



## **RICHMOND SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Held October 11, 2017

City Hall M.1.002

9:30 a.m.

### **In Attendance:**

Hans Havas (Chair), Doug Symons, Becky Wong, Peter Chan, Paul Cassidy, Shams Jilani, Sandra Gebhardt, Neil Bernbaum, Debbie Hertha (Staff Liaison), Heather Muter (City staff), Nora Wright (Recording Secretary)

### **Regrets:**

Joan Haws, Yasmin Ali, Seemah Aaron, Jackie Schell, Mohinder Grewal, Sheila Rooney, Carol Dickson, Councillor Ken Johnston

### **1. Welcome:**

Meeting called to order at 9:32 am with welcome and introductions by the Chair.

### **2. Guest Speaker**

Janice Barr, Executive Director, Richmond Society for Community Living

Janice provided an outline of programs and support services provided by Richmond Society for Community Living as follows:

- A non-profit organization for Richmond
- Affiliated with Federation of Inclusion BC
- Servicing 1100 children, adults and families
- 270 staff, full time, part time, temporary and on call
- 150 caregivers on contract
- RSCL has 13 locations around the City and provides services only to Richmond residents
- Service provider for life long support and services for those with developmental disabilities from infants to adults
- RSCL provides Children's Services including:
  - Infant Development Program (birth to 3 years)
  - Supported Child Development Program (birth to 19 years). Supporting families to find and access childcare for their child with a disability.
  - Pre-school daycare for 3-5 years old.
  - Typical childcare ends at 12 yrs so RSCL provides after school program for youth 12 yrs and over
- RSCL provides Adult Services, including:

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- Respite (Children & Adults)
  - 4 day programs (school replacement programs) providing 25 attendees with life skills, volunteer work, recreation leisure in each program.
  - 24 hour residential service
  - Home share living arrangements
  - Independent living with provision of support (this area is growing the most). RSCL is working with the City of Richmond and developers to purchased affordable housing units to expand this program.
  - Employment program with City of Richmond as a supporter
  - RSCL provides supports to families.
    - Funds raised for family support worker
    - After 18 yrs then support services are provided to help families navigate the government support/systems
  - Support for seniors, aging families with dependent children both of which are a challenge
  - RSCL works collaboratively with other service providers e.g. Pathways, Food Bank, etc.
- Presentation concluded at 10.10 am with distribution of informational packages.

3. Approval of Agenda – Moved: Becky Wong, Seconded: Peter Chan, Carried.

4. Approval of minutes from September 13, 2017 – Moved: Shams Jilani, Seconded: Doug Symons, Carried.

5. **Correspondence** – as circulated with Agenda – The Truth about Seniors BC Seniors Advocate on October 21<sup>st</sup> and Seniors Living at Risk in the Community October 30, 2017

6. **Business Arising** – none.

#### 7. **New Business**

Sandra enquired about the volume of materials received and what to do with all this information as she would like to share with others. Heather confirmed that a master binder is kept that includes agendas, minutes and information distributed and the City keeps a copy of all agendas and minutes in their document management system. Hans suggested that perhaps the material could be scanned and kept on a memory stick to minimize the paper copies.

#### 8. **Reports**

COSCO – next meeting scheduled for October 13, 2017

Falls Prevention Network – no report.

Health – no meeting scheduled due to challenges arising. Paul noted he would like to see a focus on Richmond at these meetings.

Multicultural – no meeting held but lots of activities during October.

Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee – October 2017

Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee – Next meeting is October 12, 2017. Report attached to agenda. Would like to suggest a future discussion on non-profit housing/affordable housing and asked that Debbie connect with Lesley Sherlock in this regard.

Promotions – no report.

Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee – would like to see an Awards Recognition Program by the City.

Seniors Advocate – presentation on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Transportation - no report.

Council Liaison - no report.

MPAC/Seniors Services

Heather commented on the two information sessions held with regard to the Minoru Centre for Active Living and the Visual Identity (Branding) workshops held. Peter then provided an overview on the branding session he had attended.

Staff Liaison

Debbie referred to the new parking pass system which will alleviate the challenge of members who drive having to go into city hall each time to receive a parking pass. Each RSAC member will now receive a set of parking passes for the whole year. Suggestion received that perhaps the pass should state the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. In response to a question, Debbie confirmed that Bylaws would be informed of the committee parking pass system. Debbie to follow up on parking passes.

Debbie concluded by drawing attention to the positive aging campaign held during the October 1<sup>st</sup> National Seniors Day and circulated display posters with a theme focusing on the realities rather than the myths in regard to aging.

No further business and meeting adjourned at 10.40 am

**9. Next meeting**

Next meeting has been set for Wednesday November 8, 2017, 9.30 am, Richmond City Hall, Room 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 October 11, 2017.

  
Hans Havas, Chair

  
Nora Wright, Recording Secretary

