

Delta Seniors Planning Team
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, September 15, 2015
10 am at Ladner Pioneer Library

Attendance:

Val Windsor, Joanne Van Snellenberg, Kay Dennison, Jenn Fancy de Mena, ML Burke, Ralph D'Souza, Rita Sager-Nunns, Lyn Walker, Jean Thompson, Mary Cooper, Sheila Rankin Zerr, Marg Kennett, Lindsay Eldridge, Adrienne Johnson, Louise Long, Jill Klaponski, Angelica Wrobbel, Kristin Vaughan-Smith.

Meeting Chair: Val Windsor

Scribe: Joanne Van Snellenberg

1. Welcome and Introductions – Val Windsor chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of Agenda - The agenda was approved with a change to read: 'Approval of May 19th meeting notes". Moved by Mary and seconded by Lindsay.

3. Approval of May 19th Meeting Notes – Moved ML and seconded by Lyn.

4. Updates of Action Teams:

- Non-Medical Services – Kay – The latest batch of emergency cards have been printed. REACH Child and Youth Development Society asked for 50 cards and Kay delivered them. She did suggest to them that in the future she would hope they work with us to seek funding for the next printing.

We have 900 remaining cards and they will be distributed in the community.

- Housing – ML Burke – Kwantlen and George Harvie have met, however they are keeping the results quiet. ML has gone to many housing presentations in Vancouver and elsewhere regarding visioning of housing possibilities. She is excited about the possibility of an urban design forum.
- Transportation – Marg gave us an update on the Ride-Along Project wherein students from Vicki Huntington's Legislative Youth Advisory Committee and

Marg took transit to key medical hubs, such as Surrey Memorial Hospital and VGH. The Fraser Health Authority was interested and a meeting was set up on Aug. 20th. There is urgency for a South Delta Seniors bus; however there is no budget for this until 2016. It was suggested that a reporter and a representative from FHA be invited to participate on the next Ride-Along. Marg circulated her report.

Kay – has approached Kennedy Seniors Recreation Centre to participate in a Ride-Along event and dates will be set up to coincide with Professional Development Days and when the students have the time.

Scooter project - it was suggested that this be incorporated in with the next Municipal Seniors Expo event.

5. Updates from Community Committees

Access Transit – Kay - will be attending a meeting this week. She has informed them of the Ride-Along Project and they were very interested.

Municipal Seniors Advisory Sub Committee – Lyn

- The municipality has submitted a funding proposal to New Horizons for Seniors Program 2015 Call for Proposals – National Pan-Canadian Stream for a South Delta Seniors bus. The grant decision will not be known for a couple of months. Stay posted!
- The municipal gov't has received \$102,000 from ICBC for the Road Improvement Program funding which has been allocated for various projects around the community. This did open up the discussion regarding seniors' issues, such as effective sidewalk cutouts that don't put seniors and people with disabilities in wheelchairs or motorized scooters into the roadway; the need for adequate bathrooms at transit hubs.
- There was a unanimous recommendation to hire a part time (three days a week – one day at each Senior Recreation Centre) Community Service

Navigator. This will be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Access to information is their main focus.

- The next meeting of the Seniors Advisory Sub Committee will be on October 22nd at 6:00pm. Location TBA. The meeting is open to the public, although the public cannot speak. Kay will be speaking on the Delta Seniors Planning Team and Val will speak on the Housing Action Committee. Everyone was encouraged to attend to show support. Lyn will let everyone know where the next meeting will be held.

BC Seniors Advocate Advisory – Three of our members, Val, Kay and ML are now sitting on this committee as Fraser Health Authority representatives. Through teleconferences and e-mail, the Committee works to represent the concerns of seniors across BC. Our three members attended a Conference last weekend. The issues include, affordable housing, elder abuse, access to information, clear language access and transportation. The office is independent but is responsible to the Ministry of Health. A pamphlet of their role has been produced and will be distributed. The Advocate's number is 1-877-952-3181.

Collaborate Delta Volunteer Recruitment Event – this event will take place at KinVillage Community Centre on Monday, September 28th – 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Kay and Joanne will attend. All are welcome to join us. We need more members for our various committees.

6. Announcements:

New Direction for the Delta Seniors Planning Team: Discussion took place on our future and how the general meetings and Action Team meetings will be handled. The group felt that our general meeting could be held four times a year and incorporate a Seniors Forum on a specific topical issue. Advertising for these events will be as in the past, through e-mails and through the Optimist. We would rotate the meeting venues because it is important to be inclusive to the three communities. The Action Teams' meetings will be called by the Chair of

each committee. It was suggested we apply to be a non-profit society and this may be an avenue in the future.

Election Questions for MP candidates – a number of questions were suggested. It is up to all of us to get out to these All Candidate Meetings and ask a question of them that concerns us. Suggestions for questions included: creation of a federal housing strategy, universal Pharmacare, care bed availability as more care facilities are private, pension supplements available when the senior's income tax return shows they are in a low income bracket (information and forms to apply for extra money such as GIS should be sent automatically). The dates, times and meeting places of the All Candidate Meetings in Delta will be distributed as soon as we have the information.

Jenn announced that Nov.15th – 21st is National Addictions Week. There are lots of activities planned. She will forward us more detailed information.

7. New Business: The Letter of Intent will be going out to the Mayor and Council shortly. This is a request for money for our Delta Seniors Planning Team as well as in-kind assistance. Kay and ML are working on this request.

Next General Meeting (and Forum): Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Benediction Lutheran Church, 5575 6th Avenue in Tsawwassen