



Hamilton

MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, February 6, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.
Rooms 192/193, Hamilton City Hall

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

Regrets: Lorraine Meloche, June Noonan, Bernice Price, Shirley Robinson & Bill Wright

Also Present: Deb Thomas – Corporate Services (Customer Service, Access & Equity)
Eleanor Morton – Community & Emergency Services (Recreation)
Vicki Woodcox – Community & Emergency Services (Macassa Lodge)
Lisa Maychak – Community & Emergency Services (Lodges)
Agnes Noto, Public Health Services (Neighbourhood & Community Initiatives)
Mark Weingartner – Community & Emergency Services (Neighbourhood & Community Initiatives)
Councillor Tom Jackson

Guests: Lauren Finelli – McMaster University Student (Daughter of Lucy Finelli, Administrative Assistant to Councillor Chad Collins)
Ann Stanziani – Public Health Services (Healthy Living)

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
Chair, Ron Smithson, welcomed everyone.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

(M. Wahlman / E. Weisz)

That the February 6, 2105 Agenda of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be accepted.

CARRIED.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Meeting of January 9, 2015

Review of Minutes – amendment requested.

(M. Wahlman/E. Weisz)

That the January 9, 2015 Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved, as amended. **CARRIED.**

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 None.

6. BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

6.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes (Action Items)

(a) Cindy Mercanti's response was as follows:

The Committee's concerns were shared with the City Clerk's Division. Staff appreciated the feedback and will be incorporating the comments into the volunteer advisory committee process. The City Clerk's Division also advised that the City received over 400 applications for the various committees which is a positive reflection on the community interest for the committees. The applications, when available, will be shared with the committees.

(b) Councillor Tom Jackson provided an update regarding the super mailboxes.

(c) The Housing Sub-committee is working with Housing.

(d) The dedicated bus lane has been discontinued. Jeanne Mayo noted that she forwarded the Committee's motion to the editor of the Spectator but it wasn't published.

6.2 Committee/Sub-committee Updates

a) Housing Sub-committee (C. Fernandes)

Carolann reminded members that they were provided a draft copy of the booklet at the last meeting. A questionnaire was handed out and asked to be returned at the next meeting.

b) Transportation Sub-committee (J. Mayo)

The Sub-committee is in the process of studying and receiving recommendations on the use of sidewalks. It was noted that in the definitions for the Regulation, "pedestrian" includes using a mobility device. Members were encouraged to attend the February 18 meeting at 3:00 p.m. in Room 222. The Sub-committee is completing its work with Daryl Bender regarding pedestrian mobility and then will start reviewing the HSR 10-year Transportation Plan.

c) ACPD Transportation Sub-committee (M. Sinclair)

David Dixon, Director of Transit, will be attending the next meeting and items to be discussed will be bus features, design and seat belts. The "stop" announcements are being reviewed and possibly moved so that they can be seen by everyone for those who might not be able to hear the announcements.

Snow removal has been an issue for patrons getting on and off the buses.

The Sub-committee is working through policies in regard to letting wheelchair on the bus through the front door. Some drivers allow it while others will not.

Urban braille (black bricks) has been installed designating where the bus should stop. Some drivers do not stop where they should and this makes it difficult for the visually impaired.

A new pamphlet is out regarding taxi drivers and accessibility.

d) HHS AODA Committee (M. Sinclair)

No meeting – no report at this time.

e) Older Adult Network (D. Chartrand)

No meeting – no report at this time.

f) Seniors Award Event (L. Maychak)

Lisa brought the nomination package and provided a copy for the members. The packages have been distributed and are available online. The event will be June 23. The committee met and talked about a video production to be partnered with Mohawk. The Lifetime Achievement and the Compassion and Companionship Awards will be in memory of Councillor Morelli and Mary Smithson, respectively.

g) Age Friendly (M. Weingartner)

Mark Weingartner advised that the application has been submitted to the World Health Organization and we expect to hear back in April or May. At the January 20th launch, approximately 100 people attended.

Mark Weingartner, Jeanne Mayo, Denise O'Connor and Susan Goodman spoke on Cable 14 regarding Age Friendly.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD)

Chair Smithson read the motion received from ACPD as follows:

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, at its meeting held November 11, 2104, passed the following motion.

Safe Operation of Personal Mobility Devices (Added Item 7.1)

- (a) That staff be directed to investigate the establishment of a policy regarding the safe operation and control of personal mobility devices including, but not limited to, the issues of careless driving and speeding on all City property (including sidewalks); and,
- (b) That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Seniors Advisory Committee.

7.2 Updates from Councillor Jackson

Councillor Jackson asked to speak to the Committee early so that he could return to the General Issues Committee (in progress at the time of the SAC meeting). A hard copy of the Transit Plan was distributed and is available online. There will be an impact on seniors' fares and the annual pass.

Interviews for the committees could be as late as May or June.

Regarding Canada Post and the super mailboxes, the Council has reaffirmed its opposition. A regulatory by-law has been passed indicating conditions if the mailboxes are installed. Councillor Jackson encouraged members to contact their Member of Parliament.

Regarding snow clearing, the main arteries were cleaned and cleared quickly and properly within 24 hours. However, the priority 3, 4 roads (side streets, courts) were not and Councillor Jackson received numerous complaints. In one instance, he arranged for City crews to attend with bobcats to correct a situation where the hired contractor moved snow that went on the sidewalks creating heavier and higher snow to be cleared by the residents.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION SHARING

8.1 No items at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

Friday, March 6, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Rooms 192/193, City Hall.