



Hamilton

**MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, May 2, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.
Rooms 192/193, Hamilton City Hall**

Present: Frank Brodnicki, Deirdre Chartrand, Carolann Fernandes, John Kennard, Jeanne Mayo, Lorraine Meloche, Vi Morgan, June Noonan, Shirley Robinson, Mary Sinclair, Bob Thomson, Marj Wahlman, Emmy Weisz, John Winslow

Regrets: Penelope Petrie, Bernice Price, Ron Smithson
Lisa Maychak

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

Guests: John Hawker, Gord Jackson, Mark Weingartner

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chair Morgan welcomed the committee members and guests in attendance.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Emmy Weisz asked to add an item under Item 7 – New Business.

(M. Wahlman/B. Thomson)

That the May 2, 2014 agenda of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be accepted, as amended. **CARRIED.**

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(M. Sinclair/E. Weisz)

That the April 4, 2014 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved, as circulated. **CARRIED.**

5. PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATIONS

5.1 Update: Older Adult Plan

Mark Weingartner, Project Lead, attended and provided an update on the Older Adult Plan. Consultations are half finished – 3 done, 3 to go. They have been advertised broadly in the newspaper, City's website, etc. Mark asked if the Committee would like to have their own consultation at a separate meeting. Date was established for Friday, May 16, 2014 at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at City Hall. Staff will reserve a room and inform members via email. Parking permits will be provided. Mark advised that consultations will take place until the end of May. Staff will then require time to analyze the comments received and prepare a report to Committee and Council for early July.

5.2 Gord Jackson re New Radio Show – CLUB '55 on CFMU

Committee members welcomed Gord Jackson, the host of a new radio show – CLUB '55 on CFMU (McMaster University) on 93.3FM on Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. As McMaster doesn't have the capability of having a 7 second delay, the show is pre-recorded, not live. The goal of this radio show is to be a "go to" source for seniors. They want to be interactive – music, poetry, recipes, chat line – whatever you want to talk about. Gord is looking for ideas from seniors and welcomes you to get in touch with him.

6. BUSINESS / DISCUSSION

6.1 Committee / Subcommittee Updates

a) Seniors Award Event

Eleanor Morton reported that 60 nominations had been received for the 9 categories being presented. A panel of 8 judges have chosen the winners in each category to be announced the evening of the event. The event will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 starting at 4:30 pm (dinner at 5:30 pm) at Michelangelo Banquet and Convention Centre, 1555 Upper Ottawa Street. The Seniors Advisory Committee would like to promote the Committee at the event and request a table be set up in the lobby for this purpose. Discussion took place regarding the committee budget subsidizing the cost of the ticket for members wishing to attend. The following motion was passed.

(J. Mayo/D. Chartrand)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee subsidize the cost of the tickets from their 2014 annual budget for members of the committee wishing to attend the Seniors Award Event at Michelangelo Banquet and Convention Centre on June 24, 2014.

CARRIED.

b) Housing Subcommittee

Carolann Fernandes advised that Pauline Kajiura from Community Information Services attended the last meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee Housing Subcommittee to discuss the possible collaboration to develop an information

handout for seniors regarding Hamilton Housing. Pros & cons were discussed. Pauline will take this request to her colleagues and attend the next meeting with her report.

Mary Sinclair requested a follow up on the visit from James Buffet, , Superintendent of Municipal Law Enforcement regarding elevators being put back into the Property Standards By-law and proposed a motion. The motion was put on hold until staff investigate and respond.

c) Transportation Subcommittee

Jeanne Mayo advised that with only 2 members attending in April, there wasn't a meeting. The next meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee Transportation Subcommittee will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 222, City Hall. Steve Malloy has been invited to provide an update on the Pedestrian Mobility Plan.

d) ACPD Transportation Subcommittee

Mary Sinclair advised that Keith Andrews from HSR attended the February meeting of the ACPD Transportation Subcommittee to discuss various safety issues at the MacNab Street bus terminal.

Councillor Tom Jackson advised that Council had tabled a report from HSR to purchase 18 new articulated buses. Council requested staff to report back on the cost efficiencies of diesel vs. natural gas fuel.

e) Hamilton Health Sciences AODA Committee

Mary Sinclair advised that there was no meeting and that one would be expected in May. She reported that the McMaster University Medical Centre would no longer allow HSR buses to pull up to the front door and inquired whether DARTS vehicles would still be allowed to do this.

Marj Wahlman will contact Mark Mindorff at DARTS to determine if DARTS can still pull up to the door.

Jeanne Mayo suggested that the Seniors Advisory Committee Transportation Subcommittee contact the HHS AODA Committee and HSR and invite the 2 parties to the May 21st meeting for discussion.

f) Older Adult Network

Deirdre Chartrand advised that she had attended the last meeting of the Older Adult Network. She circulated the calendar of events that had been issued.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Emmy Weisz withdrew her item.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION SHARING

8.1 Carolyn Bish announced that this would be her last meeting as she will be retiring on Friday, May 30, 2014. A very touching round of applause was extended.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, June 6, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Rooms 192/193, City Hall