

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, CULTURE AND INCLUSION
COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES**



Minutes of the Community Engagement, Culture and Inclusion Committee Meeting held on Thursday, February 8, 2018 in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele (Chair)
Ping Luo
Babak Taghvaei

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nil

1. Call To Order

Chair Thiele called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. Approval Of The Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Minutes

(a) Minutes of the Meeting held on October 12, 2017

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT,
CULTURE AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
OCTOBER 12, 2017 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.”**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Business Arising From The Minutes

Nil

5. Unfinished Business

Nil

6. New Business

(a) Age-Friendly Planning

The following points were raised during discussion:

- Councillor Thiele has been discussing with Staff the best ways to move forward with age-friendly planning.
- The BC Senior's Guide is now available at village hall and a link posted on the Village's website.
- Mayor McEwen had recommended holding an open house for seniors.
- Committee would not take part in organizing events for seniors, but would provide recommendations to Council.
- The goal is to ensure seniors have a voice and feel included and engaged within the community.
- Seniors may need support from family members with communications from the Village.
- The Official Community Plan isn't senior friendly, due to possibility of infill development, social media, and re-branding.
- The Age-Friendly Plan is referenced in the OCP, which identifies accessibility on pathways, housing choice, options to age in place, and improved transit.
- Council is actively thinking about seniors and options to age in place.
- Anmore has a garden club and a book club.
- Village should create a Seniors Advisory Group or Committee.
- Anmore to possibly provide services to assist with seniors living by themselves regularly and during an emergency.
- Send out a mailer asking if seniors would like to be checked on, in the event of an emergency, road closure or snow storm, etc.
- Connect already-engaged seniors with other seniors.
- Seniors are a resource: a source of knowledge that helps form Anmore's identity.

Councillor Thiele also reported that she discussed with Staff the following questions that could be provided at an open house.

- What services are available in Anmore for seniors?
- What services do seniors want to be made available?
- How do seniors like to be communicated to?
- How do seniors want to be engaged?
- How do seniors want to be made part of the community?
- How do neighbouring municipalities engage their seniors?
- Should Anmore have an Age Friendly Advisory Group?
- Could you foresee yourself living in a seniors home in Anmore?

Councillor Thiele agreed to research the statistics on the senior population in Anmore.

Councillor Thiele agreed to work further with staff to develop a survey that can be presented to seniors at an open house, to be sent as a mail out and be made available at village hall, and to include a note in the languages of Farsi, Chinese, Punjabi and Korean to have the information translated.

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE VILLAGE CREATE A SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT CAN COMMENT ON ISSUES THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO AGE-FRIENDLY PLANNING.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT THE VILLAGE SET UP A PROGRAM WHEREBY IN THE SITUATION OF AN EMERGENCY LIKE A POWER OUTAGE, ROAD CLOSURES, DISASTER OR FLOOD SITUATION THAT STAFF OR VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COMMUNITY PUT A SYSTEM IN PLACE TO CHECK ON OUR SENIORS WHO MIGHT BE LIVING IN ISOLATION, AND AS PART OF THAT PROGRAM; AND THAT WE SEND A MAILER TO OUR SENIORS ASKING IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO OPT INTO THAT PROGRAM TO BE CHECKED ON THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT STAFF INVESTIGATE HOW OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE ADDRESSED AGE-FRIENDLY PLANNING.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Adjournment

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“TO ADJOURN.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Certified Correct:

C. BAIRD

Christine Baird
Manager of Corporate Services

Approved:

A. THIELE

Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele
Chair, Community Engagement, Culture
and Inclusion Committee