

MINUTES
SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 10, 2015
3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Attendance: Gail Leet, Angela Morris, Christine Wong, Councillor Colin Campbell, Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, Councillor Amanda Collucci, Jaswant Dhanjal, Manickampillai Velauthapillai, and Yash Kapur Staff: Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator, Dennis Flaherty, Director of Corporate Communications & Community Engagement and Janet Beatty, Recreation Coordinator, Programs Regrets: Ramma Chabra, Asad Shariff, Katy Kwan, Faiz Mohyuddin and Balasunderam Ponniah
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Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. CALL TO ORDER	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 3:10 p.m. with Angela Morris presiding as Chair.	
2. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 13, 2015 SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES	Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell Seconded by Gail Leet That the minutes of the January 13, 2015 Seniors' Advisory Committee be approved. Carried	
3. CONSTABLE BUSSIE WOOD, YORK REGION POLICE (VULNERABLE SENIORS)	Angela Morris, Chair introduced Constable Bussie Wood, York Region Police. Bussie Wood addressed the Committee and provided a description of what their role as Senior Safety Officers is. She noted that she shares her position with another officer. They provide information to seniors within York Region relative to: home safety; fraud, staged collisions, travel tips, elderly abuse, etc. Constable Bussie advised that they host an annual Senior Event that is free of charge and they also hold a Seniors Academy twice a year. It was noted that the Seniors Academy is also an opportunity to share information and it is a four week program. She will forward details of these events to Angela Morris to share it with this committee.	Angela will forward the information once received by Constable Wood.

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	There was discussion regarding language barriers. Constable Bussie advised that there are officers who can speak various different languages if requested. The Committee inquired about Seniors with mental health issues and how it is handled. Constable Bussie advised that there is a mental health unit (both for children and seniors) through York Region. There was brief discussion regarding Seniors who suffer from Alzheimer and how York Region deals with those situations.	
4. HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR	Gail Leet sent an e-mail to all the members of this Committee advising that there is a Healthy Living Fair planned at the Cornell Community Centre in September. It was suggested that if the Seniors Advisory Committee would like to hold their own Health and Wellness Fair to consider holding it in Thornhill. The Committee suggested that Janet Beatty report back at the next meeting with some potential dates at the Thornhill Community Centre to host a Health and Wellness Fair during late September or early October from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.	Janet Beatty to provide some dates for the Thornhill Community Centre
5. MARKHAM LIFE	Staff advised that the next issue of Markham Life will be a Special Pan Am theme. There was discussion regarding what should be included in the Senior section such as information regarding the Canada Day's senior lunch-in and information relative to the Seniors Hall of Fame. It was suggested that Angela and Gail work with Corporate Communications to finalize the page. There were some discrepancies with the current Markham Life edition with respect to what was approved and what was printed. Staff will look into the discrepancies. Presentation to General Committee regarding the Seniors' Forum The Committee was advised that General Committee received the presentation by Angela on January 26, 2015 relative to the Seniors' Forum and that General Committee referred the information back to staff.	Angela and Gail to meet with Corporate Communication Staff.
6. NEW BUSINESS		

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	Councillor Amanda Collucci advised the Committee that during Budget discussion some of the issues raised at the Seniors Forum were discussed such as activity space and affordable housing.	
7. NEXT MEETING	The next meeting is Tuesday March 10, 2015 at 3:00 pm in the Building Board Room	
8. ADJOURNMENT	The Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:45 p.m.	