



Hamilton

**MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, September 2, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.
Rooms 192/193, Hamilton City Hall**

Present: Margaret Cheyne, Lou DeStephanis, Carolann Fernandes, George Hough, John Kennard, Paula Kilburn, Jeanne Mayo, Kimberly McKibbon, Dahlia Petgrave, Penelope Petrie, Mary Sinclair, Ron Smithson, Doug Stone, Karen Thomson, Bob Thomson, Emmy Weisz & John Winslow

Regrets: Basharat Tayyab, Lisa Maychak, Eleanor Morton, Vicki Woodcox (Community & Emergency Services), Liz Conti (Public Health) and Councillor Tom Jackson

Absent: Marjorie Wahlman

Also

Present: Councillor Brenda Johnson
Cindy Mercanti, Maxine Carter & Deb Thomas – Corporate Services (Customer Service, Access & Equity)
Sharon Mackinnon (for Liz Conti) – Public Health (Healthy Living)

Guests: John Hawker

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair, Bob Thomson, welcomed everyone.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

(C. Fernandes/P. Petrie)

That the September 2, 2016 Agenda, of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be accepted with the following additions:

New Business

- 8.2 Strategy Regarding HSR Fare Increase for Seniors –
Councillor T. Jackson
- 8.9 Deferred Property Taxes – E. Weisz
All in favour.

CARRIED.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Meeting of May 6, 2016

(P. Petrie / R. Smithson)

That the May 6, 2016, Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee
be approved. All in favour.

CARRIED

4.2 Meeting of July 8, 2016

(R. Smithson / C. Fernandes)

That the July 8, 2016, Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee
be approved. All in favour.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS

**5.1 Customer Service for People with Disabilities and the
Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) –
M. Carter**

Maxine Carter provided information regarding above. At the end
of the session, SAC members were reminded to return page 41
(Statement of Acknowledgement) of the Handbook at the October
meeting.

6. BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

6.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes (Action Items)

- a)** Mary Sinclair pointed out to SAC members that the second part of an earlier motion regarding generators for medical machines in apartment buildings seems to have been lost. Councillor B. Johnson offered to look into the matter and find out where that part of the motion was forwarded (first part of motion regarding elevators was sent to Planning and Development).

6.2 Committee/Sub-committee Updates

a) Housing Sub-committee (C. Fernandes)

Housing Sub-committee report was received. George Hough started a conversation regarding cutback funding programs by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and the following additional comments: should we restart housing programs of the past or bring in new; we don't have a national housing program; many non-profit organizations got in for 35 years and afterward can no longer be non-profit. Maxine Carter advised that she had met with a representative from CMHC and discussed the changes. The representative would be happy to come to a future meeting and the members agreed.

Councillor B. Johnson noted that the City is working on inclusionary, residential care facilities and senior housing.

Carolann Fernandes noted that we can now move forward from production of the housing booklet.

b) Transportation Sub-committee (J. Mayo)

The Transportation Sub-committee report for work completed from November 2011 to 2015 was received.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Review of 2017 Budget Submission

The 2017 Seniors Advisory Committee Budget Submission was received and reviewed. Mary Sinclair requested a breakdown as to where past monies have been spent.

(R. Smithson / P. Petrie)

That the 2017 Senior Advisory Committee Budget Submission in the amount of \$1,500 be accepted as received.

All in favour.

CARRIED

7.2 Review Terms of Reference and Roles, Responsibilities & Expectations

The Terms of Reference and Roles, Responsibilities & Expectations documents were received. The documents will be reviewed each term by the Committee members.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION SHARING

8.1 Update from Councillor B. Johnson – Councillor B. Johnson welcomed everyone back and congratulations to the new Chair, Bob Thomson. Also, thanks to Ron as the past Chair.

8.2 Update from Councillor T. Jackson – Councillor Jackson was unavailable for this meeting. However, he did ask that the Committee discuss the “feasibility of a communications plan to convey to seniors across our City, that SAC (and ultimately City Council) was unanimously supportive of the HSR Fare Plan brought forward by former HSR Director Dixon to increase seniors’ rate with the proviso that the additional revenue generated would be put back into our conventional transit, to enhance the City-wide system”.

SAC members noted that they had endorsed/agreed to the recommendation of increasing the transit fare but the Committee's recommendation had a proviso that the increase will be over a period of time to reduce the burden on seniors and with the promise that there would be improvements to the bus service through upgrades to the routes and new buses will be purchased. The SAC members also noted that this increase in fares will likely increase the use of DARTS.

Mary Sinclair noted that there is no mention of persons with disabilities or seniors in the 10-year Transit Plan. It was suggested that the new director (when appointed) could be approached and asked to attend a future meeting.

8.3 Seniors Award Event

No report received at this time.

8.4 Age Friendly

No report received at this time.

8.5 Older Adult Network

No report received at this time.

8.6 ACPD Transportation Working Group

Mary Sinclair has resigned from this Working Group. Paula Kilburn is the new Chair.

8.7 Tips for Seniors – Physiotherapists

Handout was received by Committee members.

8.8 Hamilton Council on Aging – 9th AGM & Special Presentation

Penelope Petrie encouraged Committee members to attend this presentation.

8.9 Deferred Property Taxes – E. Weisz

Emmy Weisz suggested this item be tabled to the next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

Friday, October 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., Rooms 192/193, City Hall.