Sajeda Shirazi

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 3:07 PM, without quorum, with Gail Leet presiding as Chair.	
2. Approval of the May 10, 2016 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes	The minutes were not approved as there was no quorum.	
3. Muslim Welfare Centre - Seniors Housing Project	Asad Shariff provided an update on the consultant's update of the Seniors Housing Project. He provided an update on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Desired facilities in an apartment buildingPreferred housing typesOwnership versus rental propertiesSupport systems to assist seniors in living independently and comfortablyType of amenities required	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessibility features required in an apartment ▪ Social programming ▪ Potential locations <p>The Committee discussed having Jason liaise with York Region staff in including this information as part of the overall Older Adult Strategy.</p>	
4. Older Adult Strategy	<p>Jason Tsein provided an update on the Older Adult Strategy. He advised that Council endorsed the Strategy to ensure that Markham remains an age-friendly community. Staff were directed to meet with individual Councillors to see what their respective constituents are calling/emailing them about. The Strategy encompasses Staff from every Department across the Corporation; and most recently the Planning Department, Fire Services and the Accessibility/Diversity Coordinator were added to the Strategic Team.</p> <p>First set of public communications will be distributed at the end of June. This will consist of an online survey to obtain feedback from the community. There will be an opportunity for in-person surveys as well - these will take place from July to September 2016. The goal of the survey is to obtain feedback from 3,500 individuals.</p> <p>In September the consultant will consolidate the information and then report back to the key Stakeholder Groups to ensure that the focus of the Strategy is in-line with the community's needs.</p> <p>Stakeholder meetings will take place at various locations at the City.</p> <p>The Seniors Advisory Committee will be consulted in the next couple of weeks. The Committee will be given the opportunity to review the survey and provide feedback.</p> <p>City Staff are currently working with Regional Staff in an effort to include Affordable Housing and Transportation into the Older Adult Strategy community consultation sessions.</p>	<p>Gail/Kiran to send updated user group list from 2013 Forum to Jason</p>

	<p>In late fall 2016, the first draft of the Strategy will be presented to this Committee and subsequently presented to Council for endorsement.</p> <p>There were questions with respect to the survey questions. Jason advised that he will send the Committee the draft survey and ask for feedback accordingly.</p>	
5. 2016 Health Fair	No update was provided on this item.	
6. Markham's Digital Strategy	<p>Nasir Kenea, Chief Information Officer, was in attendance to provided a presentation on Markham's Digital Strategy.</p> <p>He advised that the purpose of the Strategy is to ensure that the City's technological roadmap is in line with the community's expectations. The digital revolution is a wholesale shift in the way consumers interact and engage with organization which is having a tremendous impact on all industries and services. Digital Strategy encompasses every aspect of how the City communicates and interacts with the public.</p> <p>Nasir provided examples of how the City has increased its digital footprint over the past several years - specifically he advised that Markham was the first mid-large sized municipality to provide Internet Voting and has been since 2003 and Automatic Vehicle Locator units were installed on By-law and Operations fleet vehicles in 2015.</p> <p>Part of Markham's Digital Strategy is to assess the organization's digital maturity. Using Markham's digital maturity, the City was compared to other major North American cities, such as New York City, Vancouver, Boston and San Francisco. The goal of the Strategy is to bring the corporation to a "connected" level of digital maturity.</p> <p>Nasir provided an update on the project's phases; he advised that Markham is currently in the process of developing a roadmap. This phase is to create the Digital Strategy and governance recommendations for the IT Department.</p> <p>An online digital forum was developed to obtain feedback from the general public</p>	

	<p>as well.</p> <p>There was general discussion with respect to the benefits and potential challenges of the Digital Strategy for Seniors.</p> <p>The Strategy will be presented to Council in the Fall of 2016 for endorsement.</p> <p>The Committee was advised that if they have any questions regarding Markham's Digital Strategy to contact Nasir Kenea at nkenea@markham.ca</p>	
7. New Business	<p><u>Senior's Hall of Fame</u> Yash advised that September 2 is the last day for submission of applications. The Committee will be advertising in the Markham Life magazine.</p> <p><u>Canada Day T-Shirts</u> Gail advised the Committee that the Canada Day t-shirts will be available by Friday, June 24. Gail will email the Committee when the t-shirts are ready for pick up.</p> <p><u>Canada Day Luncheon</u> Gail advised that a table has been secured for the Seniors Advisory Committee at the Canada Day Luncheon. Christine, Ramma & Katy will monitor the table and are expected to arrive by 11:30 AM.</p> <p><u>Update from the Seniors Secretariat for Ontario</u> Jason will send Kiran to distribute the Ontario Senior Achievement Award for 2017.</p>	<p>Gail to email the Committee when the t-shirts are ready for pick up.</p> <p>Kiran to send Award information to Committee for their consideration for 2017</p>
8. Adjournment	The Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:38 PM.	