**Greater Arnprior Seniors Council (GASC) Records of Discussion**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

**Location: Arnprior Hospital, Entrance C, Level 2, Boardroom.**

**Present:**

Darrel O’Shaughnessy – GASC Member (Chair)

Robin Paquette – Planner, Arnprior (Acting Secretary)

Pamela Lemay – GASC Member

Ralph Chown – GASC Member

Katrin Spencer – Arnprior Regional Health

Rick Gwalchmai- Recreation, Arnprior

Geoff Patterson – Recreation, McNab/Braeside

**Regrets:**

Sandra Elliott – GASC Member (Secretary)

Jennifer Torode – Arnprior and District Family Health Team

Dennis Harrington and Mandy Stinson – Arnprior McNab/Braeside Seniors at Home

Maureen Sullivan-Bentz– Hospice Renfrew

Susan Leach – Arnprior Regional Health

Kaila Zamojski – Arnprior (Corp Services)

Karen Deluca - Arnprior (Library)

Glenn Arthur –Arnprior (Recreation)

1. **Call to order**

Our meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

1. **Roll Call**

See Regrets

1. **Adoption of Agenda**
2. **Approval of Records of Discussion from meeting of February 22, 2017**

Approved, with the addition of Geoff Patterson to Regrets

1. **Matters of Discussion from meeting of February 22, 2017**
   1. **Website Update – Robin Paquette and Jennifer Torode**

Robin and Jennifer have reviewed the information to be provided to Kelsey and will be getting back to her shortly. AMBSAH have provided photos.

* 1. **Senior Stick Curling Fun Day – Feb 23/March 16 – Rick Gwalchmai**

There were 20 registrants for the March 16th session. The participants had a great day and the feedback has been very positive. As such, the Recreation Dept. and Curling Club are prepared to launch a senior’s league in the fall on a weekly basis.

* 1. **Ontario Association of Councils on Aging (OACA) – Darrel O’Shaughnessy**

Darrel connected with Sarah Bercier, Executive Director of Ottawa’s Council on Aging and advised her that we are interested in participating. She advised that they are still working on getting the OACA up and running, writing the Terms of Reference and establishing the goals and objectives. She will follow-up with us in due time.

* 1. **Transportation Options for Seniors – Denis Harrington and Darrel O’Shaughnessy**

A meeting was held with Mayor Reid who expressed an understanding of the needs of the community with regard to transportation. He has asked staff to investigate any potential funding opportunities available to the Town which may not be available to the AMBSAH and report back by mid-April.

Pam Lemay questioned where the option of providing vouchers for seniors to use to pay for taxis has been considered. This idea will be passed on.

* 1. **Monthly News Article for Chronicle Guide – Darrel O’Shaughnessy**

Schedule for provision of Articles is as follows:

March – Curling/Dragon Boat – Darrel, Rick

April – Legal issues – Pam

May – Website introduction – Robin

June – Senior Games follow up – Ralph, Geoff and Rick

July – Senior Village Concept Community Engagement – Katrin

August – Family Health Team – Jennifer

Please try to provide 1,000 words in 3-4 paragraphs and hopefully, the paper will use them.

* 1. **Compendium of Services – Pam /Robin**

Nothing to report.

* 1. **Grove Redevelopment Update – Katrin Spencer**

On a related note, Katrin announced that the Grove IPod project has just won another award! This one is from Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS) and will be presented to Tracy from the Grove’s Adult Day program in Toronto next month.

With respect to the redevelopment, MPP Yakabuski did provide the postcards and question the Minister of Health on the floor of the legislature. The YouTube video has had a great response. The Minister gave a careful response in regard to a meeting with Eric Hanna. A joint letter from the Warden, Mayors, Chair of GASC and ARH is being prepared to follow up and request a meeting soon.

The website will be launched by the end of the week at “growthegrove.ca” and an article will be in the paper. They are lining up participants for community engagement on the Senior Village concept and there will be a survey for providers to identify gaps that could be filled by the concept proposed.

* 1. **Other Funding Opportunities – Seniors Community Grant (potential Hospice Renfrew/Library joint venture**

Palliative Care Training – haven’t heard back. Not sure if library applied.

* 1. **Hike for Hospice – Maureen Sullivan-Bentz**

Maureen was not in attendance, however, more information and a YouTube video are available on their website: <http://www.hospicerenfrew.ca/hike-or-run-for-hospice-2017/>. Darrel suggested we should be putting in a team of participants!

* 1. **Dragon Boat Challenge – Darrel O’Shaughnessy**

Darrel advised of this year’s Dragon Boat Challenge at the festival on Saturday, July 22nd. Posters were provided. The cost is $700/team of 20, and there are free practices before the race, the races and prizes. Consider putting in a Community Team.

* 1. **GASC Member Recruitment**

Darrel has approached two citizens to see if they had any interest in joining the GASC. One is willing to help out but not sit on the Council. Eleanor Hodgkins is interest by as the Chair of the SR. Games in Arnprior, she is busy but might consider after the Games are finished. If anyone has any other ideas, please provide to Darrel.

1. **New Business**
   1. **Accessibility Advisory Committee** – Invitation to join in Facilities Tour May 10th, 2017

Robin advised that the AAC has invited the GASC, particularly the senior members, but service providers as well if interested, in attending the Facilities Tour they are planning for May 10th, in the early evening. The tour would include a walk along the newly renovated John Street, the museum, town hall, and recreation centre. More details will follow for the next meeting.

* 1. **Correspondence**

No correspondence was submitted.

1. **New Business**
2. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

NOTE: **Next meeting will be held Wednesday April 19th (3rd Wednesday in April) at 9:00 am at the Arnprior Public Library (lower level, Gaumond Room).**