

Senior Citizen's Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Mon November 6th, 2023

12:03pm – 1:00pm The 55 Activity Centre

Participants: Ross Dickson, Moira Biggin-Pound, Janice Desjardins, Janice Tomich, Christina Rupp, François Morel, Stephanie Brown (DOS), Devon Guest (DOS), Mandy Foster (DOS)

Absent: Corinne Lonsdale, David Gayton, David Nabi

Facilitator: Devon **Recorder:** Stephanie

Purpose: The Committee will collaborate with and provide recommendations to staff on programs and Senior's related issues connected to the 55+ Recreation and Culture Programming in Squamish. The Committee will advise on the delivery of recreation and culture across Brennan Park Recreation Centre, The 55 Activity Centre, and Westwind's facility. (TOR)

Objectives: ... to increase the social well-being of 55+ community in Squamish. As well to:

- a. To provide a link to the 55+ community to engage in recommendations, proposals for new programs and accept feedback to improve recreation and culture with the District of Squamish,
- b. To identify barriers to access by 55+ community to recreation and cultural programs and services,
- c. To be inclusive of all community needs and interests and reflect a diverse range of groups and members.

Agenda:

ITEM	REQUIRED OUTCOME / ACTION
Programs update	Stephanie – reviewed printout of Spring/Summer programs by type, and Fall programs (by type) currently on offer; shuttle to Brennan Park has not had any uptake; Devon – lawn bowling will open in the Spring; Recreation will administer it but not program it; Devon – pickleball courts are open and will be painted in the Spring – Eaglewind pickleball courts are in process of being decommissioned and/or reverted back to tennis.

Activity Café	Devon – program has struggled to get off the ground, District will take this back over and are working with staff on how best to move forward in a contract instructor model as staff resources are limited.
Kitchen update	(not an agenda item but question was raised by F. Morel) Mandy updated that contract is in progress; Devon confirmed that contract is ready for signing, new tenant (Squamish Helping Hands Society) of this District facility will provide lots of potential for good for the whole

	community
Terms of Reference (TOR)	<p>Devon asked for any further input or considerations that may have come out of last meeting's review of the Terms of Reference;</p> <p>Future forward discussion of next steps for this committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status Quo - Pause to pivot the focus of interested members to the Age Friendly Communities plan development <p>Discussion around the productivity, lack of accountability, and evolution of this committee</p> <p>Devon proposed a vote (as allowed by the TOR with the quorum present); seconded by F. Morel</p> <p>Vote passed: 5 in favour of pausing the committee; 1 abstained</p>
Age Friendly Community plan (AFC)	<p>Devon – AFC planning will follow a format similar to the accessibility committee plan and work which may include a representative committee and public engagement lead by Keely Kidner.</p> <p>Members requested that SCRCAC may meet in the new year (date TBA) including Keely Kidner for better understanding of the plan around the development of a AFC plan could look like.</p> <p>Awaiting confirmation of announcement of awarding AFC.</p>

LAST MEETING'S ACTION ITEMS:

By Whom	What	Update
DOS	Post an ad for Contract Instructors (CI), specifically targeting those qualified to lead programs for building bone density in seniors	Done
MF	Send targeted CI ad to Janice D to send out to her connections	Done

MEETING OUTCOMES/ DECISIONS:

Who	What
All	Committee will meet one more time (January 2024) ahead of pausing to pivot the focus of interested members to the Age Friendly Communities plan development

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

By Whom	What	By When
Moir	Send Devon information about how lawn bowling in another municipality is run	Moir

Next meeting date: TBA – Devon will consult with Keely and set a date for January.