

DELTA SENIORS PLANNING TEAM
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
10am at Deltaassist – North Delta

Chair: Val Windsor
Scribe: Joanne Van Snellenberg

Attendance:

Val Windsor, Joanne Van Snellenberg, Kay Dennison, Jenn Fancy de Mena, ML Burke, Lyn Walker, Louise Long, Brittany Fyffe, Kristin Vaughan-Smith, Rita Sager-Nunns, Christiann Munro

Welcome and Introductions: Val Windsor chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

1. Approval of Agenda – Kristin, 2nd Louise
Additions included: Under Community Committees - Housing Be Mine Society
Under Announcements: Celebration of Life; Ombudsperson, Seniors Support Coordinator, The Right to Dental Care
2. Approval of Meeting Notes of November 17, 2015 – Joanne, 2nd Lyn
3. Follow up Items - Updates of Action Teams:

Services Action Team – Kay - plans are being made to bring the emergency cards to senior's centres and other areas. With this batch of cards, there seems to be some issue with the sides coming loose. Kay will speak to the supplier.

Housing – ML – The Corporation of Delta has asked our DSPT to conduct a housing survey through our three communities. Meetings have been held with Ken Kuntz and Kate Steel to work out the details, including Terms of Reference. We would act as a 'sub-committee' to the Seniors Sub-Committee' under Parks and Recreation. The Municipality would give us access to facilities and cover in-kind costs, such as photocopying, mail-outs. The Steering Committee has met to review these Terms of Reference. There were changes made and Kay will meet with Kate Steel with our proposed changes.

There is some urgency by Kwantlen University to develop their portion of the Paterson Park property. Much more to come on this issue.

Transportation & Mobility – Kay – Members of this committee has met with the Tsawwassen Business Association to review and suggest ways of making shopping easier, safer and better for the senior population. Lots of suggestions were made and there will be follow-up meetings. A Pedestrian Safety Fair is being talked about with the hopes this will take place sometime later this year.

B.C. Seniors Advocate Advisory – Kay, Val and ML – A conference is scheduled for the 4th and 5th of March in Victoria. Issues include the development of a Multicultural Committee and the inclusion of federal issues, such as a Ministry of Seniors, to be discussed. The Seniors Advocate will be visiting Delta on March 8th from 2-4pm at McKee Seniors Recreation Centre. Lots of work is being done to make this event a success by this team.

4. Community Committees – Reps. From DSPT
Dove Committee – Kay explained the purpose of this Committee geared primarily to youth bullying issues. They are now working on more awareness in the community. The NEVR

Committee is another committee that focuses on abusive relationships in the community. On February 12th, there will be a 'flash dance' at the Fire Hall Theatre.

Access Transit – Kay – Meeting coming up, the focus is on the Compass Cards and their success.

Better at Home – Lyn – this program is nearly at its maximum. It is working well; they may look for another contractor to meet the demand, along with Nurse Next Door.

Municipal Seniors Advisory Sub Committee – Lyn acknowledged that a positive thing that has come out of this committee is the recognition that our Delta Seniors Planning Team is a legitimate driving force within the community.

Housing be Mine Society – This society is made up of parents of children with disabilities. ML attended a meeting with them and there is a possibility of co-fundraising in the future.

5. Announcements:

Municipal Housing survey – this was covered in the previous notes

Walkability partnership in Tsawwassen – education is needed for both pedestrians and drivers.

As mentioned there is hope that a workshop on safety be planned for the future. Discussion is underway with Delta Police on an education workshop on scooters and pedestrian issues.

Active Living partnership with Fraser Health – Sepia Sharma has approached us with the intention of joining forces – we have agreed that this partnership would be advantageous with more details to follow.

Celebration of Life – Val and Kay attended this event for Margaret Nielsen who passed away Dec.20, 2015.

Ombudsperson – Jay Chalke will be giving an hour presentation on Fairness to Seniors at Deltassist, North Delta, on Monday, February 1st from 2-3pm. There will also be a mobile complaint clinic in North Delta (Feb. 1) and Tsawwassen (Feb. 5).

Seniors Support Coordinator – Eva Busich-Veloso has been hired by the Municipality for three days a week for navigation help for seniors. She will be working one day a week in each community – Tuesday at the Kennedy Seniors Centre (North Delta), Wednesday at Kin Village (Tsawwassen) and Thursday in the McKee Seniors Centre (Ladner). Her work site may change.

The Right to Dental Care – There was a petition being circulated regarding accessing affordable dental care for seniors.

6. Review of Terms of Reference for Delta Seniors Planning Team

The following changes were put forward to our Terms of Reference:

Under Goal – Page 1 - Bullet 6 – change the word “affecting” to “impacting”.

Under Meetings – Page 3 – Change the first line to read “General Committee meetings will be held at the call of the chair”.

Under Conflict of Interest – Page 5 – Take out the sentence – “Funding for the Delta Seniors Community Planning Team is provided by the United Way of the Lower Mainland”.

Terms of Reference Approved as amended – Louise, 2nd ML.

7. Work Plan for 2016 – Kay Dennison will draft out a work plan, based on the work being undertaken by the three teams and bring it to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: To be Determined