



Hamilton

**MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, May 1, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.
Rooms 192/193, Hamilton City Hall**

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

Regrets: Lorraine Meloche, Vi Morgan, Bernice Price, Shirley Robinson, Cindy Mercanti, Vicki Woodcox, Eleanor Morton & Mark Weingartner

Also

Present: Mike Richards & Deb Thomas – Corporate Services (Customer Service, Access & Equity)
Lisa Maychak – Community & Emergency Services (Lodges)
Agnes Noto, Public Health Services (Neighbourhood & Community Initiatives)
Councillor Tom Jackson

Guests: John Hawker
Madelain Steller-Cain, Bonnie Rowe, Trish Campbell (DARTS Transit)
Tammy Morasse – Community & Emergency Services (Housing Services)
Diana Desimone, Janice Stone (North Hamilton Community Health Centre)

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair, Ron Smithson, welcomed everyone.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The following changes were made to the Agenda:

- a) Housing Guide
- b) Added Presentation - Housing

(P. Petrie/M. Wahlman)

That the April 10, 2015 Agenda, of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be accepted, as amended. **CARRIED.**

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Meeting of April 10, 2015

That the April 10, 2015 Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved. All in favour. **CARRIED.**

(P. Petrie/M. Wahlman)

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 DARTS (Madelain Steller-Cain – Chair)

Carolann Fernandes provided a brief background regarding DARTS prior to the introduction of Madelain Steller-Cain. Carolann sits on the Board as a volunteer along with other citizens who provide over-site and accountability. Madelain gave a PowerPoint presentation. At the end of the presentation, Madelain invited everyone to attend at the DARTS location (235 Birch) to see what goes on and go for a DARTS bus ride. If you are interested in attending, contact Trish Campbell (905-529-1717 x3841) to set up an appointment. For more information, visit the DARTS website (dartstransit.com). A question and answer period followed.

5.2 Housing Consultation (Tammy Morasse)

Tammy Morasse provided a presentation regarding Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy. Tammy was seeking input from the Committee members for a report being sent to Emergency & Community Services Committee in June and feedback to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by July 3, 2015. The Committee members then participated in a consultation exercise providing Tammy with information on four key themes.

6. BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

6.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes (Action Items)

- (a) E. Morton to provide update regarding refresher bike courses for seniors – E. Morton was not present – item being carried forward to next meeting

6.2 Committee/Sub-committee Updates

a) Housing Sub-committee (C. Fernandes)

Carolann Fernandes noted that the Sub-committee has been meeting diligently towards finalizing the Housing booklet. The final draft has been given to Mark Weingartner and he will have his communications staff look at the document. A mock-up will be provided for final proofreading and then to printing. The expectation is to have the booklet ready for distribution during seniors' Month. Carolann thanked the Sub-committee members for all their hard work.

b) Transportation Sub-committee (J. Mayo)

Jeanne Mayo provided the Committee with a report on sidewalks. The following recommendations were brought forward:

Urge Hamilton City Council:

- To ensure the implementation of the guidelines with regard to width of sidewalks in all contracts that involve sidewalks, either repair or new installation
- To ensure that all sidewalks are kept in good repair to minimize accidents and bumps for wheelchairs and walkers
- To continue to install Urban Braille
- To create and disseminate a publicity program to encourage safe walking habits and sharing of sidewalk space amongst pedestrians and mobility device users

(J. Mayo/P. Petrie)

Motion to send the Transportation Sub-committee report to Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD).

All in favour.

CARRIED.

Councillor Jackson noted that he would convey the comments to his colleagues.

Jeanne advised that the next subject to be discussed by the Sub-committee will be crossing signals.

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

No meeting – no report at this time.

d) HHS AODA Committee (M. Sinclair)

No meeting – no report at this time.

e) Older Adult Network (D. Chartrand)

Deirdre Chartrand passed out a flyer for the Seniors Kickoff – June 1 – and reminded everyone that there will be no food vendors. Marjorie Wahlman noted that the event will be bigger and better this year. She also advised that regular clients of DARTS, if they book 7 days in advance of the event, can go free of charge to and from the event.

f) Seniors Award Event (L. Maychak)

The event is being held at Michelangelo's and ticket price is \$25. Tickets are being sold at various locations. Everyone is welcome to attend. Lisa will bring some tickets to the next meeting. Again this year, the tickets for Committee members will be subsidized by \$10 thereby making the cost for members to be \$15. Tom Jackson thanked Lisa for her current and past work on this event. It was also noted that Lisa was originally seconded to this position and has recently been made permanent.

g) Age Friendly (M. Weingartner)

In Mark's absence, Jeanne Mayo spoke to this matter. A significant number of people attended a function in Toronto representing the Age-Friendly Plan. The final stages of the implementation plan are being worked on during the summer and the expectation is that the governance plan will be wrapped up in June.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Photocopying Costs

Deferred to next SAC Committee.

7.2 International Day of Older Persons

Douglas Fraser brought to the Committee's attention the celebration on October 1 for International Day of Older Persons. Douglas brought forward the following Motion:

(D. Fraser/

Whereas the United Nations International Day of Older Persons is October 1st and as this year is the 25th anniversary, the Seniors Advisory Committee would like to suggest that the City of Hamilton recognize October 1st as International Day of Older Persons.

All in favour.

CARRIED.

Councillor Jackson will bring the information to City Council.

7.3 Seniors' Pamphlet

A final draft was provided to members present. If anyone has changes or comments, please submit to Mike Richards or Deb Thomas.

7.4 Update from Councillor Jackson

- a) Happy news from Council – 86% approval for HSR employees, so no strike or lockout.
- b) If anyone had a frozen water line on the City side, forward your claim to Councillor Jackson's office and it will be reviewed for reimbursement.
- c) Canada Post – this matter will be dealt with at the John Sopinka Court House on May 28 when evidence is given by both sides. We are becoming the test area for this issue. Hopefully, the by-law will be upheld. The City wanted to request an injunction but Canada Post went to Court first to stop the injunction. Council is aware of the mailboxes being installed. If it is without a permit, report the address to Councillor Jackson.

Carolann Fernandes advised that where she lives is a proposed location. Councillor Jackson noted that the contractor is caught in the middle. Penelope Petrie noted that the mailboxes located on corner lots encourage people to stop on the street and create traffic congestion.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION SHARING

8.1 No items at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

Friday, June 5, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Rooms 192/193, City Hall.