

MINUTES
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 13, 2011
4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Attendance: Angela Morris, Sandra Donin, Yash Kapur, Manickampillai Velauthapillai, Katy Kwan, Gail Leet, Councillor Alan Ho, Dr. Jeyasakathy Thayaparan Staff: Lori Wells, Community Manager South, Paul Ingham, Director of Operations, Dennis Flaherty, Director of Communications and Community Relations, Marsha Mariani, Program and Outreach Coordinator and Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator. Regrets: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Councillor Colin Campbell, Warren Carroll, Ramma Chabra, Jaswant Dhanjal and Susan Leppington	
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1. CALL TO ORDER	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 4:09 p.m. with Angela Morris presiding as Chair.	
2. PRESENTATION ON SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE	Ms. Lori Wells, Community Manager South provided the Committee with verbal presentation regarding the South East Community Centre. It was pointed out that the anticipated completion date is in 2015. There was discussion regarding space for seniors and staff indicated that the size of space allocated for senior's activities has yet to be determined.	
3. SOCIAL SERVICES NETWORK - PARTNERSHIP WITH TOWN OF MARKHAM TO SERVICE SOUTH ASIAN SENIOR GROUPS	Staff distributed a copy of a presentation entitled "Social Services Network - Partnership with Town of Markham to service South Asian Senior's Groups" and reviewed the details outlined in the presentation. The Committee thanked Ms. Lori Wells for her presentations.	
4. WINDROW SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM FOR SENIORS	Mr. Paul Ingham, Director of Operations addressed the Committee and provided them with information regarding the Town of Markham's snow removal program for seniors. It was noted that in order to qualify for the program everyone in the household must be 60 years of age or older. Mr. Ingham advised that he will work with the Corporate Communications department to ensure that the program is well advertised and promoted.	Paul Ingham to work with Corporate Communication department regarding the promotion and advertisement for the

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	The Committee discussed the lack of awareness of this program among seniors. The Committee suggested that the Town consider having the advertisements printed in different languages.	senior's windrow program. He will report back at the next meeting.
5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	Moved by Gail Leet Seconded by Yash Kapur That the minutes of the November 8, 2011 Senior's Advisory Committee be approved. CARRIED	
6. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	Moved by Yash Kapur Seconded by Gail Leet That the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED.	
7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	<u>Senior's Communication Subcommittee Update</u> Gail Leet advised the Committee that there is a need for greater awareness of the senior programs and activities available. The Committee discussed the possibility of having a separate pull-out section included in the Markham Life magazine that outlines the various senior programs and activities available. Staff advised that the senior services need to be identified and they can consider designing a special page outlining the programs and key messages. <u>Celebrate Markham Grant</u> Marsh Mariani advised the Committee that any Committee member wanting to be refunded their transportation expenses (from June to December 2011) to and from the Senior Advisory Committee meetings will need to submit receipts from transit or taxi or their	Marsha Mariani work with the Dennis Flaherty of the Corporate Communications department. Submit receipts or kilometers to the next meeting for transportation costs.

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	kilometers. Marsha suggested that the receipts or total kilometers be brought to the next meeting.	
8. NEW BUSINESS	Dennis Flaherty advised the Committee that a computer refurbishing company has offered to donate two computers and one printer at each senior centre in Markham. The Committee requested whether this company would provide a discount to seniors wanting to purchase merchandise from there.	Dennis to look into whether the computer company is willing to offer a senior discount on items purchased there.
9. Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee will be held on January 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.in the Canada Room.	
10. Adjournment	The Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:58 p.m.	