



City of Hamilton
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 21-11
Date: November 5, 2021
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall
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Hamilton

**Seniors Advisory
Committee**

Minutes

October 1, 2021

10:00am – 12:00pm

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In Attendance:

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Also, in Attendance:

Lisa Maychak, Project Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Kim VanderMeulen, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities
Sonya Baldwin, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities
Trevor Jenkins, Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility Planning and Economic Development
Brian Hollingworth, Director, Sustainable Mobility Planning and Economic Development

Absent with Regrets:

Tom Jackson, City Councillor, Marjorie Wahlman

Absent:

Vince Mercuri, Dahlia Petgrave, Nrinder Nann

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

Land Acknowledgement presented by A. Elliott

A. Alshaikhahmed has volunteered to read the Land Acknowledgement at

the next meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

(S. Boblin/A. Elliott)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the October 1, 2021 agenda, as presented.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(C. Fernandes/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the Sep 10, 2021 Minutes.

CARRIED

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

- (i) Trevor Jenkins, Project Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department, City of Hamilton "Complete, Livable, Better Streets Design", Trevor Jenkins, Project Manager and Brian Hollingworth, Director, Sustainable Mobility Planning and Economic Development

T. Jenkins provided a presentation to the committee on Hamilton's Complete, Liveable, Better Streets Design. T. Jenkins ended his presentation with an opportunity for a question and answer period for the Senior Advisory Committee. Additional information can be found at <https://www.hamilton.ca/streets-transportation/streets-sidewalks/complete-livable-better-clb-streets>

(J. Mayo/A. Elliott)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the presentation by Trevor Jenkins, Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton.

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

**(i) Proposed Resolution
Vaccinations at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges.**

J. Mayo brought before forward the following resolution
Mandatory COVID vaccinations at Macassa and
Wentworth Lodges
(J. Mayo/D. Broom)

Whereas all the residents who live at Macassa and
Wentworth Lodges are seniors who have compromised health
problems;

Whereas seniors who have compromised health problems are
the most vulnerable population to acquire COVID and are the
most likely to die from it;

Whereas those who have been vaccinated against COVID are
very unlikely to acquire COVID nor to pass on the virus to
others;

Whereas the Health Protection and Promotion Act mandates
that the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario to direct
that all covered organizations must establish, implement and
ensure compliance with a COVID-19 vaccination policy that
requires its employees, staff, contractors, volunteers and
students to provide a proof of full vaccination or a written
medical reason for exemption;

Whereas not all the staff at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges
have been vaccinated against COVID and yet continue to
work there;

Whereas several deaths from COVID have been reported
amongst the residents of the Lodges;

Whereas the Seniors Advisory Committee's mandate is be a
credible communication vehicle regarding the quality of life
for all seniors in the City;

- (a) The Seniors Advisory Committee urges the City to
immediately impose an immediate requirement for all
staff to be vaccinated and to forbid anyone from
entering the buildings who has not been vaccinated;
- (b) Because the situation is dire and potentially life-
threatening for all residents, that Councillors Tom

Jackson and Nirinder Nann be informed of this resolution immediately and communicate it to the Mayor and all other Councillors

CARRIED

(ii) Working Groups (Item 10.1)

(a) Getting Around Hamilton Working Group

J. Mayo reported that Waterdown now has an on-demand transit pilot service. There was an increase in fares as of Sept 1. The Senior monthly and yearly pass also raised in price. The trans cab service in Stoney creek currently has issues but the group plans to deal with that at the next meeting. Also, a reminder that it is now the responsibility of the individual to renew their driver's license and vehicle sticker as the province is no longer sending out notices. This group is currently organizing workshops with the Hamilton Council on Aging. They have also made a funding proposal made to the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility.

(b) Elder Abuse Working Group

P. Petrie reported that there has been no movement at this time with the safety videos and Hamilton Police Services (HPS) and is unsure of what the delay is. The group was able to obtain statistics on elder abuse but have not had time to review yet. C. Fernandes has some booklets with information and informed the group that the HPS used to have workshops available for groups. Elder Abuse working group will investigate these workshops with HPS. P. Petrie mentioned getting someone from Catholic Family Services to come and speak to this advisory committee. P. Petrie has some contact names and will share them to with L. Maychak to contact.

(c) Housing Working Group

M. Toth reported that Jane Murrell, Supervisor-Health Hazards & Vector Disease, City Hamilton spoke to the group regarding City strategies for Heat Mitigation, such as opening cooling centres with bottled water available. J. Murrell outlined the warning system that come from

Climate Canada to the City and the criteria used to prompt the warnings.

The City of Hamilton has engaged landlords and offered suggestions to them to support their tenant's well-being during heat waves. Some interior building temperatures can be hotter than outside conditions. Currently, the City of Hamilton has no by-laws to enforce strategies nor an emergency plan for heat events as exists for extreme winter conditions. Because of Climate Changes, such heat events are increasing in intensity and frequency, making the need for citizen safety more critical.

(c) Communication Working Group

D. Bloom reported the group's last meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is booked for October 20, 2021.

(iii) Working Committees (Item 10. 2)

(a) Age Friendly Plan - Governance Committee

A. Elliott reported that the list of members has been updated, and draft terms of reference was reviewed. The group looked at what recommendations should be focused on for the next year. A. Elliott encourages all SAC committee members to read the report with the seven areas and the recommendations.

(b) Older Adult Network

There are no updates at this time.

(b) International Day of Older Persons Committee

D. Stone reported that International Day of Older Persons is happening today, Oct 1, 2021.

This event will be aired on Cable 14 at 8pm Oct 1, 2021 and will be moderated by Connie Smith.

(c) McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

There are no updates from this committee.

(d) Ontario Health Coalition

C. Fernandes reported that the Ontario Health Coalition will be holding a meeting on Monday October 4, 2021 beginning at noon at Gore Park. This event will be held to hold government accountable.

(e) Our Future Hamilton Update

There are no updates from this committee

(f) Senior of the Year Award

L. Maychak reported the event will be televised on Oct 23, 2021 at 7pm on Cable 14 and the City YouTube channel. Video interviews were completed with all nominees and will be included. The week after the show is aired all winners and nominees will receive a certificate and gift. At this time there is hope that next year will be able to be done in person and there is a plan to invite this year's nominees to attend.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS**(i) Light Rail Transit – letter of support**

From the previous June minutes, it was raised by M. McKeating to send a letter of support of the Light Rail Transit (LRT). At this time the City has approved, and a letter of support is not required at this time. L Maychak suggested the committee could submit a CCR to give support. J. Mayo requested that the June minutes to be amended to read "a motion to support LRT and accepted by a majority vote" and re-issued minutes to the committee. L Maychak to request clarity on this process.

(ii) Feedback Social Determinants of Health Covid19

- Impressed with addressing challenges for vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In terms of the data, what are the next steps in addressing the inequities faced by vulnerable populations? Has there already been actions taken? If there have been actions taken SAC would like to know what has been done. A

presentation to the committee would be greatly appreciated. Perhaps in December 2021?

- In terms of moving forward, SAC would like to be consulted. Next steps – L. Maychak to request an update.

(iii) All Advisory Committee Meeting

J. Mayo found that the meeting seemed controlled by the City staff. The meeting was long because of the number of Advisory committees participating. Looking forward to future collaboration with other groups.

S. Boblin appreciated hearing from all the different groups but found there was limited time for discussion. It seemed that all groups related there is a need for communication between all as everyone seems to be experiencing similar issues.

P. Petrie commented that it was very interesting but there are issues finding items on the City website there seems to be an unclear path on how the public is to engage communication directly with the committee. Members were able to link with other groups to communicate with during this meeting.

L. Maychak provided clarification for public engagement that community members would contact the staff liaison for their assigned advisory committee

M. Toth commented that possibly working with other groups may not be as powerful but individual groups working alone coming forth with the same issues may be more effective.

(iv) Proposed Resolution

Item moved to Discussion Items (Item 10.0)

- (v)** D. Broom provided an update on the deputation he had to the Hamilton Police Services Board as an individual citizen, not as a member of the Seniors Advisory Committee on May 21, 2021 regarding police investigation of abuse in long-term care facilities. D. Broom has reached out to Constable Andrea McLaughlin, Senior Support Officer, Hamilton Police Services, asking specific questions and requesting more information about what is currently happening at this time. A response was received that she is not the correct contact person. At this time, it is unclear on what will happen. It was suggested that committee could plan to advise council and J. Mayo suggested that D. Broom prepare a proposed resolution for the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(S. Boblin/M. Toth)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: November 5, 2021

Senior Advisory Committee

Motion

Moved by: David Broom

Seconded by: _____

Hamilton Police Service Board and Hamilton Police Service failure to provide adequate and effective police services in the City of Hamilton

WHEREAS the COVID 19 pandemic continues to have a negative impact on senior residents living in retirement and long-term care homes (“homes”) throughout Canada, Ontario, and the City of Hamilton.

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2021, Detective Sgt. Darrin Murphy of the Hamilton Police Service (“HPS”) appeared before the City of Hamilton’s Senior Advisory Committee to explain the HPS investigative response regarding the 119 resident deaths in Hamilton homes during the COVID 19 pandemic period.

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2021, the Ontario Long-Term Care COVID Commission Final Report concluded the cause of death of approximately 33 % of residents in Ontario homes resulted from neglect, malnutrition, and dehydration, NOT Covid 19. An aggravating factor contributing to these deaths and unacceptable living conditions was a lack of adequate and effective staffing by the licensees of these homes.

WHEREAS, the Senior Advisory Committee was displeased with the inadequate HPS investigative response into the 119 resident deaths occurring in Long-Term Care homes in the City of Hamilton. Therefore, on May 21, 2021, as a private citizen, Mr. David Broom appeared before and gave a deputation to the Hamilton Police Services Board (“Board”) highlighting for the Board, details of the inadequate HPS effort.

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2021, the Board requested Hamilton Police Chief Frank Bergen report back to the Board at a future meeting and provide “more fulsome comment” relating to the care and deaths of residents in Long-Term Care and Retirement homes in the City of Hamilton.

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Chief of Police Frank Bergen through Deputy Chief Ryan Diodati reported back to the Board asserting that from January 2020 through June 16, 2021, the Coroner’s Office investigated only 31 deaths, specifically at Long-Term Care homes in the City of Hamilton. Of these, only 4 were reviewed by the HPS and none of the four were deemed to be criminal in nature.

WHEREAS the HPS and the Board failed to address the remaining 88 of the 119 deaths that took place in these homes in the City of Hamilton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Council for the City of Hamilton be made aware that 88 of the remaining 119 deaths in Hamilton's Long Term Care Homes require HPS investigation and that such inaction constitutes inadequate and ineffective police service as set out under section 31(1) of the Police Services Act.

That the Chief of Police Frank Bergen and the Hamilton Police Services Board appear before Council to explain why these 88 deaths have not been adequately investigated.



Hamilton

**Seniors Advisory
Committee**

Minutes

June 4, 2021

**As amended by the
Senior's Advisory
Committee on**

November, 05. 2021

10:00am – 12:00pm

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Also, in Attendance:

Lisa Maychak, Project Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Aine Leadbetter, Manager Elections/Print
Holly Odoardi, Senior Administrator, Lodges
Kim VanderMeulen, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities
Sonya Baldwin, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities

Regrets: Vince Mercuri, D. Petgrave, Tom Jackson, City Councillor

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

Land Acknowledgement presented by K. Jain

M. McKeating has volunteered to read the Land Acknowledgement at the next meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

That the following items be added to the June 4, 2021 agenda:

- (i) Presentation: Aine Leadbetter, Municipal Election 2022
- (ii) Item 7.2: General/Other Discussion July/August meetings
- (iii) Follow up on recording of Committee meetings: J. Mayo
- (iv) General Info: items 13.3: C. Fernandes, Number of trips by DARTS provided in 2019
- (v) General Info: items 13.4: M. Mckeating, LRT

(M. Wahlman/S. Boblin)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the June 4, 2021 agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

Amendments

Item 6.1: Change in wording to difference in cost to all "sidewalks" versus snow removal from all routes.

(D. Bloom/K. Jain)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the May 4, 2021 Minutes as amended.

CARRIED

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

- (i) Holly Odoardi, Senior Administrator Lodges

H. Odoardi provided a presentation on a new program developed as a result of the pandemic with Hamilton long-term care homes and hospitals. Provided was, background information on Long Term Cares Consults and Recommendations for Emergency and Support Services Hamilton (LTC-Cares), potential risks of hospital visits and a review of how LTC-Care Hamilton Program works. H. Odoardi ended the presentation with a question and answer period for the Senior Advisory Committee.

- (ii) Aine Leadbetter, Manager, Elections Print/Mail

A. Leadbetter presented on understanding and improving the 2022 Municipal Election. The current voting methods were reviewed, and a discussion occurred with the committee on alternative voting methods. There was also an overview of current criteria for selection of poll location and feedback was requested from the committee on additions that could be made.

(M. Wahlman/S. Boblin)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the presentations by Holly Odoardi, Senior Administrator, Lodges, City of Hamilton and Aine Leadbetter, Manager Elections, Print/Mail, City of Hamilton.

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Working Groups (Item 10.1)

(a) Getting Around Hamilton Working Group

J. Mayo brought forward the following resolution
Commercial E-Scooters in Hamilton

(J. Mayo/N. Nizam)

Whereas Peter Topolovic, Transportation Management, presented the proposal by private companies to set up a rental E-scooters project to the Seniors Advisory Committee;

Whereas the Getting Around Hamilton Working Group studied this proposal;

Whereas the City of Hamilton promotes active transportation, which emphasizes walking;

Whereas the life-span of E-scooter batteries is very limited and cannot be recycled;

Whereas the City of Hamilton actively promotes the reduction of waste products going into landfill;

Whereas the use of E-scooters requires users to have good balance and limits the ability to ride with packages, thus limiting the group of people able to use these machines;

Whereas bicycles are available through the Sobi-bike project, which offer the same means of transportation and is part of an active transportation mode;

The Seniors Advisory Committee recommends to City Council to refuse the request by private companies to provide E-scooters in Hamilton.

CARRIED

M. McKeating was marked as OPPOSED to the above motion

(b) Older Adult Financial & Physical Abuse Working Group

M. Wahlman reported the placemats to Hamilton Police Services (HPS) have been printed and provided to Housing for distribution and have been very well received. Videos will be redone and should be completed in the next few weeks. The video has been completed for Senior Kick off.

National webinar event will be occurring on Tuesday June 15 at 1pm. To register via email (sent via L. Maychak)

D. Bloom updated on presentation to HPS regarding Long Term Care homes. Hamilton's Police Chief will report to Police Service Board on his findings.

(c) Housing Working Group

The group conducted a discussion on minimum heating and cooling in licensed properties in Hamilton and that the start dates for these to be turned on do not match with the weather. The presentation from Senior Administrator of Housing, Kim Ryan was unable to occur at last meeting and she has been rebooked to speak to the group at the June 10 meeting.

(d) Communication Working Group

D. Broom reported on the discussions during the group of concerns on the emerging from Covid19 and the resuming of programs within the City of Hamilton. Hamilton Public Library has suggested to hold a brown bag lunch (BBL) to share

information.

(ii) Working Committees (Item 10. 2)

(a) Age Friendly Plan - Governance Committee

A. Elliott reported this committee focused on strategic planning for future years. L. Maychak added that it is currently looking at the structure of how it is organized and broader community involvement. A short survey is to be sent to community partners. Year one will focus on separating governance from operations.

(b) Older Adult Network

D Stone – L. Maychak

World Elder Abuse Day is observed on June 15th.

L. Maychak has coordinated in partnership with Cable 14 occurring on Oct 16 – 18 for the Seniors Kick-Off event which will be a Virtual one.

Flyer will be sent out to committee members.

(c) International Day of Older Persons Committee

It is unsure at this time if the event will be in person or held virtually.

International Day of Older Persons is on Oct 1.

(d) McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

There are no updates from this committee.

(e) Ontario Health Coalition

C.Fernandes forwarded an article to the committee via email. Article was in regard to Ontario Long Term Care homes being underfunded and citizens in these homes required to pay user fees.

(f) Our Future Hamilton Update

M. Wahlman reported there was a City of Hamilton alert regarding

door to door scams. Individuals appearing to represent the City appearing to replace lead pipes and indicate the homeowner is eligible for specific grants if they provide a blank check. A reminder that City of Hamilton employees will always have an identification card and uniform and typically will only visit during an emergency. Please be mindful of this new scam that is currently occurring.

(g) Senior of the Year Award

L. Maychak reported that nominations have now been extended until June 28th. Event is scheduled to take place in October as planned.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Request for extended medical leave for D. Petgrave until September 2021.

(P. Petrie/S. Boblin)

CARRIED

(ii) Summer Meeting Dates

(J. Mayo/N. Nizram)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee continue meeting over summer.

DEFEATED

The Seniors Advisory Committee next meeting date will occur on September 10, 2021

(iii) Follow Up recording of Seniors Advisory Committee Meetings

L. Maychak to follow up with Clerks on the storage of recorded streamed meetings.

(iv) Recognition of Darts

Recognition of DARTS (Door to Door Transportation Service)
Two million free rides were provided in 2019 to those citizens who have the Golden Age Pass.

(v) M. McKeating Light Rail Transit

A motion was made to support the Light Rail Transit (LRT)
And excepted by a majority vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(M. Wahlman/A. Alshaikhahmed) That the Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: Sept 10, 2021