

DELTA SENIORS PLANNING TEAM  
Meeting Notes  
Tuesday, November 17, 2015  
10am at the Benediction Lutheran Church

Chair: Val Windsor

Scribe: Joanne Van Snellenberg

Attendance:

Val Windsor, Joanne Van Snellenberg, Kay Dennison, Jenn Fancy de Mena, ML Burke, Lyn Walker, Sheila Rankin Zerr, Adrienne Johnson, Deanna Taylor, Margaret Toews, Jill Klaponski, Kristin Vaughan-Smith, Judy Gray.

Guests: Sgt. Dave Schaefer and Cst. Leisa Schaefer.

1. Welcome and Introductions – Val Windsor chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.
2. Presentation: Sgt. Dave Schaefer, Vulnerable Sector, Delta Police and Constable Leisa Schaefer, Tsawwassen Community Police Station -  
Sgt. Schaefer gave a very informative presentation on the Delta Police and their Vulnerable Sector Division which includes the Domestic Violence Unit, Mental Health Liaison, High Risk Youth and Elder Abuse. He will be sending his PowerPoint presentation to us along with some notes.  
There were many questions and a lively discussion followed the presentation.
3. Approval of Agenda – 1<sup>st</sup> – Sheila, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret – with addition under New Business
4. Approval of Notes from the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> – Kay, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lyn
5. Letter of Intent - Kay read out the response from the Municipality to our request for funding. Basically it was denied with suggestion we seek funding from the Office of the Advocate. We sent a letter in response, clarifying the relationship with the Office of the Advocate.
6. Social Planner – although no Planner has yet been hired, it was brought to our attention that Lauren Munden, a municipal staff member, has approached some local organizations to determine what the expectations are for the planner. We will contact her to see if our Committee can have input as well.
7. Updates of Action Teams –  
Non-Medical Services – next meeting will be held in January. They confirmed that they are the local Advisory Committee for the Better at Home Program at Deltaassist.  
Workshops for educating the public around Elder Abuse issues may be given in the New Year with Sgt. Schaefer.  
Housing – ML has attended many workshops around housing issues. She will bring the Housing Committee together to pin down a date and the details of a Housing Forum

sometime in the spring. At this 'urban design workshop', the goal is to engage the public in visioning ideas around housing in Delta.

Transportation & Mobility – Planning a Pedestrian Safety Forum in the New Year. Will begin by contacting possible partners.

8. B.C. Seniors Advocate Advisory – There will be a Teleconference on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and a conference in Victoria on February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
9. Dove Committee – December 6<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Many activities are being planned in our local schools and community centres.
10. Access Transit – Kay will be attending a meeting next week. The shift now is to the Compass Cards. Apparently HandyDART has been telling some riders that it does not provide drives outside Delta. Any problems please bring them to Kay who will bring them to HandyDART at the Access Transit meeting.
11. Better At Home – This program which provides light housekeeping, transportation and yard work to seniors living independently has been very busy and is near capacity. They are going into their 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
12. Municipal Seniors Advisory Sub Committee – Next meeting is Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at Kin Village. Everyone is invited to attend.
13. Announcements: Jenn demonstrated the very practical "Be Seen" umbrella which lights up. More information can be accessed through the web site h3group.ca. The company is in Richmond and they produce umbrellas that are sized for adults and children.
14. New Business:
  - a) Economic Forum – ML, Val and Kay attended this Age-Friendly Forum in Langley. ML will scan the brochure and send it out to us.
  - b) There was an interest to have Isabel McKenzie, the Seniors Advocate, come and speak to our Committee.
  - c) The Municipality of Delta is holding another Open House to discuss their Infrastructure plans on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4 – 8pm.
  - d) It was brought to our attention that the Delta Seniors Planning Team information needs to be brought up to date on the Deltassist web-site.

**Next Meeting – January 19, 2016, at 10.00am at Deltassist at the Deltassist office in North Delta.**