

TRI-CITIES SENIORS PLANNING NETWORK

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2015 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Poirier Library, Nancy Bennett Room
575 Poirier Street, Coquiltlam

Attendees:

Regrets:

Stacy Ashton	Brenda Hynes
Massi Bakhshian (part time)	Pat McBlane
Bruce Bird	Mike Oakley
Ruth Cox	Karen Tyrell
Brittany Fife (part time for Massi)	
Peggy Hendrickson	
Gina Hortelano	
Judy Jackson	
King Lum, Chair	
Doug Mix	
Irene Turnbull	

Note: Linda Western has taken her retirement to the next level, and unfortunately for us, that means she's leaving the Tri-Cities. Linda has been a great inspiration and support to this Network from the beginning. Her absence is already greatly missed...after one meeting!! **Thank you Linda** for all you have given to this group and for all the work you had done benefitting Tri-Cities Seniors in general. We wish you well as you begin this next chapter

Also....**Congratulations to Bruce Bird**, CARP's May Member of the Month!! Read more through this link: <http://www.carp.ca/2015/04/17/bruce-bird-advocate-for-older-drivers/>

Introductions:

- New members:
 - Ruth Cox (replacing Michi Tsurumi from the Community Care Committee in Port Moody)

Agenda:

- Accepted with one change under 'business arising':
 - Run up to the Federal Election (Stacy)

Minutes of Last Meeting (April 21, 2015):

- Motion to accept, Doug Mix
- Seconded by Peggy Hendrickson
- Carried

Business Arising from Previous Meetings:**Communications with Local Papers:**

- King will draft an article about 'us' for our review at the next meeting.

Presentation to Councils:

- Port Moody Council has approved a Seniors Advisory Committee to be created
- Terms of Reference for the Port Moody Committee would be helpful (Ruth will keep us informed when established and available)
- As an interim step Linda and King had made a presentation to the Tri-Cities Healthier Communities Partnership sponsored by Fraser Health. This Committee has representatives from all three of the Tri-Cities Councils ; discussions are primarily about health issues and current initiative is on the "GP for Me" issue.
- Need to lobby all the City Councils to establish a Seniors Advisory Committee.
- Now that we have lost Linda Western, we need another lead person to help King to work on and coordinate the presentations
- Need to follow through with Coquitlam and PoCo Councils and request a presentation date
- Judy will ask Karen for a copy of the presentation for review
- We need to demonstrate WHY a seniors advisory group is important...demographics
- Cities have a tendency to lump seniors issues into other community needs
- We are representing a group who want to remain in the Tri-Cities as they age
- Once the presentation is ready, we will contact councils to present and define the need for a seniors advisory council
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Survey Draft Questions:

- Stacy has made changes per our last meeting
- Isobel MacKenzie's report on housing will be out on Thursday – King will be at the media release at the Hotel Vancouver.
- Review her report prior to sending survey out
- Otherwise, survey questions are ready to be sent out to others

Housing Forum:

- Massi will send information to Stacy about the group who did something similar in North Vancouver for her to review
- Seniors Adocate's report could be used to leverage the Tri-Cities look at issues

Run Up to Federal Election

- Federal Election – October 2015
- Do something similar to what we did for the Municipal elections; pose questions to candidates and post answer on website
- National Strategy for Dementia, where do they stand?
- CARP is involved in developing questions to Federal candidates across Canada; encouraging various chapters to cover all candidates meetings

- CVC, as a charitable organization, cannot back any individual party or candidate
- Bruce to pass information to Stacy re: groups dealing with seniors concerns and the Federal elections
- We should have a prepared list of facts and stats re seniors in our community

Updates

Peggy:

- July 28th, Tuesday, Glen Pine is hosting a Multicultural Fair from 11 to 3 pm
- Summer 50+ newsletter is now out
- BC Games 55+ will be held in Coquitlam in 2016, August 23-27
 - Starting to recruit volunteers
 - If interested, please call 604-937-6295

Bruce:

- CARP holding meeting Thursday May 21, 1pm, in room 2 at the Poirier Sports and Leisure Centre
- David Woollven, YMCA will be discussing the new YMCA for Burquitlam area.
- As the Y will have/could have more seniors programs, Bruce will invite David to speak at our meeting in June.

Gina:

- Better at Homes is going into their 3rd year
- Housekeeping and transportation are the primary services
- Now offer some minor home repair assistance and delivery of food hampers where clients are unable to access

Ruth:

- Plans on being a part of the new Seniors Advisory Committee to Pomo Council and will keep us informed

Stacy:

- Asked if everyone wanted an events calendar published
- Judy will inquire with SNAP
- Decisions to be made around where/how/what we want to post

Brenda Hynes: (on behalf of)

- Name change for Fraser Health from: Community Geriatric Mental Health Services TO:
Older Adult Community Mental Health Services

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Poirier Library, Nancy Bennett Room