



Southeast Vancouver Seniors Arts

And Cultural Centre Society

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Meeting # 61

Champlain Heights Community Centre

Thursday Jan. 16, 2014 at 10:30AM

www.SVSACS.org – 604-325-0163

Our Goal: a Dedicated Seniors Centre

Minutes

Present: Lorna Gibbs, George Grant, Margaret Homonnay, Eddie So, Barbara Warner, Donna Davies, Des Burke, Manfred Hagen, Sharon Tong, Tom Chin, Ramesh Kalia, Kamlesh Sethi, Mohinder Sidhu, Pat Deibert, Margaret Wickland, Joan Wright, Gurdial Kang, Philip Mah, Jim Jiang, Pietro Cassano, Tom Holmes.

1. Call to Order – 10:00 am Lorna Gibbs in the chair
2. Approval of Agenda – Moved by Margaret Homonnay, 2nd by Philip Mah, carried.
3. Minutes of Meeting 60 – No issues
4. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 60 – Moved by Des Burke, 2nd by Barbara Warner, carried.
5. Reports - President – Lorna thanked Members who were able to attend the January 7, 2014 announcement by MP Wai Young when she announced a Federal Government contribution of \$2.5 million dollars towards a Seniors Centre at Killarney. Ms. Young worked to enable the Federal Government to contribute even though the project was not “shovel-ready.” The Press Release issued by Ms. Young’s office was distributed electronically to our members on January 7. We look forward to a 10,000 sq ft. facility as was recommended in the Parks Board Feasibility Study. Federal monies will be released to the City once a funding agreement is signed. Consultation continues between the three levels of government to effect this agreement. We, and the City still seek a further \$1.2 million from the Provincial Government considered necessary to complete the funding. Ms. Anton continues to work towards this end. All members are urged to email the Premier at premier@gov.bc.ca and copy the Hon. Suzanne Anton, MLA at Suzanne.Anton.MLA@leg.bc.ca asking that the Province match the City and Federal contributions. Some seniors at South Van Neighbourhood House have already done so.

We have many talented and creative people in our community and when the time is right, we will do our part in helping to raise money for the Centre, not for capital costs but for furnishings and other necessary equipment.

6. Presentation by Sharif Bhuiyan and Kiran Hothi of VanCity Credit Union: ***Financial Literacy: Preventing Identity Theft*** They gave a most interesting and informative talk on **Identity Theft** and provided a hand out of their presentation. **Basic message: guard your financial information. Check credit and bank statements regularly. Pay special attention to withdrawals and pre-authorized payments. Keep your SIN number confidential.**

Main points:

- a) Beware of imposters. Financial Institutions, Government and other legitimate organizations **never** ask for personal information by telephone or email. **Never** give personal information to anyone you do not know. Know who you are dealing with and confirm identity of callers. If in doubt call your financial institution at their published telephone number.

- b) **Never** respond to email requests for personal information and do not ‘click’ on ‘unsubscribe’ buttons from organizations you have not subscribed to. Just delete the email or report it as a phishing scam. **Never** enter personal information on a ‘pop-up’ screen.
- c) Use good computer protection and keep anti-virus, anti-spy ware and firewall software up to date.
- d) Keep your mail safe. If delivery is to a community mailbox collect it promptly.
- e) Use cheques responsibly – use as few as possible, keep cheques in secure location, always record cheque number and payee, use non-erasable ink, never make cheques out to cash or leave payee blank. Mail cheques in good envelopes and reconcile statements as soon as they are received.
- f) Shred or destroy all personal documents – **never** put them in the garbage.
- g) Lockup personal information and never leave unattended in your vehicle.
- h) memorize your PINs and passwords and **never** share this information with others.
- i) Know your account balances; always take sales receipts; keep a record of your transactions.
- j) If you lose your credit/bank cards or drivers licence contact the issuer immediately.
- k) **Check your credit reports once a year.** Get a copy of reports. Ensure all information is correct. Your credit history contains names, aliases, date of birth, SIN, address, employment, name of lenders, type of credit, credit limit, balance owing, monthly payments due, start & reporting dates. Credit reports are free but you must request them by mail. See below.
- l) If you suspect someone is using your identity, contact your financial institution and the RCMP immediately.
- m) Be aware of scams: lotteries, sweepstakes, contests, pyramid schemes, money transfer requests, internet scams, mobile phone scams, emergency scams, dating and romance scams, job and employment scams, charity scams, income tax scams.

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** Equifax: 1-800-465-7166 or www.equifax.ca

7. New Business – None. **See page 3 for special announcements**

8. Adjournment – 12:00 pm Moved by Pat Deibert, 2nd by Des Burke, carried.

A reminder: 2013/2014 memberships (\$5.00) may be paid now.
SVSACS Memberships run from AGM to AGM.

Next Luncheon/movie: February 5th 2014: **Lincoln** Luncheon reservations begin Jan. 22 thru Jan 29 - call CHCC 604-718-6575 to reserve.

Next meeting: February 20th 2014 10:30 am CHCC – Presentation by West Coast Railway Association.

SVSACS PARTNERS are all working together to get a real Seniors Centre for you!



An update!!! Mayor Gregor Robertson will introduce a motion at this week's Council meeting (Tuesday January 21) to expedite construction of a new Killarney seniors centre with surplus funds from the City's operating budget, following through on the City of Vancouver's longstanding commitment to investing in better community services for seniors in Southeast Vancouver.

Three planned events in our community that present an opportunity to champion our cause are:

1. **MP Wai Young's Open House Friday January 24, 2014 from 3-6 pm.** Wear your SVSACS pin and stop by to say a special thank you, and to celebrate 2014 and the Year of the Horse. Please bring a canned or non-perishable food item to support the Vancouver Food Bank.

MP Wai Young's Community Office is at 6406 Victoria Drive & 48th, Vancouver BC

2. **Saturday February 8th** the Victoria Drive BIA will celebrate The Year of the Horse with festivities and a parade. The event will be held at Victoria Square near London Drugs on Victoria Drive. There will be Lion Dances and Drumming. **Festivities start at 11:00 am.**

3. **Saturday February 8th** ~~after the VDBIA festivities we are invited to an Open House at Hon. Suzanne Anton's newly renovated Constituency Office at Killarney Market Mall. It is just two doors away from Killarney Market. Time has not been formally announced but may be from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm so as not to conflict with VicDrive festivities. An update will be forwarded when more information is available.~~ A wonderful opportunity to thank the Minister for the 1.3 Million contributed in 2013, and to champion our hope that a further \$1.2 million will be forthcoming in 2014. Tentatively set back to March 1, 2014.

Happy New Year and Gung Hay Fat Choy!!