



Hamilton

Revised

MINUTES:

Seniors Advisory Committee

Friday, October 5, 2012

Rooms 192/193, Hamilton City Hall

Present: Frank Brodnicki, Carolann Fernandes, Jeanne Mayo, Lorraine Meloche, Vi Morgan, June Noonan, Penelope Petrie, Bernice Price, Shirley Robinson, Carolyn Rosenthal, Mary Sinclair, Ron Smithson, John Winslow, Bill Wright

Regrets: Deirdre Chartrand, Doug Fraser, Bob Thomson, Marj Wahlman, Emmy Weisz
Councillor Tom Jackson

Also Present: Jane Lee, Michael Richards, Carolyn Bish – Corporate Services, Customer Service, Access & Equity
Vicki Woodcox – Community Services (Macassa Lodge)
Eleanor Morton – Community Services (Recreation)
Bea McDonough – Public Health Services
Councillor Bernie Morelli

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Smithson welcomed the committee members in attendance.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Additions/changes to the agenda:

Under New Business:

6.1 Canadian Pensioners Concerned Booklet (Carolann Fernandes)

6.2 Canadian Revenue Agency Audit (Mary Sinclair)

63. Annual Report to Emergency & Community Services Committee
(Ron Smithson)

(B. Price/P. Petrie)

That the October 5, 2012 agenda of the Seniors Advisory Committee be accepted as amended. **CARRIED.**

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Jeanne Mayo noted a correction under Item 5.4 (b) of the September 7, 2012 Seniors Advisory Committee minutes. The sentence "A copy of the strategic plan will be distributed." should be deleted and the Grand River Council on Aging web address be inserted.

Carolyn Rosenthal noted a correction under Item 7.4. It should be Hamilton Third Age Learning, not Living.

(S. Robinson/V. Morgan)

That the September 7, 2012 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved, as amended. **CARRIED.**

5. BUSINESS / DISCUSSION

5.1 2013 Business Plan

The draft 2013 Business Plan was distributed for discussion.

(P. Petrie/C. Rosenthal)

That the 2013 Business Plan for the Seniors Advisory Committee be accepted as circulated and submitted to Council for consideration during the 2013 budget deliberations. **CARRIED.**

5.2 Committee/Subcommittee Updates

(a) ATS Eligibility Project Steering Committee

Mary Sinclair advised that three new definitions have been added to the eligibility criteria and staff to perform functional assessments has not yet been hired to review assessments. She noted that she had a copy of the application form with her if anyone wished to see it.

(b) Age Friendly City Subcommittee

Jeanne Mayo advised that there was no September meeting and therefore nothing to report.

Bea McDonough advised that it is hoped that this will be on the next Senior Management Team agenda.

(c) Seniors Groups Subcommittee

No report – Bob Thomson was not in attendance.

(d) Housing Subcommittee

No report – Doug Fraser was not in attendance.

(e) Transportation Subcommittee

Jeanne Mayo advised that the Golden Age pass is now permanent. A letter is to be sent to Don Hull, Director of Transit, requesting that the

new pass not have an expiry date. The expiry date on the current Golden Age pass has been extended to April 2013. The subcommittee is still waiting for a follow up on accessible taxis. Proposed future topics for discussion by the subcommittee are 2-way streets, snow clearing, rapid transit and walkability. An email will be sent to Steve Malloy for a update on pedestrian issues in the Transportation Master Plan. Jeanne reminded members about an upcoming series of workshops on how to take the bus. Further information will follow via email when available.

(f) ACPD Transportation Subcommittee

In the absence of Doug Fraser, Jane Lee advised that Council had referred the accessible taxi report back to the Planning Committee for investigation. The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) has taken an alternate position to that of the Seniors Advisory Committee in that they want enough accessible taxis to provide equitable service.

The Committee welcomed Councillor Morelli who brought greeting and wishing for a Happy Thanksgiving from both himself and Councillor Jackson. Comments made & received on the following issues:

- new casino and Flamborough casino
- smoke detector installation
- Golden Age pass
- neighbourhood plans
- HSR transportation to special events
- EMS vehicles
- walkability, snow clearing, rapid transit, 2-tier seniors
- Charlton House

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Canadian Pensioners Concerned Booklet (Carolann Fernandes)

Carolann Fernandes distributed a copy of a booklet regarding depression prepared by the Canadian Pensions Concerned, Ontario Division. She advised that there is concern at the Ontario Seniors Secretariat about the lack of medical students going into geriatrics.

6.2 Canadian Revenue Agency Audit (Mary Sinclair)

Mary Sinclair advised that many expenses that are incurred as we age are no longer covered.

6.3 Annual Report to Emergency & Community Services Committee (Ron Smithson)

Ron Smithson advised that the annual Seniors Report to the Emergency & Community Services Committee regarding the accomplishments of the Seniors Advisor Committee is scheduled for February/March 2013. He requested that each SAC subcommittee submit to him a brief summary of what their upcoming plans are for 2013. He will then include this information in the final report for presentation.

6.4 Introduction – Michael Richards

Jane Lee introduced Michael (Mike) Richards who is the new Manager of Municipal Service Centres/Citizen Service Centre. Mike will be attending future SAC meetings as the staff liaison.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION SHARING

7.1 Carolann Fernandes advised that the Hamilton Council on Aging has put out a **Life Enrichment Directory**. It is available on-line at <http://www.coahamilton.ca/>

7.2 Vi Morgan advised that the **Community Heat Response Committee** meeting had been cancelled and a report will follow once the meeting has been rescheduled.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

NEXT MEETING
Friday, November 2, 2012
10:00 a.m. – Rooms 192/193