

Seniors Advisory Committee

July 12, 2016

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Building Boardroom

Minutes

Attendance:

Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong
Ramma Chabra, Vice-Chair
Councillor Amanda Collucci
Laila Jiwa
Yash Kapur
Gail Leet, Chair
Faiz Mohyuddin
Asad Shariff
Sajeda Shirazi
Manickampillai Velauthapillai
Christine Wong

Regrets:

Councillor Colin Campbell
Diane Gabay
Katy Kwan
Dr. Devendra Mishra
Bala Ponniah

Guests:

Jane Griffiths
Mohammed Iqbal Ali
Shahid Khan
Firaaz Aziz

Staff:

Janet Beatty, Recreation Coordinator
Michael Blackburn, Marketing & Communications Advisor
Kiran Saini, Legislative Coordinator, Committee Clerk
Jason Tsien, Community Manager, North

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order & Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 3:06 PM, with Gail Leet presiding as Chair. No disclosure of pecuniary interest was made.	

2. Approval of the May 10, 2016 and June 14, 2016 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes	<p>Moved by Yash Kapur Seconded by Ramma Chabra</p> <p>That the minutes from the May 10, 2016 and June 14, 2016 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
3. Canada Day Luncheon - Update	<p>The Seniors Advisory Committee discussed their feedback regarding the 2016 Canada Day Seniors Luncheon.</p> <p>Michael Blackburn, Corporate Communications noted the comments of the Committee and will in turn discuss with the members of the Canada Day Committee.</p> <p>The greatest concern was the lack of presentation of Senior events to the large audience that was present at the event. The kick-off for the Senior's Hall of Fame did not take place.</p> <p>The Committee also noted the following improvements for next year's event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the Committee's mandate or projects that the Committee is working on, such as the Older Adult Strategy or the Seniors extravaganza • Consider introducing the Seniors Advisory Committee & the Seniors Hall of Fame Committee 	<p>Michael Blackburn to discuss feedback with the Canada Day Committee & Director of Corporate Communications & Community Engagement.</p>
4. 2016 Health Fair	<p>Janet will advise the Chair as new applications arrive.</p> <p>Janet will contact relevant City Departments (Fire and Recreation) to invite them to the Fair. It was noted that the Cat Adoption and Education Centre located in Thornhill Community Centre should also be invited.</p> <p>Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong advised that she contacted Hazel McCallion, former Mayor of Mississauga.</p>	<p>Michael to provide Gail with draft brochure for Seniors Luncheon to be used for the Health & Wellness Fair.</p> <p>Janet to invite the CAEC.</p>

<p>5. Muslim Welfare Centre</p>	<p>Gail welcomed Mohammed Iqbal Ali, Shahid Khan & Firaaz Aziz of the Muslim Welfare Centre of Toronto. They were in attendance to provide a presentation on the Centre.</p> <p>Mr. Ali provided a brief history of the founders and the Centre. A food bank was opened in Scarborough by the Centre, which continues to serve the community.</p> <p>Mr. Ali advised that SHS consultant group has been retained by the Centre to assist with moving the Centre forward in its vision of establishing affordable housing for seniors and providing opportunities for intergenerational programming. The Centre focuses on communities in Markham, Scarborough & Mississauga - there are currently 3 medical clinics operating in these municipalities and provide free health care for individuals without health insurance.</p> <p>SHS consultant group will also look at ways to engage seniors in an inclusive, active & healthy environment. A seniors housing complex is being investigated - approximately 70-100 units in an existing apartment. Alternatively, the Centre may build a new unit with a maximum of 3-4 stories.</p> <p>Jason may be asked to use SHS consultant feedback as part of the Older Adult Strategy.</p> <p>Regional Councillor Armstrong advised Mr. Ali that it would be beneficial for the Centre to discuss their older adult strategy with the Commissioner at York Region, as housing is a regional issue.</p> <p>Gail invited the Centre to the Health & Wellness Fair and will send an application to Mr. Ali.</p>	<p>Janet to liaise with Jason</p> <p>Gail to provide Mr. Ali with an application to the Seniors Health & Wellness Fair</p>
<p>6. Older Adult Strategy</p>	<p>Jason thanked the Committee for their feedback on the draft survey. He advised that the survey will be revised by the consultant on Friday, July 15, 2016 and re-circulated to the Committee. Jason advised that he will send the revised draft survey to the Committee on Friday and send any comments to the consultant by</p>	<p>Committee to review the final draft of the survey over the weekend of July 16 &</p>

	<p>Monday, July 18, 2016.</p> <p>The survey will be live on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 and closes on September 9, 2016. All major community centres & libraries will have copies of the survey for individuals to complete in person.</p> <p>On September 14 & 15, 2016 Armadale, Thornhill, Centennial & Angus Glen Community Centres will host the community consultations. As an incentive to completing the survey, two iPad 2 and free fitness memberships will be given away as prizes.</p> <p>A community service provider survey is also being developed by the consultant, and 2 additional consultation sessions will be held in the future.</p>	July 17.
8. Adjournment	The Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:24 PM.	