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Advocacy for Seniors

Seniors: Adults Living Triumphantly

Present: Mall Singh Bassi, Dan Clark, Trisha Gupta, Myrna Adams, Sylvia Knight, Lucinda Sloley, Valeie Carasco, Guy Lamontagne, Mary Steed, Ann le Messurier, Don Marion, Marilyn Palileo, Delfin Palileo, Grace Newsome, Judy Caulfield, Ruth Bender, Bob Tremblay, Dharpal Singh Shergill, Jagjit S. Grewal, Kauldeep Grewal, Sinder Pal Brar, Meharbant Singh Gill, Charanjit Singh Dhillon, Pinchil, Kathy Avey, Lucil Ajojo, Pedro de la Cruz, David Guptil, Hazel Carson, Caitlin Olson, Brar Atma Singh, Jhant Sikander Singh, Kashmira Singh, Gurmel S, Saggi, Dr Baljinder Sekhu, Jay Lal, Iqbal Singh Virk, Hardip Chhokar, Sakandar Singh, Satpal Mahli, Balbir Singh, Joginder Singh Padda, Pritam Singh San, Balwinder Singh Sidhu, Mohinder Singh Thiaru, Subashh Khurmmi, Ravinder Singh Tachaz, Ranjit Tathgar Ranjit, Wayne Steele, Gian Singh Sandhu, Harlana Singh Sidhu, Marilyn Evans, DS Kauby, Barb Schwarze, Genny Rice, Susan Ward, Norma Switzer, Maria Isabella, Gerri Malloy, Prabhat Chatterjee, Evelyn Javier, Deputy Mayor Martin Medeiros, Councillor Charmaine Williams, Binu Saradakutty, Val Caletta, Sukhdev Singh Minhas, Chantel McDonald

Regrets: Amrik Kumria, Chris Hogg, Doreen Manning, Pat Persaud

The president welcomed everyone and began the meeting with the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Agenda approved by Maria Isabella and seconded by Guy Lamontagne

Minutes approved by Guy Lamontagne and seconded by Prabhat Chatterjee

President acknowledged Asian Heritage Month, Eid Fatir. Thanked Bramalea Retirement Home for sponsoring the morning refreshments.

Treasurer's Report: Current bank balance as of April 2022 \$3,603.81 expenses repairs to Bingo Machine \$1,204.00

Guest Speaker Nauman Khan Associate Vice President Government and Community Relations Sheridan College Dr. Michael O'Leary unable to attend sent regrets

Update Sheridan College's plans for expanded programming

Centre for healthy communities will establish a community hub for chronic diseases recruiting talent from the community to be embedded in programs. Hospital admissions have grown from 80,000 to 200,000 This will address halfway medicine, create a lot of jobs, launch new programs in 2023.

There is a need for more space to train PSW's and nurses

The split for international and domestic students is 60/40

Speaker Caitlin Olson Peel Pilot Site Coordinator Canada Home Share

Canada HomeShare is an intergenerational housing initiative that matches older adults (55+) who have a spare bedroom with students enrolled in post-secondary education

Students pay \$400 to \$600 in monthly rent and contribute 5-7 hours of assistance around the home per week. The entire program is overseen by social workers.

This benefits home providers by receiving additional income, help around the home and or companionship. Students benefit from safe and affordable housing near campus.

Additional information or to apply visit www.canadahomeshare.com

Deputy Mayor Martin Medeiros Report: Provided an update on the Toronto Metro University partnership with Brampton for the new medical school

Spoke of the launch of Vietnamese Golden Age Village for the Elderly a facility consisting of 120 affordable units open to the Brampton community. The City provided the land.

A heated discussion ensued regarding the high fees senior groups are paying to rent City facilities to host their meetings. The groups feel that they should not pay rent to me in the evenings. Facility rentals are free for affiliated groups from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday, however, groups are required to pay rent in the evenings and on the weekends. Due to

many of the groups losing members to death and sickness they do not have adequate membership to pay for the rent and therefore it should be free.

It was said that if they do this for one group they would be forced to do it for all groups and the city is unable to accommodate this request.

Speakers Binu Saradakutty and Chantel Donald

Senior Groups Affiliation

Senior groups can start their affiliation for 2023-24. Application forms were made available for those in attendance and additional applications can be picked up at Bob Callahan Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre

As affiliated members the following benefits apply

- Free meeting room -Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Liability Insurance covered by the City
- Free use of park facility and picnic tables
- Free toilet potty
- Free use of kitchen
- Rent subsidized
- Given priority for booking

The Group Affiliation renewal status deadline is December 31, 2022. For more information contact: Binu [Saradakutty@brampton.ca](mailto:Binu.Saradakutty@brampton.ca) or call 905-874-5275.

Renewal of affiliation is every two years. Member phone numbers are required as they will call members for confirmation of their membership and residence. 80% of membership must be residents of Brampton. Approval of membership will take 10 business day upon receipt of application. Applications can be submitted to Bob Callahan Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre or online.

Drop-in information sessions are scheduled for Tuesday May 24th. from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at Gore Meadow Centre and Thursday June 23rd. from 10:00 am to 3 pm at Cassie Campbell Community Centre.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:30 AM

NEXT MEETING JUNE 07, 2022