

**Priorities Committee Meeting\_Mar10\_2020**

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**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE****Seniors Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report****Report Purpose**

To update the Priorities Committee on the 2019 activities and accomplishments of the Seniors Advisory Committee, as required by Strathcona County Bylaw 29-2018.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Goal 6 - Provide facilities and services that are available and accessible to residents

Goal 7 - Provide opportunities for public engagement and communication

**Report**

The purpose of the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) is to provide advice and recommendations to Council on issues and opportunities related to the physical, emotional, and social wellbeing of seniors in Strathcona County. The SAC's work is in alignment with Council's Strategic Plan, Strathcona County's Social Framework and key strategies and policies of the county. 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 mandate items for the SAC, and the activities undertaken in 2019:

- Recreation and Culture Strategy: reviewed the draft Recreation and Culture Strategy and contributed input to inform implementation planning for the strategy.
- Affordable housing: had three sessions to understand the scope and options related to affordable housing for seniors which included Alberta Seniors and Housing, Heartland Housing Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Northern Alberta Cooperative Housing Association, Brittany Lane Housing Co-op and Grove Seniors Co-op
- Transit: went on a field trip with the Accessibility Advisory Committee on a Strathcona County transit bus for an overview of transit services, including Mobility Bus, and discussed issues and opportunities related to seniors and transit.

Mandate items to be completed in 2020 include:

- Initiatives and strategies for supporting active and engaged seniors
- Engage with seniors' groups to seek feedback on issues and opportunities, such as a senior's village/hub
- Monitor federal and provincial government directives and regulations

The 2019 SAC consisted of six public voting members and two Councillors who are non-voting members.

Public Voting Members	Non-voting Members
Barry Calder (Vice-chair)	Councillor Glen Lawrence
Luella (Peggy) Fleet	Councillor Paul Smith (alternate)
Robert (Bob) Leman (Chair)	
Theresa Sarnecki	
Debbie Sinclair	
Marianne West	

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**Council and Committee History**

October 16, 2018 Council approves third reading of the bylaw establishing the Seniors Advisory Committee

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** N/A

**Legislative/Legal:** Strathcona County Bylaw 29-2018

**Interdepartmental:** Recreation, Parks and Culture, Transit Services, Planning and Development Services

**Master Plan/Framework:** 2013-2030 Strategic Plan, Strathcona County Social Framework, Recreation and Culture Strategy, Transit Master Plan

**Enclosure**

1 Seniors Advisory Committee 2019 Annual Report Presentation