

WILSON SENIORS' ADVISORY ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING VIA ZOOM
1000, OCTOBER 14, 2020

Members in attendance; Royce Shook, Gwendoline Turpin, Ian Follis, Ann Pratt, Juanita Franco, Ruth Wilson. (Not a quorum.)

Staff in attendance; Chris Eastman.

Meeting called to order at 1008 by president, Royce Shook.

Chris gave his staff report. Within the minutes. Board members attending the meeting agreed to Chris putting out "What's Up Wilson" 1x mo. due to the pressures of his job and time constraints.

Motion to approve report made by Ian, seconded Gwendoline. Carried by email Board members and members attending Zoom.

Correspondence-

Resignation of Ann Pratt as secretary effective November 4, 2020.

Correspondence filed.

Treasurer's report for Activities September 2020 and Advisory Association Board report to September 30, 2020 moved approved by Ian, seconded by Gwendoline. Motion passed by members attending and e mail votes.

Ian noted that \$10,000 of these monies is in trust for grants.

Business arising-

Royce has applied for a New Horizons grant of \$25000. If successful these monies would be used to increase Farmer's Market coupons(food security.), Helping Hands(Christmas \$100 to 10 Seniors, members of Wilson Centre.) and increase Phone Buddies programme.

Also a grant for Summer Games, deadline November 2020.

The Annual General Meeting of the Wilson Seniors' Advisory Association will be held in the Wilson Lounge on November 4, 2020, hopefully.

More information will be in "What's Up Wilson".

New business-

Juanita motioned, "The Advisory Board buy a wreath at a cost of up to \$75 for Remembrance day." Seconded by Gwendoline. Motion carried by members voting yes at zoom meeting and "yes" by e mail.

Royce will be in charge of purchasing of the wreath. Due to Covid wreath will be laid by Legion/cadets at the Cenotaph in Port Coquitlam.

Ian said a special "thank you" to Royce and Chris for all their hard work in proposing the many grants applied for and some received."

Next meeting will be the AGM November 4, 2020 time and place to be announced.

ALP

E mail "yes" votes were received from Karen Dobson, Ruth Wilson, Roland Mitchell for the passing of the motions for the staff report, treasurer's report and purchase of Remembrance Day wreath.

City Updates

Zoom Meeting Login Info:

Topic: Wilson Seniors Advisory Meeting

1. **What's Up Wilson Update:** Edition 11 will be coming out later. With the potential for seniors programming to begin to return the publications may be produced monthly as opposed to bi-weekly. Thoughts?
 - a. Messaging to Seniors: The City had sent out messaging to all people within the Active Net system but unfortunately those who had not clicked off the option to receive promotional material when they signed up, did not get the communication. Thoughts on placing messaging in the What's Up Wilson to request that seniors contact the city to request a change in the email option.
2. **Farmers Market:** The Farmers Market for 2020 has ended. The City is working to prepare:
 - a. a report on the number of coupons used to determine how many are remaining.
 - b. Once determined a draw will be held to pass along the remaining coupons to those seniors in need of food security. This draw will assist in ensuring all coupons are spent.
 - c. Testimonials from coupon recipients have been collected to support the report to the PoCo Foundation and funders.
 - d. Information from this draw will be shared with the Board to support the report to the funders.
3. **Calls and emails:** Calls and emails have been coming in to inquire about upcoming programming and the reopening of the facility. We are responding to these emails and inquiries on a case by case basis and working hard to introduce programs in a safe manner. We encourage Wilson members and seniors to continue to ask these important questions as we value input all input and suggestions.
4. **Seniors Programs:** Currently, a draft proposal has been submitted to review select seniors dedicated programs. Programs being considered are painting, sewing and quilting, and Spanish. Contractors have been communicated with to confirm their availability and interest in returning but there has been no delivery date set at this time as this proposal requires editing and submission to our Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for review and confirmation. Updates will follow.
5. **Seniors Services Collective Updates:** Meetings with multiple municipality coordinators, programmers and senior's societies continue.

- a. The goal of these meetings is to open up communication and share information between cities to collectively support active and social recreation for seniors in our communities.
- b. Royce, who has recently been added to the Collective meetings, has been provided the minutes from the October 13 meeting which outline the programs being offered throughout the Lower mainland.

6. City Programming Updates:

- a. The 10 & 20 passes are still being accepted for those who had purchased them previously and can be used for seniors only programs. The Rec area will now only be selling single, monthly and annual One City passes.
 - b. City skating programs have started, and the children are having a great time back on the ice. Parents of minor hockey have started a streaming option so that parents not in attendance can still view their kids on the ice.
 - c. Arenas are open for existing user groups the evening of Sept 8th. Adapted access and exit are required process has been developed for speed and figure skating as well as minor hockey. Registered public skates will be introduced shortly on Sept 26.
 - d. The weight room facility has reopened and there is good turn out for attendance. Additional fitness programs have also been added, and slowly, the fitness and weight room is being used more consistently.
 - e. A review of the Concession area is starting up with the goal of reopening to provide a food concession that will not run at a loss. It would be beneficial to have a discussion with the Board regarding future potential of having senior kitchen volunteers provide some of the food prep for items to be sold at the concession. Details regarding how these services can also support the Board or seniors' programs so that the services provided by the senior demographic is recognized.
 - f. There are plans to re-open minimal programming in Hyde Creek with a target date of November 2nd. Along with some aquatic fitness programs, there is potential for pickleball and badminton programs to return.
- 7. Phone Buddies:** Some of the call logs have been turned in to the Volunteer Department for review. Responses are varied and Rob Loxterkamp will be reviewing the information and developing a summary which will assist us in knowing what our senior demographic needs during this time. Calls will continue.
- 8. New order of the Provincial Health Officer:** Additional regulations focusing on group gatherings have been enacted. Stricter policies have been put in place to assist with controlling the spread of COVID 19. These orders are being reviewed on October 14th at 11am by the Recreation team. Details will follow.