

INFORMATION NOTE

Title:	Creating Connections for Seniors - Summer 2020
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Report To:	His Worship the Major and Members of Council
Councillor and Role:	Councillor Stapleton
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Issue: As summer outings and events for older adults and seniors will not be taking place this summer due to COVID 19 restrictions, the adult and seniors' staff have developed ways to stay connected with this population throughout the summer.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The Adult & Senior area of the Recreation Division are normally preparing for their weekly senior summer bus tours, however, Summer 2020 will look a little different than previous years due to Covid-19.

The Adult & Seniors team with guidance from management have developed several ways to stay connected with seniors to help in the reduction of social isolation and food security. All activities will follow the guidelines set forward by the Department of Health and the Chief Medical Officer. Below are some examples:

- Stay Connected-Care Packages- Staff will generate a list of activities and participants will have choice to what they'd like to receive. i.e Sudoku puzzles, one on one Face-time conversations with staff etc.
- Outdoor Inspirational Messages- Created in parking lots of senior's apartment complexes
- Connecting with Seniors through Nature - Gardening Kits would be provided to seniors – This will be dependent on approval of a grant submitted to United Way
- Monthly Newsletters- mail out with current resources and information relating to Covid and other relevant information
- Food Security Support- Deliver hampers/grocery store gift cards to low-income seniors- This will be dependent on approval of a grant submitted to United Way

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications:
 - Funding application has been submitted to the United Way Emergency Community Support Fund

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- Additional spending will be supported by the budget area of 7333- Adult & Seniors
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:
 - Newfoundland & Labrador Housing Corporation
 - United Way NL
 3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:
 - A Connected City- A city where people feel connected, have a sense of belonging, and are actively engaged in community life
 - An Effective City-A city that performs effectively and delivers results
 4. Legal or Policy Implications:
 - n/a
 5. Privacy Implications:
 - n/a
 6. Engagement and Communications Considerations:
 - Discussions will occur with the Communication staff on relevant programs for Summer 2020
 7. Human Resource Implications:
 - n/a
 8. Procurement Implications:
 - n/a
 9. Information Technology Implications:
 - Virtual engagement may be used to connect to Senior population
 10. Other Implications:
 - n/a

Conclusion/Next Steps:

Ideas will be discussed with the Seniors Advisory Committee members to gather feedback.

Report Approval Details

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