

**MINUTES
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

June 11, 2013

4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Attendance: Angela Morris, Gail Leet, Manickampillai Velauthapillai, Balasunderam Ponniah, Susan Leppington, Katy Kwan, Asad Shariff, Councillor Colin Campbell, Sandra Donin and Joan Lever
Staff: Marsha Mariani, Recreation Coordinator, Program & Outreach, Cheryl McConney-Wilson, Diversity Specialist and Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator.
Regrets: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath and Ramma Chabra

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1. CALL TO ORDER	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 4:08 p.m. with Angela Morris presiding as Chair.	
2. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 14, 2013 SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING	Moved by Gail Leet Seconded by Joan Lever That the minutes of the May 14, 2013 Senior's Advisory Committee be approved. CARRIED	
3. DIVERSITY TOOL	Cheryl McConney-Wilson, Diversity Specialist distributed a copy of a diversity tool that they have developed with the feedback from focus groups. She explained the purpose of the tool and asked the Committee members for feedback. There was discussion regarding stereotyping and the importance of knowledgeable staff. Overall the Committee expressed their support of the document and suggested emphasizing the statement "What outcome do we want and what can I do to get us there?" Cheryl McConney-Wilson advised the Committee that if they had any further comments to please e-mail them to the Council/Committee Coordinator.	
4. NEW BUSINESS	<u>Markham Mobility Bus</u> Councillor Colin Campbell advised the Committee that he inquired whether Markham	

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	<p>Mobility Bus would be able to provide transportation services to bring seniors to Senior Centres within Markham and indicated that unfortunately this service would not meet their criteria.</p> <p>There was considerable discussion regarding how to determine the number of isolated seniors within Markham.</p> <p><u>Other Senior Programs</u> There was discussion regarding Senior programs offered in places of Worship. The Committee discussed obtaining a list of the various places of Worship and contacting them to find out if they offer free programs for seniors.</p> <p><u>Cornell Community Centre</u> Councillor Colin Campbell requested that if any members of the Committee have used the Cornell Community Centre to please forward an e-mail providing feedback, comments and any suggestions for improvements.</p> <p><u>Re-Naming of Highway 7</u> Councillor Colin Campbell advised the Committee that York Region is proposing on changing the name of Highway 7. The Committee believes that Highway 7 should not be renamed.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Colin Campbell Seconded by Gail Leet</p> <p>That York Region be requested to maintain the name Highway 7 throughout Markham. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>	<p>Angela Morris will contact Laurie Rose to obtain a list of the Places of Worship within the City of Markham.</p> <p>Angela to forward a copy of this resolution to York Region on behalf of the Senior Advisory Committee</p>
5. NEXT MEETING	The next meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee will be held on July 16, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.	
6. ADJOURNMENT	The Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:20 p.m.	