

MINUTES
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 12, 2013
4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Attendance: Angela Morris, Gail Leet, Katy Kwan, Asad Shariff, Joan Lever, Manickampillai Velauthapillai, Balasunderam Ponnia, Councillor Alan Ho and Susan Leppington

Staff: Marsha Mariani, Recreation Coordinator, Program & Outreach, Carlie Turpin, Council/Committee Coordinator and Dennis Flaherty, Director of Community Engagement and Corporate Communications

Regrets: Warren Carroll, Ramma Chabra, Councillor Colin Campbell, Jaswant Dhanjal, Sandra Donin and Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. CALL TO ORDER	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 4:10 p.m. with Angela Morris presiding as Chair.	
2. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2013 SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES	Moved by Gail Leet Seconded by Katy Kwan That the minutes of the October 8, 2013, 2013 Senior's Advisory Committee be approved. CARRIED	
3. ITEMS THAT THE SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED	Previous issues addressed by the committee over the past three years include: York Region Transportation, affordable housing presentation on affordable special needs housing, Seniors are Coming presentation emphasizing need for drop in programs and City of Markham Official Plan presentation on senior space.	Invite Mr. Boyce to the next meeting to discuss affordable housing.
4. BRAIN FITNESS & SWIMMING RATES FOR SENIORS	Email was circulated to all members regarding the swimming rates. Library provided information to the committee regarding "brain games". The Committee discussed including the links for the brain games in the seniors section of Markham Life. Content would need to be finalized by the end of November/first week of December if it is to be included in the next issue. Discussion that the library also offers book delivery service for seniors who are unable to physically come into the library.	Dennis to provide the Committee with the quarterly schedule for Corporate Communications.
5. CORPORATE	Dennis has been working with the Operations Group to create more awareness amongst	

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COMMUNICATION	seniors with respect to snow clearing and windrow clearing. Communications plan has been developed and will be presented to Council later this month. The plan will include promotions across the organization in both electronic and paper format. The City's app, Access Markham, includes all major program information and will include a new button for winter operations that will include real time updates to snow clearing in the event of major snow storms. This feature will also be available on the website. Exploring the possibility of a "tip in" for Markham Life about snow clearing and windrow clearing. Concerns were raised that not all residents are receiving their copies of Markham Life. Anyone who does not receive their copy is asked to call the Contact Centre and report it. A new copy will then be delivered to that address.	
6. EXECUTIVE SENIOR CLUBS – REPRESENTATIVES	The committee terms of reference states there should be representatives from two community clubs to sit on this committee. Discussion that the committee needs representatives from community centres to sit on the committee. Suggestion to redraft the terms of reference to better reflect community needs. Next meeting the Committee will put forth a motion to alter the terms of reference for the composition of the Committee.	Committee members to decide what recommended changes should be made to the composition of the committee.
7. CHAP (Cardio Health Awareness Program)	There is a meeting on Friday November 22, 2013 at Markham Convergence Centre of CHAP to discuss what the program is about and will focus on the South East Asian population.	
8. ELDER ABUSE	Councillor Burke is putting on an elder abuse program at the Thornhill Community Centre.	

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9. UNITED WAY	Dennis to speak with his contact at the United Way to arrange for a speaker to attend a committee meeting to discuss the needs of seniors in Markham.	
10. NEW BUSINESS	<u>December Meeting</u> Committee discussed whether or not to have the December meeting given the holiday schedule. <u>Changing the Meeting Time</u> Committee discussed possibly changing the meeting time of the committee to earlier in the day. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. <u>Membership dues for Senior Clubs</u> Some members were inquiring why the dues have increased. This is due to negotiations with the City to address rising costs.	
11. NEXT MEETING	The next meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee will be held on December 10, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.	
12. ADJOURNMENT	The Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:59 p.m.	