



Hamilton

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

Present: Lou De Stephanis, Carolann Fernandes, George Hough, John Kennard, Jeanne Mayo, Kimberly McKibbin, Dahlia Petgrave, Penelope Petrie, Mary Sinclair, Doug Stone, Basharat Tayyab, Bob Thomson, Marjorie Wahlman, Emmy Weisz & John Winslow

Regrets: Paula Kilburn & Karen Thomson
Eleanor Morton & Vicki Woodcox (Community & Emergency Services); and Maxine Carter (Corporate Services)

Absent: Margaret Cheyne

Also

Present: Councillors Tom Jackson and Brenda Johnson
Cindy Mercanti & Deb Thomas – Corporate Services (Customer Service, Access & Equity)
Jodi Koch – City Manager's Office (Human Resources)
Jessica Bowen – City Manager's Office (Human Resources)
Laura Rolph (for Eleanor Morton) – Community & Emergency Services (Recreation)
Lisa Maychak – Community & Emergency Services (Neighbourhood & Community Initiatives)
Liz Conti – Public Health (Healthy Living)

Guests: John Hawker; Tina Sousa, DARTS; and Joey Coleman (Independent Journalist)

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair, Bob Thomson, welcomed everyone.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

(P. Petrie/M. Wahlman)

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

- 7. New Business
 - 7.3 Appointment of New Vice Chair
 - 7.4 Aging in Place
- 8. Announcements/Information Sharing
 - 8.7 Lisa
 - 8.8 Cindy

All in favour.

CARRIED.

A moment of silence was taken in memory of the loss of Ron Smithson (passed on November 17th) and some members recalled fond memories of Ron and his late wife, Mary.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Meeting of November 4, 2016

(M. Wahlman/E. Weisz)

That the November 4, 2016, Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved.

All in favour.

CARRIED.

5. PRESENTATIONS

**5.1 Claremont Access – Active Transportation Facility
(Daryl Bender)**

Daryl's presentation was to look for a broader pedestrian perspective regarding this matter. He previously met with the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD). This will be a multi-use trail for pedestrians and cyclists – shared use.

The project has not been approved as it does not have a detailed design yet. The approximate cost will be \$2 million. The detailed design of \$200,000 needs to be approved first (proposed to come from the Red Light Camera account) and then the funding will be looked at for the project. ACPD is looking at the situation to determine who the users will be (wheelchairs/scooters) and once identified will be brought back to SAC.

5. PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

5.2 Point-in-Time Count Update (Greg Witt)

Homelessness in our community is an important issue. The point-in-time count conducted in February 2016 was the first nationally co-ordinated effort in Canada through the federal government and will help future programming. The count determined that 504 individuals and 22 families were experiencing homelessness and going forward, this count creates a measure for a similar process to be conducted every two years. The count allowed the identification of the most vulnerable and put them in touch with services to help them. Greg thanked the members of SAC for their thoughtful input and insight.

6. BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

6.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes (Action Items)

- a)** 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) - Councillor Johnson advised that the generator issue has been referred to the Fire Chief and the Paramedics Chief to report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.
- b)** Cathy Isowa to report back regarding Recreational Staff training in regard to assisting persons who are visually impaired – Laura Rolph noted that Recreation is working on a new service module for staff and the feedback from SAC members has been added. Currently, it is being filtered to the Directors and Managers.
- c)** Lisa Maychak to look into member's concerns regarding assisting with the review of Recreation Program Guide - Lisa advised that Eleanor Morton and Kim Stala have been included in the conversation. Eleanor will respond when she returns at the next meeting.

- d)** Social Isolation – Liz Conti to arrange for speaker. Taralyn has been invited to speak at the January meeting.
- e)** Safety at Bus Shelter (King & Emerald Streets) – Councillor T. Jackson offered to look into the matter. Councillor Jackson has requested HSR look into the issue and once a response has been received from HSR, he will bring the information back to SAC.

6.1.1 Tabled Items

- a)** Mary Sinclair's motion re toilets will be referred to a working group and brought back at a later date – This matter will be referred to the SAC – Transportation and Communication Working Groups.
- b)** Deferred property taxes will be discussed further at a future meeting.

6.2 Committee/Sub-committee Updates

- a) Housing Working Group**
Members have been appointed but dates for meetings have not yet been set. Previous Chair, Carolann Fernandes will be setting a date for the members to meet.
- b) Transportation Working Group**
Meeting date has been set for December 13 at 3:00 pm in Room 171 at City Hall.
- c) Communications Working Group**
Bob Thomson will get in touch with the members to set up a meeting date.
- d) Age Friendly Plan – Governance Committee**
The Committee has met but nothing new since the presentation at a previous meeting. The Age Friendly Plan will be received at the Emergency & Community Services Committee on December 12 at 1:30 pm.

e) Age Friendly Plan – Community Engagement Advisory Committee (CEAC)

Lisa advised that they are still working on the game plan. The main focus will be to report to the community on the progress. There will be a forum in March 2017 and the venue is being sorted out. Lisa will keep SAC informed.

f) Older Adult Network

The group met Thursday, December 1st and discussed the Mandate and a new Terms of Reference. The 2017 seniors kickoff is the big project being worked on.

g) AODA – Hamilton Health Sciences

No meeting.

h) ACPD – Transportation Working Group

No representative has yet been appointed.

i) International Day of Older Persons Committee

The group met the previous week to plan for next year and are discussing a change in venue for 2017.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Request for Leave – L. De Stephanis (J. Mayo/G. Hough)

That the request received for a leave by Lou De Stephanis for January, February & March 2017 be received and accepted.
All in favour.

CARRIED.

7.2 Home Modification Conference

George Hough advised SAC that he was unable to attend the conference and offered to refund the City. This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

7.3 Appointment of New Vice Chair

Jeanne Mayo accepted the nomination by Emmy Weisz and George Hough. As there were no other nominations, Jeanne was acclaimed.

7.4 Aging in Place

Emmy Weisz noted that seniors aging place helps save the system money. This matter will be deferred to the Housing Working Group to report back at a later date.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION SHARING

8.1 Update from Councillor T. Jackson – Councillor Jackson brought to the attention of SAC members the program launch of the Snow Angels which is supported by Council – volunteers helping seniors. There are 500 locations on the list to be matched. There is an income criteria and Councillor Jackson wanted it to be noted that if anyone needs help, they need to send their request to their Councillor who will check to see if the applicant qualifies.

Budget information

Councillor Jackson talked about the loss of Ron Smithson and reminded members of the visitation and funeral service.

Congratulations to the members of SAC on all of their accomplishments. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

8.2 Update from Councillor B. Johnson – Councillor B. Johnson was unable to stay due to another appointment.

8.3 Seniors Award Event

The Committee will be meeting next week. Silver cash sponsorships have been received and looking for gold and bronze.

8.4 Pro-Master Vans

An email was received for SAC's consideration regarding the Pro-Master Vans. Councillor Jackson offered to look into the matter and report back to the Committee.

8.5 Community Grants

Kim McKibbin wanted to make awareness of grants available and offered assistance for applying. It was noted that this information was provincial and not for this Committee.

8.6 Age Friendly Webinar

Jeanne Mayo noted that if anyone is interested, you need to be on Skype. The information could be brought to a future meeting.

8.7 Customer Service Update

Cindy Mercanti advised that in 2017 Access & Equity will be leaving Customer Service and joining Human Resource (under the City Manager's Office). This will be our last meeting. On behalf of Customer Service, Cindy thanked the members of SAC and it has been a privilege. All the best in 2017.

**8.8 Donation re Ron Smithson
(E. Weisz/J. Mayo)**

That a donation of \$100 from the SAC account be made to the Kidney Foundation on behalf of SAC regarding the passing of Ron Smithson.

All in favour.

CARRIED.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

Friday, January 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., Rooms 192/193, City Hall.