**Age Friendly Community Planning Meeting**

**Wednesday June 17, 2015**

**3:00 – 4:15pm**

**At the Golden Seniors Centre**

Attendees: Chris Hambruch, Marija Spehar, Irene Gray, Mickey Balas, Jan Rodman, Katherine Fiebig, Kate Mccarroll, J-G DesCôteaux, Denise English, Monica De, Jim Halvorson, Ryan Watmough

Chair: Leslie Adams, Denise English

Minutes: Ryan Watmough

**Agenda**

**A. Call to Order: 3:06pm**

**B. Review and Approval of Past Minutes** (May 20, 2015; circulated)

- Irene had a revision to the Minutes, stating the “Anyone can rent the Seniors Centre.”

Motion: Kate/Irene. Carried.

**C. Introductions**

- Roundtable. Denise English thanked Irene and the Golden Seniors Centre for the use of the space.

**D. Updates on Items from Last Meeting**

**E. New Business**

1. **Officially recognition of Golden as an Age Friendly Community by AFBC**

*“More information is included in the following news release -* [*http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2015/06/bc-communities-recognized-for-age-friendly-activities.html*](http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2015/06/bc-communities-recognized-for-age-friendly-activities.html)*.*

*Information on the age-friendly recognition program is available on* [*www.gov.bc.ca/agefriendly/recognition*](http://www.gov.bc.ca/agefriendly/recognition)*, or you can contact me by phone or email if you have any questions.”*

How will we celebrate?

* AFBC suggested an event or small project (like a bench) or AFCP signage (locations and types).
* The $1,000 could be used to manufacture and install the signage. The group will think about it.

1. **Review of Action Plan** – updated in April 2015 (<http://www.goldenloom.ca/age-friendly.html>)
2. **Access to Care Committee** (update from Mickey & Kate)

* Verbal report presented
* Draft letter is in progress
* Table of issues and solutions is in progress

1. **Transportation Committee** (update from Ryan)

* Jan Rodman has offered to participate on the Transportation Committee
* Mickey suggested exploring a ‘seniors helping seniors’ program concept. Katherine has some resources from a program from her time in Ontario.

1. [**New Horizons for Seniors Funding Program**](http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/seniors/funding/about/index.shtml)

*“The Program supports the social participation and inclusion of seniors through five objectives:*

1. *promoting volunteerism among seniors and other generations;*
2. *engaging seniors in the community through the mentoring of others;*
3. *expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse;*
4. *supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors; and*
5. *providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and/or programs for seniors.*

*Calls for proposals are aligned with these objectives, and projects need to meet one or more of these objectives.*

*Community-based projects may be funded up to $25,000 per year, per organization. Pan-Canadian projects that help to reduce social isolation among seniors may be funded between $150,000 and $750,000, for up to a maximum of three years.”*

What are the potential projects?

* *Golden Seniors Centre: Access to the building/automated doors. AED. WiFi. Irene. (Shauna Speers – AED; TELUS, Alpine IT – WiFi.) Intergenerational/Technological Mentoring: Mike Symons, Youth Centre.* (Please also check out [ESDC’s Enabling Accessibility Fund](http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/disability/eaf//index.shtml) [Social Development for Disability Programs](http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/disability/social_development/index.shtml) & [Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/of/) for other funding streams. Email: [fi-of@servicecanada.gc.ca](mailto:fi-of@servicecanada.gc.ca). Phone: none)
* Mt 7 Rec Plex: Access to the building/automated doors. Chris H. will speak with Chris Cochran.
* Golden Community Resources Society: Access to the building/automated doors. Connie.
* *Seniors Helping Seniors Program: Coordinator; paid seniors; confirm the need; sustainability. Sidewalks, lawn care, cooking, technological mentoring. Jim Halvorson.*
* Seniors Advocate position: Mickey.
* Town of Golden: Sidewalk condition & availability (wait for reply from Chris Cochran & SCOF)

What is Golden applying for?

* Have not heard of any other projects. Please see note on Chris Cochran above.

Who is sponsoring, partnering, and submitting?

* Not clear for each project listed above.

1. **Additional Items** –

* Mickey will forward information from the Alzheimer’s’ Society to help make our community more dementia-friendly
* Mickey will forward information from provincial elder abuse programs, when it becomes available

**F. Next Meeting** – ***Wednesday July 15, 3pm, Golden Seniors Centre***

**G. Adjournment** – 4:45pm

Anyone interested in helping to make Golden an Age Friendly community is welcome to come to the meetings. Tell your friends, family & colleagues.

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