

MINUTES
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 8, 2011
4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Attendance: Councillor Colin Campbell, Warren Carroll, Ramma Chabra, Mary Creighton, Jaswant Dhanjal, Sandra Donin, Katy Kwan, Gail Leet, Marsha Mariani, Susan Leppington, Manickampillai Velauthapillai, and Laura Gold, Committee Clerk. Regrets: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Angela Morris, Chair, Yash Kapur, and Ramanlal Patel, Jeyasakthy Thayaparan	
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1. CALL TO ORDER	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 4:11 p.m. with Warren Carroll presiding as Chair.	
2. PRESENTATION ON SENIORS' SPACE	Ms. Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation, provided a presentation on Seniors Space. A comparison of Markham's model for allocating space for seniors with Vaughan's model for allocating space for seniors was provided. The Town of Markham has both designated space in Community Centres for seniors and stand alone facilities for seniors. As new community centres are built the Town will look at providing space to new seniors groups. It was noted that the Town is developing a seniors' strategy that will provide a framework for allocating space and for providing services to seniors. It was clarified that seniors groups that use Town facilities pay a minimal membership fee to help cover the cost of maintaining the facility and receive staff support. It was noted that some Seniors Groups receive a Celebrate Markham Grant to offset their operating costs. It was questioned how the Seniors Groups would cover their operating costs if they did not receive the grant. Staff advised that the Town would work with the Seniors Groups and come up with a solution if they did not receive the grant. The Committee questioned the Social Services Networks role with respect to the	Clarify the Social Services Network Role with respect to programming – Mary Creighton

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	programming at Armadale Community Centre. Ms. Mary Creighton was requested to clarify its role and report back at the next meeting. Ms. Creighton suggested that staff consult the Committee on the South East Community Centre plans for Seniors. It was requested that this item be added to an upcoming agenda.	Consult the Committee on the South East Community Centre plans for Seniors – Mary Creighton
3. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	Moved by Ramma Chabra Seconded by Sandra Donin That the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED.	
4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	A minor correction to the minutes was made. Moved by Gail Leet Seconded by Jaswant Dhanji That the October 18, 2011 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes be approved as amended. CARRIED.	
5. NEW BUSINESS	<u>Seniors Group DVD</u> Manickampillai Velauapillai will show a 2 minutes DVD at the next meeting on a seniors group. <u>Seniors' Communication Sub-Committee Update</u> It was agreed that the Seniors Advisory Committee Communications Sub-Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on December 13 to discuss Markham Life and other projects. The Committee Clerk was requested to book the room.	Show DVD on Seniors Group – Manickampillai Velauapillai Book room for Seniors Advisory Committee Communications Sub-

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	There was a discussion regarding Markham Life. It was noted that the font of the contact section has been enlarged. <u>Seniors Windrow Service Program</u> The Committee Clerk questioned how the Town could better promote its Seniors Windrow Service Program. The Seniors Advisory Committee discussed the Windrow Service for Seniors. It was questioned if the service is advertised in Markham Life. More information on the promotion of the service was requested to be provided at the next meeting. <u>Transportation to and from Meetings</u> There was a discussion on the motion that was passed at the June meeting approving that a portion of the Celebrate Markham Grant be used towards Members transportation to and from meetings. The Committee Clerk was requested to ask Finance how Members can submit their transportation costs to and from meetings. <u>Meeting Date</u> The Committee Clerk advised that she could no longer attend meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. and that consequently a new Committee Clerk would be assigned to the Committee. The Committee requested that the Committee Clerk survey the Committee to find a potential new meeting date and time to avoid a change in Committee Clerk. Moved by Jaswant Dhanjal Seconded by Ramma Chabra That the Committee Clerk Survey the Committee with respect to a possible change in meeting date and time. CARRIED.	Committee at 3:00 p.m. on Dec 13 Provide more information on the promotion of the Seniors Windrow Service Program at the next meeting – Laura Gold Ask Finance how Members can be reimbursed for transportation to and from meetings – Laura Gold Survey Committee for a potential new meeting date and time – Laura Gold
6. Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee will be held on December 13, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Canada Room.	
7. Adjournment	The Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:15 p.m.	

