

MINUTES
SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 9, 2016
3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Attendance: Councillor Colin Campbell, Gail Leet, Dr. Devendra Mishra, Faiz Mohyuddin, Christine Wong, Diane Gabay, Manickampillai Velauthapillai, Laila Jiwa, Sajeda Shirazi and Katy Kwan Staff: Janet Beatty, Recreation Coordinator; Jason Tsien, Community Manager, North and Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator Regrets: Diane Samek, Corporate Communications, Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, Councillor Amanda Collucci, Bala Ponnia, Ramma Chabra, Vincent Cheung, Yash Kapur and Asad Shariff
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Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. CALL TO ORDER	The Seniors Advisory Committee convened at 3:05 PM with Gail Leet presiding as Chair.	
2. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2015 SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES	Moved by Diane Gabay Seconded by Councillor Colin Campbell That the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meetings of the Seniors' Advisory Committee be approved. Carried	
3. OLDER ADULT STRATEGY	Jason Tsien, Community Manager, North provided the Committee with an update regarding the Older Adult Strategy. He advised that the RFP was picked up by eleven (11) vendors and received three (3) back. The team evaluating the submitted RFP had representatives from Recreation, Library and Strategic Services. Jason advised that staff are putting together a Steering Committee that will be made up of representatives from the private sector, public sector and citizens. He will forward the Terms of Reference to the members of the Senior Advisory Committee and if anyone is interested in joining the Steering Committee please contact Jason. It is anticipated that the Steering Committee will meet quarterly.	Jason to send the Terms of Reference to the Committee members.

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	There was discussion regarding the consultation process and the Committee suggested that the public be included in the beginning of the consultations. The Committee discussed whether there is any overlap between the City of Markham's Older Adult Strategy and York Region's. It was noted that the York Region Older Adult Strategy is focusing on housing and transportation.	
4. CELEBRATE MARKHAM	It was noted that the Senior Advisory Committee does not qualify for this grant.	
5. MARKHAM LIFE	The Committee Clerk on behalf of Diane Samek, Corporate Communications provided the following information regarding the Markham Life magazine: - Residents should now have their copy of the spring issue of Markham Life - they were distributed in the Economist & Sun on February 4 and it is also available online - Please send Diane Samek your story ideas for the seniors section of the summer issue of Markham Life, which will be distributed towards the end of April - If there are any seniors events coming up May to July, a list of what, where and when would be great	
6. NEW BUSINESS	<u>Health Fair 2015</u> Gail advised the Committee that she and Diane went to speak to a representative from the Royal Bank about being a sponsor for the 2016 Health Fair and indicated that they would be interested. The following dates are being considered for the 2016 Health Fair: November 3rd or 17th, 2016 There was discussion regarding entry fee for vendors at the Health Fair and that maybe the fee should be increased to \$40.00.	

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	<u>Earth Hour</u> Councillor Colin Campbell advised that he is holding an Earth Hour event on Saturday March 19, 2016 at the Cornell Community Centre and everyone is welcome to attend.	
7. ADJOURNMENT	The Seniors' Advisory Committee adjourned at 3:50 PM.	