

**Age Friendly Community Planning Meeting**  
**Wednesday October 21, 2015**  
**2:00 – 3:15pm**  
**At the GSS Library**

Attendees: Denise English, Ron Oszust, Chris Hambruch, Katherine Fiebig, Mickey Balas, Irene Gray, Terri Schiesser, Jenn Keilty, Connie Barlow, Tricia Bowness, and Jim Halvorson.

Regrets: Michele Rowe, Jan Rodman, Shelly Wadden, Angela Stott

Minutes: Ryan Watmough

Website Resources: AFC Plan <http://www.goldenloom.ca/age-friendly.html>

AFC Committee <http://www.goldenloom.ca/afc-committee.html>

**Agenda**

**A. Call to Order: 2:10pm**

**B. Review and Approval of Past Minutes**

Motion: Mickey                      Seconded: Irene

Approved.

**C. Introductions**

- Roundtable.

- The group thanked Angela Stott for providing the GSS Library space for the meeting.

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

**1. New Horizons for Seniors Funding Program**

- *Golden Seniors Centre: Access to the building/automated doors. AED. Update from Irene.*
  - o *Should know by January 2016.*
- *Response from Connie's previously circulated provincial link for grants.*
- *Mickey attended the CBT grant writing workshop. Advice from it was to "don't rush it." Spend time planning for the project, and the grant application will be successful.*
- *New opportunities?*
  - o *Rec Plex doors project needs to find funding.*

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

- Request letter for the \$1,000 has been sent to Town Council and their response.
  - o Chris Hambruch reported that "it's in process." Connie Barlow said that the direction for an 'age friendly project' was made by Council to Chris Cochran.

**E. New Business**

**3. Guest Speaker: Ron Oszust, Town of Golden Mayor**

- Ron recapped and led the discussion around next steps on a number of recent Age Friendly-related initiatives he has been involved in, including:
- UBCM meetings with the Premier, ministers & deputy ministers
  - o BCVC: requested land
  - o Childcare facility: thanked the Premier for the Province's support

- Connectivity: Plans are in the works for sidewalks between Highway #95 and TCH. Leslie and Ryan requested 'on-the-ground' examination of pedestrian traffic patterns and connectivity with 11<sup>th</sup> Ave N
- Golden District Hospital Heli-pad: Requires a redesign as some helicopters cannot land there, but the old medical clinic would need to be torn down, which has asbestos
- Referrals to medical appointments in Kelowna: Responses back in a few months
- RMI: Committee has been struck (including Jon Wilsford) that will help determine the next program
- IH Lab Services (LSSP) Team
  - Ron shared a draft letter with the AFCC that outlines the need and alternative solutions for Golden to keep their lab services
- 8th Ave S Connectivity
  - Two designs are in the works and Ron will share the alternatives when they are finalized, before a final decision is made by Council
- Age Friendly Related Budget Items
  - The AFCC has been a guiding document in the Council's decisions and in staff's planning

#### **4. Event & Program Calendars Committee**

- October "Age Friendly" Calendar published, printed and posted around town
- Online "Age Friendly" Calendar posted on GoldenLoom.ca
- Printed calendar will be retitled, "Age Friendly Calendar ...for 50 plus"

#### **5. Access to Care Committee (update from Mickey)**

- Verbal report provided.
- The Committee was challenged with setting and submit the local priorities to elected officials in advance of the UBCM

#### **6. Seniors Helping Seniors Committee**

- Minister Lake responded to request for a Better At Home program. Golden is not getting one until after the pilot project is complete (2017)

#### **7. Transportation Committee**

- Chris Hambrich had heard about Fort St. James transportation program while at the UBCM. The District owns and insures the vans so that volunteer drivers can operate them.

#### **8. Durand Manor Renovation Project (update from Ryan)**

- Denise will craft a response to IH re-requesting community and AFCC participation in the project

#### **9. Seniors Advocate/Navigator (update from Mickey)**

- An office space has been offered by Mountainview for Mickey to work from on Fridays
- The Hospice Society is also looking for space

#### **10. Additional Items – None**

### **F. Next Meeting – 2pm, Wednesday November 18, Town of Golden Council Chambers**

- **November Guest Speaker:** Janice Murphy, Kaslo (November 18)
- **December Guest Speaker:** Kyle Hale, Golden Emergency Management Plan (December 16)

**G. Adjournment – 3:40pm**

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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