

MINUTES
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 11, 2014
3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Attendance: Councillor Colin Campbell, Ramma Chabra, Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Councillor Alan Ho, Gail Leet, Susan Leppington, Faiz Mohyuddin, Balasunderam Ponnia, Asad Shariff, Manickampillai Velauthapillai, Christine Wong,
Staff: Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator
Regrets: Warren Carroll, Jaswant Dhanjal, Joan Lever, Yash Kapur, Katy Kwan, Angela Morris
Guest: Angeline Richards, Senior Games Ontario

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. CALL TO ORDER	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 3:10 p.m. with Gail Leet presiding as Chair. New members were introduced – Faiz Mohyuddin and Christine Wong	
2. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2013 AND JANUARY 14, 2014 SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES	Moved by: Ramma Chabra Seconded by: Councillor Colin Campbell That the minutes of the December 10, 2013 and January 14, 2014 Seniors' Advisory Committee meetings be approved. CARRIED	
3. TERMS OF REFERENCE	The Committee briefly reviewed the revised Senior Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference with changes from the last meeting, and deferred further discussion to the next meeting. Moved by: Susan Leppington Seconded by: Ramma Chabra That consideration of the revised Senior Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference be deferred to the next meeting. CARRIED	Deferred to the next meeting

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4. SENIOR GAMES DISTRICT 14	Angeline Richard, Chairperson of Senior Games Ontario, gave a presentation regarding the 2014 Games, May 2 to June 19, 2014. Some events and the closing ceremonies will be hosted by Markham. Ms. Richards outlined the events for the summer and winter (to be held in Haliburton), cost of participation, and social activities included. Brochures, information sheets and application forms were provided to the members. The members were encouraged to pass the information to their respective groups. Participants must be 55+ this year. It is run by volunteers and sponsored by the entrance fees.	
5. NEW BUSINESS	Forum Susan Leppington provided a draft proposal for a Seniors' Forum. The Committee supported the proposal and discussed various aspects: - a one day forum event to be held at one of the seniors centers - invite representatives from seniors organizations - focus on four questions relating to the needs of seniors, indentify the issues and challenges of seniors, and how to enhance their lives - the information gained would be valuable - organized and facilitated by the members of this committee - target date of November 5, 2014, depending on availability of a key note speaker - suggested key note speakers include Lloyd Robertson or Don Cousens - groups to invite: (not-for-profit organizations) religious, city-sponsored, cultural groups. Committee members will bring a list of organizations to the next meeting - each group should provide three participants – a leader and two members - time suggested for the first event - 9 am to 1:30 pm and include lunch - expand to a full day the second year - find a sponsor to provide lunch - include cultural demonstrations to attract people - Susan will distribute the draft questions for discussions at the next meeting	Susan to distribute draft questions prior to the next meeting. Committee members to bring a list of organizations to contact

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	Moved by: Susan Leppington Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho That the Seniors Advisory Committee agrees in principle to organize and implement a one day Seniors Forum to gather information and identify issues and challenges of seniors in Markham. <u>Sustainability Fair</u> Councillor Colin Campbell suggested the Committee participate in the upcoming Sustainability Fair to provide information and provide support for seniors issues. A kiosk can be made available. A member of the Sustainability staff could be invited to the next Committee meeting to provide more information. <u>Safety issues</u> The Committee requested that a Markham Fire Department representative be invited to a future meeting to discuss sprinkler regulations for seniors buildings and other safety matters. <u>Building Markham's Future Together</u> A Committee member requested a copy of the full publication for Building Markham's Future Together. A brochure version had been previously provided. <u>Earth Hour</u> Councillor Colin Campbell invited everyone to an Earth Hour event being held in Cornell at 6 pm On March 29. <u>Advertised Events</u> Committee members noted that events of interest to Seniors are being organized by the City and are not advertised, and requested that the City make more of an effort to communicate such events to the Committee and to the community.	Invite Sustainability staff to the next meeting Invite Fire Dept. rep to a future meeting. Committee Clerk to provide a copy.

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6. NEXT MEETING	The next meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee will be held on April 8, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.	
7. ADJOURNMENT	The Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:38 p.m.	