



Hamilton

**MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, April 1, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.
Rooms 192/193, Hamilton City Hall**

Present: Frank Brodnicki, Carolann Fernandes, John Kennard,
Jeanne Mayo, Penelope Petrie, Mary Sinclair, Ron Smithson,
Bob Thomson, Marjorie Wahlman, Emmy Weisz and
John Winslow

Regrets: Lorraine Meloche, Vi Morgan, Bernice Price, Shirley Robinson,
Liz Conti (Public Health), Vicki Woodcox (Community &
Emergency Services, Maxine Carter (Corporate Services)

Also

Present: Councillors Tom Jackson & Brenda Johnson
Cindy Mercanti, & Deb Thomas – Corporate Services (Customer
Service, Access & Equity)
Lisa Maychak - Community & Emergency Services
(Neighbourhood & Community Initiatives)
Eleanor Morton – Community & Emergency Services
(Recreation)

Guests: John Hawker
Melissa McGinnis – Public Works (Facilities)

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair, Ron Smithson, welcomed everyone.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

(E. Weisz/J. Mayo)

That the April 1, 2016 Agenda, of the Seniors Advisory Committee
meeting be accepted. All in favour. **CARRIED.**

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Meeting of March 4, 2016

(J. Kennard/J. Winslow)

That the March 4, 2016, Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved, as amended. All in favour. **CARRIED.**

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 None.

6. BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

6.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes (Action Items)

a) None.

6.2 Committee/Sub-committee Updates

a) Housing Sub-committee (C. Fernandes)

There was no meeting and no report. Carolann advised that Dr. Ellen Ryan is working on a concept regarding aging and co-housing and would like to work with the Seniors Advisory Committee.

b) Transportation Sub-committee (J. Mayo)

There was no meeting and no report. Jeanne noted that a report prepared in December outlines the work done by the sub-committee.

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

Mary attended the Accessible Transit Services Review Sub-Committee on March 31 in Council Chambers. There was a discussion regarding DARTS – survey provided at yesterday's meeting, problems with reservations and cancellations.

Another item discussed was the time allowed to cross the street and the need to have it increased.

Finally, SAC members talked about accessible housing and understanding accessibility and barrier free. Councillor Johnson suggested that SAC members might want to consider inviting a staff member from Housing to attend a future meeting to provide more information. A suggestion was made that for housing issues overlapping between SAC and ACPD, they be discussed by their working groups before being brought forward.

d) Older Adult Network (L. Maychak)

The Seniors' Month kick off will be May 30. DARTS is once again supporting the program. It will be bigger and better. Entertainment will include a Chinese Dance Group. A calendar of events will be made available in recreation centres.

e) Seniors Award Event (L. Maychak)

The deadline for nominations is April 30. Tickets for the event will be available May 1st.

f) Age Friendly (L. Maychak)

The City approved a \$50,000 grant to Age Friendly. The Community Engagement Committee meets monthly and the Governance Committee meets bi-weekly in an effort to make sure things are moving forward. A report is expected to go to Council in June. The March event was an exciting workshop and forum. Councillor Jackson noted that Hamilton is showing leadership in Age Friendly.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 No new business.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION SHARING

8.1 Update from Councillor Johnson - Regarding the elevator issue, Councillor Johnson noted that Councilor Jackson was very thorough with his questions at the Planning Committee meeting. Councillor Johnson commented that in the event of a strike, staff would assist, where possible.

There was also a discussion about the signage for accessible tenants when an elevator is not working. It was also noted that the second part of a SAC recommendation was not addressed (i.e. persons with medical equipment requiring electricity) in the report to the Planning Committee. Councillor Johnson offered to raise the issue at Planning for further discussion.

8.2 Update from Councillor Tom Jackson – Councillor Jackson thanked the Seniors Advisory Committee for their work and advocacy on the elevator issue. An issue regarding accessible signage was brought forward and the report has been deferred back to staff. The interviews for the new committee members will be occurring over the next week or two.

8.3 GERAS Centre – A flyer was received by the members. Registrations start today for the six week program. There is a maximum of 35 participants per session which start May 13.

8.4 Fraud Scams – Eleanor Morton handed out fraud scam information to the SAC members. Copies (1,000) were recently distributed and a romance scam has already been received.

8.5 Scaling of Escarpment Walls – Councillor Jackson spoke to this issue advising that a geotechnical study is being conducted and a report will be received in June.

Jeanne Mayo thanked Ron Smithson for chairing the SAC meetings over the past term.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

Friday, May 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., Rooms 192/193, City Hall.