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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2020 Seniors Advisory Committee Annual Report to Priorities Committee

Report Purpose

In compliance with Bylaw 29-2018 and amending Bylaw 61-2020, this report summarizes annual activities and accomplishments of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Report

The purpose of the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) is to provide advice and considerations to Council on issues and opportunities related to the physical, emotional and social well-being of seniors in Strathcona County. The SAC's workplan is aligned with Strathcona County Council's Strategic Plan, the Social Framework, as well as the County's key strategies and policies. The SAC provides a seniors' lens on Strathcona County policies, programs and services and provides advice to Council and administration on policies and programs to improve outcomes for seniors in Strathcona County.

The following are the 2021/2022 SAC mandate items:

- Provide input on seniors housing needs to support the development of a community-led affordable housing strategy.
- Identify features and characteristics of gathering spaces that would support the well-being of seniors and provide advice to Council on how the County might maximize use of current assets to increase connection and well-being for seniors.
- Participate in engagements related to the concept and design of a potential Fieldhouse to ensure consideration of a seniors' lens.
- Provide advice to Council on how to increase access and use technology to reduce seniors' isolation within the County.
- Participate in engagement opportunities and provide advice to Council on community safety and well-being as it relates to seniors within the County.
- Provide advice to Council on pandemic impacts and potential solutions as they relate to seniors within the County.

The following are the 2019/2020 SAC mandate items:

- Provide input on the recommendations arising from the County's Recreation and Culture Strategy.
- Provide advice to Council on strategies for supporting affordable housing options for seniors.
- Provide input on the County's Mobility Bus service.
- Identify and recommend how seniors' issues may be addressed in various County initiatives and strategies for supporting active and engaged seniors
- Engage or liaise with seniors' stakeholder groups to seek feedback on seniors' issues and opportunities and to access the most current and pertinent information to facilitate discussions and recommendations.
- Monitor federal and provincial government directives and regulations and provide insights on potential implications for Strathcona County residents.
- Recommend seniors issues that could benefit from broader public engagement.

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SAC members during the report period included the following public voting members and two Councillors who are non-voting members.

Current SAC Members	Status	Term Served
Barry Calder	Voting	Apr 2019 – present
Carley Dobko	Voting	June 2021 - present
Robert (Bob) Leman (Chair)	Voting	Apr 2019 – present
Lynn Olenek	Voting	June 2021 - present
Carol Parsons	Voting	June 2021 - present
Ishvarlal (Ish) Thaleshvar	Voting	June 2021 - present
Councillor Glen Lawrence	Non-voting	Ongoing
Councillor Paul Smith (alternate)	Non-voting	Ongoing
Previous SAC Members (2020-2021)		
Luella (Peggy) Fleet	Voting	Apr 2019 – May 2021
Bob Small	Voting	Jan 2021 – May 2021
Marianne West	Voting	Apr 2019 – May 2021
Larry Pope	Voting	Jan 2021 – March 2021
Debbie Sinclair	Voting	Apr 2019 – March 2021
Theresa Sarnecki	Voting	Apr 2019 – Dec 2020

Council and Committee History

January 25, 2021	The Seniors Advisory Committee 2021 Seniors Hub Concept Report is presented to Priorities Committee.
October 20, 2020	The Seniors Advisory Committee 2020 Mid-term Report is presented to Priorities Committee.
March 10, 2020	The Seniors Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report is presented to Priorities Committee.
January 28, 2020	The Annual Summit of Advisory Committees Report is presented to Priorities Committee.
February 26, 2019	Council approves mandate letters for the Accessibility, Seniors and Youth Advisory Committees.
October 16, 2018	Council approves third reading of the bylaw establishing the Seniors Advisory Committee.

Enclosure

1	2020 Seniors Advisory Committee Annual Report to Priorities Committee Presentation
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