

Newton Seniors' Computer Club Meeting Monday, April 22, 2024 @ 1 pm Meeting Notes

Sigrid welcomed everyone and read the minutes. It was then moved by Sigrid, seconded by Victor, to adopt the Minutes of April 25, 2024. Carried.

- Angus advised that the drop-in sessions are continuing on Friday mornings, 10:00-noon.
- Victor gave an update on courses including some that are cancelled due to low registration. There is still room in the Facebook and File Management classes. Course details are available on our website – www.nsgcc.info/classes. Any further courses will be scheduled in the Fall.
- Sigrid reminded the group of the AGM on June 10. Any bylaw changes will be posted on the website.
- The BBQ is scheduled for June 17 with tickets going on sale in May.
- Translink will be our guests next week, complete with a bus.

Karen Klein, a rep from ICBC, was our guest to speak of ERA (Enhanced Road Assessment) a program to ensure seniors are driving safely. Following her presentation, she handed out white feather-shaped reflectors. Notes from Karen's presentation are attached to these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Karen's notes include:

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- If you have reached the age of 80, you will receive a letter from ICBC advising that your doctor needs to fill out an assessment of your driving ability. This assessment is good for 5 years, then again for 2-year increments. Note, there is a self-assessment online that could be helpful. All seniors, drivers of commercial vehicles and people with medical conditions need to have this assessment done.
 - The test is through Road Safety BC. There are 4 possible outcomes.
 - Everything is fine.
 - Things are okay with conditions.
 - It may be recommended that further assessment is required.
 - This individual is not safe to drive. Your drivers license will be put on hold and a Learner's Permit will be issued until all requirements are met.
 - Should you be required to take the test you can prepare by:
 - Scheduling your appointment, arriving 15 minutes early. The test is 90 minutes. You can ask that your test be close to home where roads are familiar.
 - Study ICBC driving guides and practice tests.
 - Consider professional driving lessons.
 - Practice new driving skills.
 - You will be asked all things needed to operate a car – i.e.: turn on windshield wipers; turn on high beams, tap the break....
 - The book 'Tuning up for drivers' is helpful to prepare for the test.
 - Results are sent to Road Safety BC.
 - Note: unless posted, speed limits are 50 kms.

Karen answered questions.