

MINUTES
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 16, 2013
4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Attendance: Angela Morris, Ramma Chabra, Gail Leet, Sandra Donin, Jaswant Dhanjal , Katy Kwan and , Asad Shariff, Councillor Colin Campbell, Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Councillor Alan Ho Staff: Marsha Mariani, Recreation Coordinator, Program & Outreach, Emma Girard, Senior Coordinator -Production & Advertising and Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator. Regrets: Joan Lever ,Manickampillai Velauthapillai , Balasunderam Ponnia, Warren Carroll, Yash Kapur and Susan Leppington
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Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. CALL TO ORDER	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 4:03 p.m. with Angela Morris presiding as Chair.	
2. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 11, 2013 SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING	Moved by Jaswant Dhanjal Seconded by Sandra Donin That the minutes of the June 11, 2013 Senior's Advisory Committee be approved. CARRIED	
3. OTHER SENIOR PROGRAMS	Angela Morris distributed a list of Places of Worship within the City of Markham. The Committee suggested that a letter be mailed to each Place of Worship asking the following questions: • Do they offer Senior Programs • Is there a fee • Do they offer transportation to and from the program • Is the program year round • How many members do you accept for the program	Marsha will prepare the letter, mail it out and collect the responses.

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	Do you allow individuals to rent space within the facility for senior programs It was noted that the letter should indicate that the information will be shared with the Senior Advisory Committee members.	
4. New Business	<u>Article</u> Angela advised the Committee that there was an article in the Markham Economist entitled "It's more than time to move on senior initiatives" and shared some of the information. The Committee discussed the ways to improve communication to ensure seniors are aware of the various programs available to them such as having information on various bulletins at the Community Centres and Libraries and having agencies like the United Way come to the City's speaker forums. The Committee suggested adding a paragraph in the Fall Markham Life about the Senior Advisory Committee. There was discussion regarding ways to improve services that are provided by various agencies and that the services required by seniors are offered. <u>Article & Survey</u> Asad Shariff shared information from an article entitled "Live at Home: Are they getting enough help?" and a survey by the Health Council Canada. <u>Newsletter</u> Ramma Chabra shared information contained in the newsletter entitled "Senior Enrichment Centre" and advised if anyone is interested in obtaining a copy to let her know and she can e-mail it.	Angela will contact United Way to see if the Chair would be interested to come to the City's speaker forum in the Fall. Emma Girard will include a paragraph about the Senior Advisory Committee in the Fall edition of Markham Life.
5. NEXT MEETING	The next meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee will be held on August 13, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.	
6. ADJOURNMENT	The Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:32 p.m.	