



**RICHMOND SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Held January 11, 2017  
City Hall M.1.002  
9:30 a.m.

**In Attendance:**

Hans Havas (Vice-chair), Seemah Aaron, Doug Symons, Mohinder Grewal, Shams Jilani, Becky Wong, Neil Bernbaum, Jackie Schell, Sheila Rooney, Peter Chan, Paul Cassidy, Yasmin Ali, Sandra Gebhardt, Heather Muter (Staff Liaison), Tammy Davies (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:**

Cllr. Ken Johnston, Daryl Whiting, Joan Haws

**1. Welcome**

Meeting started at 9:31 am.

**2. Guest Speaker**

Alan Hill, Cultural Diversity Coordinator – City of Richmond

Diversity Services is the section of the City that aims to provide information, advice, support for groups and support for individuals to ensure that City services are accessible and open to all, regardless of income, ability, sexual orientation and ethnic background. They aim to provide support and resources for families of low income or advice and information for new immigrants to connect, creating a more inclusive community. Pages 8 and 9 in the Recreation and Cultural Guide provide a written summary of Diversity Services.

In response to questions, the committee was informed:

- On Feb 3, 2017, the City will be hosting its first Black History month celebration at City Hall. This is the first time the City of Richmond is hosting such an event. Everyone is invited.

- Diversity Services works closely with Richmond Centre for Disability (RCD) and Richmond Therapeutic Riding (RTR); which are community based organizations that raise awareness and support people living with disabilities
- The Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee is a committee of 18 council appointed members that meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 6-8 pm to strengthen intercultural harmony and co-operation, as well they present symposiums. Currently they are seeking a representative from the Richmond Seniors Advisory (2 year term). Interested members please contact Alan Hill at 604-276-4391 or email [ahill@richmond.ca](mailto:ahill@richmond.ca).

### **3. Introductions (Roundtable)**

No correspondence.

### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda was approved.

### **5. Speaker comments**

The committee thought the speaker's topic is important for seniors and the community

### **6. Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting dated December 14, 2016 have been approved.

### **7. Correspondence**

Courage to comeback awards nominations deadline – Feb 8, 2017.

### **8. Business Arising**

2017 Work Plan Final Draft – Motion was carried by Mohinder Grewal and Doug Symons to accept document as presented.

### **9. New Business**

Elections:

Motion to destroy election ballots; adopted by Sheila Rooney and Seemah Aaron.

- Chair - Hans Havas
- Vice Chair – Becky Wong

Motion for committee to prepare a letter to Mayor & Council regarding the lack of snow clearing on side streets, sidewalks and driveways; adopted by Doug Symons and Paul Cassidy.

**10. Reports**

Reports were received for information.

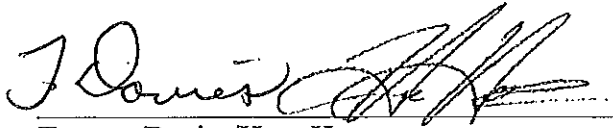
**11. Suggestions for Speakers**

Suggestion to use our members as resources and potential speakers. Paul Cassidy to speak to a potential guest speaker for the next meeting, otherwise he will present on Advance Care Planning and Medical Directives.

**12. Next Meeting**

The next meeting has been set for February 8, 2017, 9:30 am at Richmond City Hall M.1.002.

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on January 11, 2017.



Tammy Davies/Hans Havas  
Recorder/Chair

