



Hamilton

**MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, June 7, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.
Rooms 192/193, Hamilton City Hall**

Present: Frank Brodnicki, Deirdre Chartrand, Carolann Fernandes, Doug Fraser, John Kennard, Lorraine Meloche, Vi Morgan, Penelope Petrie, Bernice Price, Shirley Robinson, Mary Sinclair, Ron Smithson, Bob Thomson, Marj Wahlman, Emmy Weisz, John Winslow,

Regrets: Jeanne Mayo, June Noonan, Bill Wright
Councillor Bernie Morelli

Also Present: Mike Richards, Carolyn Bish – Corporate Services
(Customer Service, Access & Equity)
Vicki Woodcox, Eleanor Morton – Community & Emergency
Services
Bea McDonough – Public Health Services
Councillor Tom Jackson

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Smithson welcomed the committee members and guests in attendance.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- i) Presentation from SAC Housing Subcommittee (Bea McDonough)
- ii) Information Items (Carolann Fernandes)
- iii) Update – ATS Eligibility Committee (Mary Sinclair)

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. DELEGATION

4.1 Bea McDonough re SAC Housing Subcommittee Report on Seniors Housing

On behalf of the Seniors Advisory Committee's Housing Subcommittee, Bea McDonough presented a report on the first 2 objectives of the

subcommittee's work. The SAC Housing Subcommittee has been meeting monthly for approximately 2 years, has four objectives and an overall goal of aging in place. The four objectives are:

- 1) to develop a picture of housing for seniors in the City of Hamilton
- 2) to anticipate the housing needs of an aging population
- 3) to identify a collaborative action strategy to meet the identified needs
- 4) to increase awareness by providing information about housing needs for an aging population in Hamilton

The presentation touched on the senior population density, seniors living alone, income and types of shelters and facilities available in Hamilton. Questions and comments followed. A list of subsidized retirement homes will be provided. A copy the report will be available from staff upon request.

4.2 David Brodati re Report – What We Heard ... Talking to People about Housing & Homelessness in Hamilton

Committee members welcomed David Brodati from the Housing Services Division. David met previously with the Seniors Advisory Committee (2011) and with the SAC Housing Subcommittee (2012). A copy of the report "What We Heard ... Talking to People about Housing & Homelessness in Hamilton, October 2012" was distributed to members in attendance. David provided a refresher on the Housing Action Plan and summarized comments received from approximately 800 people during meetings/interviews with advisory committees, stakeholders, focus groups and through surveys. Details of the community engagement are in Section 1 of the report. Section 2 identifies the strategy process and five key lessons learned from the community engagement. Section 3 of the report outlines the action plan's next steps.

Questions and comments followed. David was thanked by the committee for his attendance.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Eleanor Morton advised that she had submitted regrets for both the April and May meetings.

(M. Wahlman/B. Price)

That the May 13, 2013 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved, as amended.

CARRIED.

6. BUSINESS / DISCUSSION

6.1 Home Care

Emmy Weisz commented that the Province provides funding for home care through LHINs. Service providers must submit applications for a portion of this funding. She would like to see a committee of seniors and Public Health or Social Services staff formed to investigate the provision of homemaking services by the City of Hamilton. Vicki Woodcox commented that the City no longer has the legal authority to do this as funding for homemaking services is funded 100% by the Province. She advised that it was unlikely that staff would want to devote the time in pursuing something that was not within their legislative jurisdiction. Personal Support Workers now perform some of these duties.

6.2 Summer Meetings

The Seniors Advisory Committee will not meet during the monthly of July and August, 2013. The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 192/193, City Hall.

6.3 Committee/Subcommittee Updates

a) Age Friendly City Subcommittee

Penelope Petrie advised that the Hamilton Council on Aging (HCoA) will be hosting 6 focus group meetings with key stakeholders. The focus group meeting for members of the Seniors Advisory Committee has been scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2013 from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Location is to be determined. A sign-up sheet was circulated for members interested in attending. They will be contacted directly by Denise O'Connor from HCoA.

b) Seniors Group Subcommittee

No report. Quorum was not achieved for this meeting.

c) Housing Subcommittee

Presentation made to the committee by Bea McDonough. See Item 4.1 above.

d) Transportation Subcommittee

No report.

e) ACPD Transportation Subcommittee

Transit Fare Parity takes effect June 1, 2013. HSR fares, including the Senior Golden Age pass are now good on DARTS.

f) Community Heat Response Committee

Vi Morgan advised she had received the notes from the April 19, 2013 Heat Response Committee. The next meeting will be held on October 10, 2013.

g) Seniors Award Event

Eleanor Morton provided an update from the meeting held last week regarding the Seniors Award Event.

h) ATS Eligibility Policy Committee

Mary Sinclair distributed statistics regarding the New ATS Eligibility Policy for Accessible Transit.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Mary Sinclair inquired whether **Vision 2020** would be undergoing a reevaluation in 2013. Vicki Woodcox will discuss with her General Manager to obtain more information.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION SHARING

8.1 Vi Morgan advised that applications for the **New Horizons Grant for Seniors Projects** are now being accepted for 2013/14. Deadline for submission is July 5, 2013. Online application form is available at:

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/seniors/funding/community/canada_form.pdf

8.2 Carolann Fernandes distributed a **Fulfilling the Promise Campaign** information sheet put out by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Healthcare group.

8.3 Flyer Distribution

The following flyers were distributed by members:

- a) National Aboriginal Month – June 2013
- b) Calendar of Events for June 2013 distributed by Older Adult Network of Hamilton
- c) MPP Paul Miller's Seniors Fair 2013 – June 12, 2013

8.4 John Winslow advised that **Metrolinx** would be hosting an open house on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 from 9:30 to 10:30 am at Liuna Station.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair wished everyone a safe and happy summer. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

– Friday, September 6, 2013, 10:00 a.m., Rooms 192/193, City Hall