



Hamilton

Seniors Advisory Committee 2016 Annual Report

Presented by Bob Thomson, Chair

City of Hamilton
Emergency and Community Services

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Mission Statement

- The Seniors Advisory Committee advises and promotes the highest quality of life for *all seniors in the City of Hamilton. It provides a forum for consumers and deliverers of seniors' services and facilities to identify issues, explore possible remedies, and work to implement them.
- * "all seniors" means seniors inclusive of diversity in race, colour, Aboriginal ancestry, religion, creed, family status, culture, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socio-economic status, family status, place of origin, marital status and disability.

Mandate

- The Committee is mandated by City Council and is responsible to City Council for its activities. It reports to City Council through the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

Values

- The Committee believes that all seniors should have optimal opportunities for healthy aging, and a full range of supports to assist them.

2016 Involvement/Activities

- The Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) is very involved in the City's Age Friendly Plan
- We have two members on the Governance Committee, two members on the Community Engagement Advisory Committee, plus a co-chair of that committee.

2016 Involvement/Activities

- Developed Housing Options Guide
- Assisted with “Let’s Take a Walk” booklet
- Expressed concerns regarding pedestrian safety
- SAC proposed an amendment to the City’s vision statement by adding a reference to growing old. “To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully” was enthusiastically accepted by Council.
- SAC recommended seating at back door of City Hall for DARTS patrons.

2016 Involvement/Activities

- Council endorsed SAC resolution that there must be at least one elevator operable at all times in all apartment buildings.
- A City bylaw was subsequently developed, approved by Council and currently being implemented with respect to the process that is to be followed regarding elevator breakdowns in all apartment buildings.

Follow-up Activity

- SAC recommended the following and is still waiting for a response from Council: That emergency power generators be required for vulnerable tenants

Delegations to SAC

- Senior Co-housing
- Point in Time Count
- Seniors Fire Safety Program
- Transportation Master Plan Review
- Age Friendly Plan
- ACPD Transportation Working Group
- Claremont Access multi-use trail