

Delta Seniors Planning Team Meeting  
Meeting Notes  
Tuesday, January 17, 2017  
Tsawwassen Library

Chair: Val Windsor

Scribe: Joanne Van Snellenberg

Attendance: Val Windsor, Joanne Van Snellenberg, Kay Dennison, ML Burke, Margaret Toews, Lyn Walker, Jen Fancy de Mena, Elizabeth Wallace, Elly Bach, Kirsten Vaughn-Smith, Helen Kettle.

Welcome and Introductions: Val chaired the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves.

**Approval of Agenda and previous meeting Notes:**

The Meeting Agenda and the Meeting Notes of Nov.15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were approved as circulated.

**Updates: Action Teams:**

1. *Housing Acting Team* – ML Burke – ML presented her report. Some highlights include:

- DHBMS (Delta Housing Be Mine Society) This Society, of which ML is now Vice-President, will be presenting their Housing Survey to Council on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:30pm in the Annacis Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- ML had very productive meeting with or planning meetings with the Chancey's, Bryan Kelly, Delta Community Living, TSA Lands, DSB (Delta School Board) regarding housing initiatives.
- There is a South Delta Meet-Up Group – Marg Yeo is taking the lead regarding housing in our area.
- Elder College – ML will be presenting the workshop 'Cohousing and other Intentional Communities' on March 30<sup>th</sup> – 1 – 3pm at the Cedar Park Church. Contact Elder College for details.
- "Raising the Profile Project" with Marcy Cohen – first meeting with this group will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. ML will bring her notes to our next meeting.
- Kay Attended the Seniors Housing and Homelessness forum in Langley, Minister Rich Coleman, Brian Dodd (Seniors Services Society, Mayors of City and Township attended to discuss seniors housing, concerns about lack of emergency housing for seniors, access to programs and benefits, consideration being given by Minister Coleman from the B. C. Seniors Advocate recommendations for funds available for seniors against the homeowners property value. Minister Coleman is asking for innovative ideas to increase housing for seniors. Rent affordability, need for building of social housing (none built for the past 20 years) Minister Coleman has asked for increase in SAFER to adapt to the market.

2. *Transportation and Mobility Action Team* – Kay Dennison

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan.24<sup>th</sup> at the Ladner Library. We will be reviewing our priorities for 2017. One of which will be pedestrian safety. A workshop will be planned for the spring. Participants may be representatives from the Delta Police, the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles, ICBC and the Transportation Action Team. We will also be seeking clarification on rules and regulations regarding scooter use on the road.

3. *Services Action Team* – Kay Dennison

Emergency Cards – Funding has been approved by MLA Scott Hamilton's office to add to the \$1,000 received from the Ladner Legion and \$1,000 from KinVillage. Colleen Danes grant submission to Walmart for \$1000 has been successful. The printing will proceed once funds are received. Scott Hamilton's office has agreed to provide \$3,425 to our group to provide money for the emergency cards; the money will be used for printing our Seniors Resource Green card, brochures, meeting costs and refreshments.

Congratulations to Kay for pursuing this lead and successfully getting this money!!

**Community Committees:**

1. Better at Home – Lyn Walker

Lyn explained the Program to our Group. She has added another contractor, Honey Do to the program.

2. B.C. Seniors Advocate Advisory – Kay, Val and ML

- The Residential Care Survey for the B.C. Seniors Advocate will be completed in February. Report will be ready later in the year.
- The HandyDART survey report will be published next month.

3. Municipal Seniors Advisory Sub-Committee – Lyn Walker

The next meeting will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday) at 6:00pm in the Annacis Room at City Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

4. Access Transit – Kay's tenure is now finished, after having been on the Committee for six years.

5. Collaborate Delta – Advocating for unity between our three communities.

6. DOVE and NEVR – Their mandates are to stop abuse in all relationships, with youth emphasis against bullying for NEVR. Kay attends their meetings.

**Announcements:**

- There will be a Tsawwassen First Nations Health Fair on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kay will be attending. ML agreed to attend.
- Jen asked for ideas from the group to focus on Elder Abuse Day.

**Next Meeting:** March 21, 2017 at 10 is at the North Delta Deltassist Office – 9097 120<sup>th</sup> Street. As Val will be away, Joanne offered to Chair and Kay will take notes.