

**MINUTES**  
**SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**March 8, 2011**  
**4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Angela Morris, Chair, Warren Carroll, Ramma Chabra, Jaswant Dhanjal, Sandra Donin, Ivy Ng,.Manickampillai Velauthapillai, Lori Wells, Manager of Programs, Susan Watts, Seniors Coordinator, and Laura Gold, Committee Clerk.

Regrets: Councillor Valerie Burke, Councillor Carolina Moretti, Katy Kwan, Jeyasakthy Thayaparan and Susan Leppington

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting convened at 4:09 p.m. without quorum with Angela Morris presiding as Chair.	
2. Approval of Minutes, February 8, 2010 Seniors' Advisory Committee	The approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.  It was recommended that the last sentence on page 1 of the minutes be update to read as follows: That following Seniors Clubs, Groups, and <b>locations</b> were discussed: ...	Update the February 8 Minutes – Committee Clerk
3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda	There were no changes or additions to the agenda.	
4. Business Arising From Minutes A. Celebrate Markham Grant	The following ideas regarding the use of the Celebrate Markham Grant were noted through a brainstorming exercise: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) cover the cost of members gas to and from meetings;</li> <li>2) create a pamphlet explaining the thrust of the Committees, goals, projects, and accomplishments;</li> <li>3) Pay for members to attend a conference on best practices in regards to providing services for seniors';</li> <li>4) Invite guest speakers from diverse backgrounds to discuss topics of special interest to the Committee and use funds to pay an honorarium when appropriate;</li> <li>5) Host a workshop on seniors' issues;</li> </ol>	

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	<p>6) Host a seniors' fair (note: could hold the fair in conjunction with seniors' awards ceremony);</p> <p>7) Go on bus tour to Seniors' Clubs around the GTA to see what is working and what can be improved;</p> <p>8) Place an advertisement about the Committee in Markham Life;</p> <p>Ms. Susan Watts, Seniors Coordinator, was requested to contact the City of Brampton's Seniors Advisory Committee to inquire what type of projects it has undertaken. There was a question regarding whether the 2010 Celebrate Markham Grant would be carried over into 2011 or if new funds would be granted for 2011. The Chair was requested to send an email to the Commissioner of Corporate Services regarding the status of the Celebrate Markham Grant.</p> <p>The Committee was requested to keep their eyes open for interesting articles regarding seniors, as the author of the article could potentially be invited as a guest speaker.</p>	<p>Add Celebrate Markham Grants to the next Agenda.</p> <p>Contact the City of Brampton's Seniors Advisory Committee to inquire what type of projects it has undertaken – Susan Watts</p> <p>send an email to the Commissioner of Corporate Services - Chair</p>
5. Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee will be on April 12, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.in the Council Chamber.	
6. Adjournment	The Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:51 p.m.	