



Hamilton

**MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, April 4, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.
Rooms 192/193, Hamilton City Hall**

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

Regrets: Lorraine Meloche, June Noonan, Bernice Price, Bill Wright
Bea McDonough, Eleanor Morton, Lisa Maychak

Also Present: Mike Richards, Carolyn Bish – Corporate Services (Customer Service, Access & Equity)

Guests: John Hawker, Gord Jackson, Carla McCracken

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:

Under Item 6.2 (g) – Vi Morgan

Under Item 7 – Emmy Weisz and Bob Thomson

Under Item 8 – Mary Sinclair

(J. Winslow/P. Petrie)

That the April 4, 2014 agenda of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be accepted, as amended. **CARRIED.**

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members noted the following amendments to the March 7, 2014 draft minutes:
Item 5.1, 2nd paragraph – add Bob Thomson and Carolann Fernandes

(E. Weisz/M. Wahlman)

That the March 7, 2014 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved, as amended. **CARRIED.**

5. PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATIONS

5.1 Update: Older Adult Plan

Mark Weingartner, Project Lead, distributed a copy of the Discussion Guide – Planning for An Age-Friendly Hamilton, Spring 2014 to members in attendance. This guide will be used at the six open consultation sessions to be held at the end of April and into May at various locations throughout the City. The group is open to venue suggestions. A training workshop regarding the Discussion Guide will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Tentative venue for this is the Ottawa Street YWCA.

It was suggested that an electronic copy of the Discussion Guide be forwarded to staff.

Mary Sinclair noted that we are getting away from “people” first by using terminology such as senior and adult.

6. BUSINESS / DISCUSSION

6.1 Follow-up – Item 6.1 February 7, 2014 Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes re Emergency Management Team

As a follow-up to an issue raised at the February 7, 2014 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting, Mike Richards provided a brief description of the City of Hamilton’s Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), its role, purpose and design. He introduced Carla McCracken, Emergency Management Coordinator who expanded on the role and purpose of the Emergency Operations Centre using a situation that recently occurred in Hamilton and the steps taken by the emergency team. Questions and responses regarding accountability, people in long-term care facilities, availability of emergency plans at long-term care facilities, and identifying vulnerable people followed.

Committee members thanked Carla for the information she shared and the comfort of knowing that the residents of Hamilton are in good hands.

6.2 Committee / Subcommittee Updates

a) Seniors Award Event

Ron Smithson reported that 57 nominations had been received and that judges are on board. Ticket sale for this event will go on sale at the beginning of May at Sackville, Ancaster Achievement Centre, the Municipal Services Centres in Ancaster, Dundas, Flamborough, Glanbrook and Stoney Creek, and the Citizen Service Centre at City Hall. Jeanne Mayo inquired about some of the Committee’s budget being used to subsidize ticket costs for members wishing to attend. Carolann Fernandes inquired about doing something at this event to promote the Seniors Advisory Committee. Both of these items will be added to the May agenda.

b) Age Friendly City Subcommittee

Jeanne Mayo advised information had been provided by Mark Weingartner in his update regarding the Older Adult Plan.

c) Housing Subcommittee

Carolann Fernandes advised that the Housing Subcommittee had discussed the development of a brochure using the information on the Community Information Services website regarding what's available in senior housing. She invited Bob Thomson to attend the next meeting to be held on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 222, City Hall.

d) Transportation Subcommittee

Jeanne Mayo advised that the March meeting was cancelled. The Walking Trails project is ongoing. People are walking the trails and providing an assessment on how senior friendly the trails are. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 222, City Hall.

e) ACPD Transportation Subcommittee

Mary Sinclair advised that members of the ACPD Transportation Subcommittee did not want their minutes released until they had the opportunity to approve them first so she didn't feel that she should discuss the meeting. Seniors Advisory Committee members felt that a verbal report would be acceptable.

f) Hamilton Health Sciences AODA Committee

Mary Sinclair advised that the previous meeting of this committee was cancelled and therefore she had no report.

g) Heat Response Committee

Vi Morgan attended a meeting of the revamped Heat Response Committee. She was impressed with how the meeting was conducted and the participation around the table. A flow chart of how the process works was distributed at the Heat Response Committee. Cooling areas have been expanded to include animals. Outdoor pools are no longer cooling places – these have been moved in to indoor pools. Mike Richards advised that heat response is also part of the Emergency Operations Centre.

6.3 Older Adult Network

Jeanne Mayo advised that she had attended a recent meeting of the Older Adult Network along with Carolann Fernandes and Deirdre Chartrand. A launch of Seniors Month will be held at Hamilton City Hall in the front forecourt on May 30th. She feels that it is important that the Seniors Advisory Committee be involved. Discussion followed. It was decided that a hand-out be printed outlining who we are and what we've done. This can be handed out at the launch. Staff will go through former notes and provide some history of the committee, the mandate and terms of reference. It was also suggested that copies of the safety video be available.

Jeanne also suggested that we have a representative from the Seniors Advisory Committee on the Older Adult Network and suggested Deirdre Chartrand. Members in attendance agreed and Deirdre accepted the role. The next meeting of the Older Adult Network is Tuesday, April 15, 2015 at Bennetto Community Centre.

Older Adult Network will be added as a regular item on future Seniors Advisory Committee's agendas for update.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Emmy Weisz that the Ward 1 Seniors Committee is looking for meeting places. She also advised that they will be hosting a picnic in June. Emmy will confirm whether this invitation is open to all City of Hamilton seniors or just Ward 1 seniors.

7.2 Bob Thomson inquired about the status of the Web Development Project. Mike Richards advised that there have been some "hiccups" but the City is on track for a June "beta" launch where the user has the option of using the new page as a test. There has been no new final date established.

7.3 Referencing Item 7.2 of the March 7, 2014 Seniors Advisory Committee minutes regarding the announcement by the Provincial government of the availability of \$530,000 in grant dollars to assist seniors in becoming socially engaged, Shirley Robinson inquired about how the committee can get some of this money. Staff advised that it would be municipal staff and departments that would apply for these dollars, not advisory committee.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION SHARING

8.1 Mary Sinclair circulated a recent editorial cartoon from the Hamilton Spectator highlighting what has "died" during the Harper Government.

8.2 Vi Morgan advised that the New Horizons grant criteria is focusing on involving youth and the interaction between generations. More information can be obtained at www.newhorizon.gc.ca

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, May 2, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Rooms 192/193, City Hall