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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2023 Seniors Advisory Committee Annual Report
Report Purpose

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 and 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.

Report

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
Barbara Chapman	Voting	Feb 2022 – present
Darryl Diletzoy	Voting	Feb 2022 - present
Jennifer Hillmer (Vice Chair)	Voting	Feb 2022 – present
Lynn Olenek (Chair)	Voting	Feb 2023 - present
Carol Parsons	Voting	Feb 2023 - present
Rachelle Sutherland	Voting	Feb 2022 - present
Genda Sheard	Voting	Feb 2023 – present
Councillor Robert Parks	Non-voting	Oct 2022 – Oct 2023
Councillor Glen Lawrence (alternate)	Non-voting	Oct 2022 – Oct 2023

Following are the 2023 SAC mandate items and activities for each mandate item:

1. Provide input on seniors housing needs to support affordable housing initiatives.
 - o Engagements: Planning and Development Services affordable housing – red tape reduction and incentive program options; Affordable housing strategy
2. Provide advice to Council on the coordination of seniors supports in the County.
 - o Engagements and presentations: WESeniors Strathcona; Palliative Care; Medical Assistance in Dying; Men's Shed Strathcona County; Carol Parsons presentation
3. Provide input on recreation and culture opportunities that support seniors' wellness.
 - o Engagement: Recreation, Parks and Culture Strategy implementation
4. Provide input on relevant activities related to the Community Safety and Well-being strategy development and implementation.
 - o Engagements: Transit Master Plan Update, Accessibility Framework, Community Safety and Wellbeing
5. Provide insight on communication and awareness of seniors programs and services.

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- Engagements and presentations: Strathcona County FCS seniors landing page; WESeniors Strathcona; Economic Development and Tourism – Business Directory

The SAC has summarized its activities on the progress of the mandate items in the attached enclosure.

In summary, the SAC supports the following considerations to Council:

- A shared community vision for all cohorts of seniors to age well in Strathcona County – developed with seniors
- Council commitment to a direction on a seniors' hub
- Housing strategy balance - leadership in pursuing non-market housing
- Affordability – thinking “outside the box” for seniors to age well in place and in community
- Address the learning from WESeniors Strathcona and continue to build on their work

Council and Committee History

March 14, 2023 Council approved mandate letters for the Accessibility and Seniors and Advisory Committees.

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

Enclosure

1 2023 Seniors Advisory Committee annual report presentation