

# Community Living Advisory Committee

January 24, 2017

# Purpose

*To provide a direct conduit between Council and residents of Strathcona County*

## **Duties and Powers**

- Provide feedback on related Strathcona County policies and plans
- Advise, recommend and assist Strathcona County on related community initiatives
- Provide strategic policy advice to Council relating to municipal functions re: livability of the community.

# What IS “Community Living”?



# A Proactive Approach

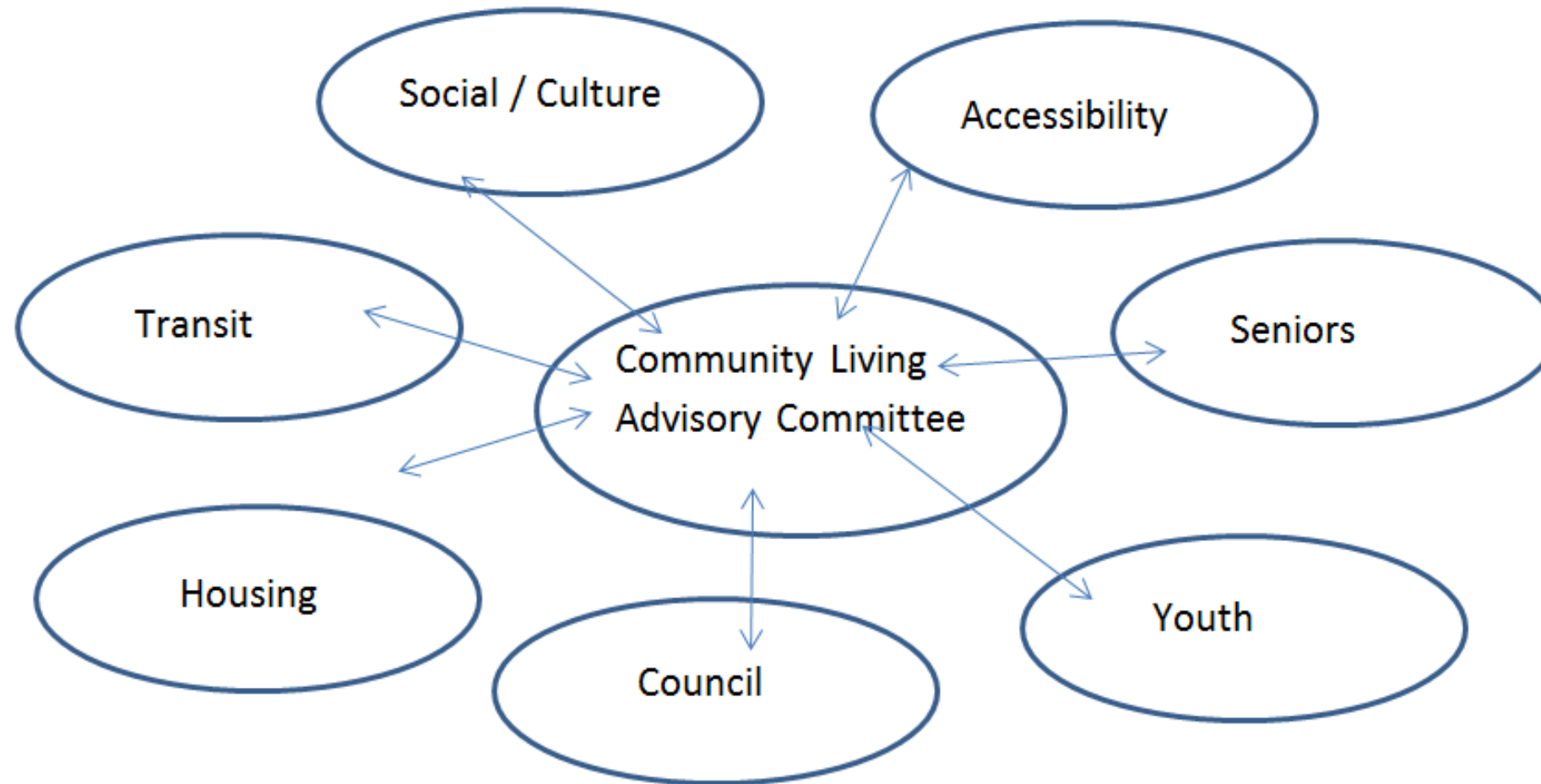
## **What We Know:**

- Numerous organizations already exist within Strathcona County working to enhance Community Living

## **CLAC Response:**

- ✓ To be involved directly but not duplicate work already being done
- ✓ To be well-informed on community issues in order to provide valuable recommendations to Council

# Our Connections



# Community Involvement and Considerations

# Social / Culture

## INVOLVEMENT

- Participated in Family Violence/Mental Health workshop
- Provided feedback into the Social Framework Renewal structure
- Active engagement through Community Talk initiative by distributing material and surveys, facilitating community conversations

## CONSIDERATION

- CLAC will continue engagement with Phase 2 of the Social Framework Renewal as appropriate
- CLAC will assist Family and Community Services to organize the annual Agency Showcase and Network

# Housing

## INVOLVEMENT

- Participated in Let's Talk Housing survey
- Attended Heartland Housing meeting (s)
- Attended Housing Symposium
- Attended non-market housing consultation forum

## CONSIDERATION

- CLAC to explore a more formal relationship with the Heartland Housing Sub-Committee
- CLAC will assist Family and Community Services in organizing a half day workshop to facilitate faith, community and business groups in supporting low income families



# Transit/Transportation

## INVOLVEMENT

- Attended Seniors Transportation Focus Group
- Participated in Traffic Safety and Calming discussion groups
- Transit Master Plan presented at a CLAC meeting

## CONSIDERATION

- Local transit systems to include automated announcements of stops, and next stop digital displays to be included on local transit systems

# Accessibility

## INVOLVEMENT

- Provided input into the “Federal Legislation on Accessibility and Barrier Issues” discussion guide
- Reviewed and provided input regarding accessibility challenges with Emerald Hills Sports Pavilion
- Provided independent feedback on accessibility of local taxi’s as per Corporate Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs research request

## CONSIDERATION

- We encourage Strathcona County to be a leader in accessibility, both locally and for the broader community
- Council annually proclaims December 2 as International Day for Persons with Disabilities

# Seniors

## INVOLVEMENT

- Attended Seniors Week Lifestyle Fair
- Participate with the Caregivers Support Group

## CONSIDERATION

- A CLAC committee member be involved in planning the Seniors Conference and/or Seniors Week with Family and Community Services
- As senior transportation needs are explored, CLAC will remain involved

# Youth

## INVOLVEMENT

- Participated in annual Youth Planning Retreat
- Participated in bi-weekly Youth Council meetings
- Hosted a youth-focused Community Talk dialogue

## CONSIDERATION

- When CLAC membership is being considered, every effort is made to appoint one member between the ages of 15 and 25 to help represent and identify with the youth in our community

# Overall Considerations

## CONSIDERATION

- All efforts be made to develop a centralized information source within Strathcona County, capable of providing support to all residents on a vast array of subjects.
- As appropriate, Council refers administration to consider CLAC for specific input and review

