



Hamilton

**Meeting Minutes
Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, October 5, 2018
10:00am – 12:00pm
Rooms 192/193, City Hall, 71 Main Street West**

Present: Bob Thomson (Chair), Margaret Cheyne, Mary Sinclair, Carolann Fernandes, Dahlia Petgrave, Marjorie Wahlman, John Kennard, Jeanne Mayo, Ramanath Kamath, Penelope Petrie, Barry Spinner, Lou DeStephanis, Doug Stone.

Regrets: Councillor Johnson, Councillor Jackson, Emmy Weisz, John Winslow, Karen Thomson, George Hough, Paula Kilburn.

Also

Present: Jessica Bowen (Human Rights, Diversity & Inclusion)
Cathy Isowa (Healthy and Safe Communities)

Guests: Nicholas Sanderson, Salvation Army

1. Changes to the Agenda

Correction of Items:

- 5(H) McMaster Institute of Research and Aging discussion should be led by G.Hough
- Move item 5(L) Area Rating to Business/Discussion Arising

That the agenda of October 5, 2018 be approved as amended.

(M. Wahlman / P.Petrie)

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

(M. Wahlman / D.Stone)

That the minutes of September 7, 2018 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Presentations

No presentations at this time

4. Business / Discussion Items

4.1 Budget

The committee discussed their 2019 budget submission. They agreed to request a budget increase to reflect an annual contribution to support activities relating to the Senior of the Year Award, International Day of Older Persons and relevant older adult conferences.

The committee will request \$1500 for monthly meeting expenses and an addition \$1000.00 to support Seniors' related events and activities in 2019.

(J.Mayo/M.Wahlman)

5. Working Groups/Committees

a) SAC – Housing Working Group (M. Sinclair)

M. Sinclair advised that the Guidebook has gone to the printers and is currently on the City's website.

The guidebook was also sent to all of the elections candidates for their response.

Support agencies will be provided with hard copies. The guidebook will also be put on display at the National Housing Day event on November 29, 2018.

The next phase of this project for the Housing Working Group is in relation to coordinated access to housing.

b) SAC – Getting Around Hamilton Working Group (J.Mayo)

J. Mayo advised that she had sent a request for a representative from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be involved in the GAHWG project relating to public transit and access to health care facilities.

This request has been sent the ACPD.

c) SAC – Communications Working Group (B. Thomson)

No update at this time.

d) Age Friendly Plan – Governance Committee (J. Mayo)

J. Mayo advised that at each meeting a report is shared, the latest meeting included a report on health.

The committee is planning to start for the next iteration of the plan.

The McMaster Institute on Aging (MIRA) is seeking six people over the age of 55 to help them evaluate how McMaster is interacting with the 10 principles of the Age Friendly Plan.

The contact information and additional information was distributed to all committee members via email.

e) Older Adult Network (D. Stone)

No update at this time.

f) International Day of Older Persons Committee (D. Stone)

D. Stone reported that the event on October 1, 2018 was well received. There was very good display of organisations supporting the seniors centre. It is estimated that about 500 people were present throughout the day and there was strong

attendance for the speaker. The keynote speaker's highlights were really supportive of what is going on with Seniors across Canada.

The committee will meet later this month to do their review of this activity.

D. Stone expressed appreciation to SAC members for their support and attendance at the event.

g) Seniors at Risk Community Collaboration (SARRC) (K. Thomson)

C. Isowa advised that there is a meeting at the end of October to collaborate all the information that has been put together.

h) McMaster Institute of Research on Aging (G.Hough)
No update at this time.

i) Ontario Health Coalition (C. Fernandes)

C. Fernandes advised of a rally occurring at Queen's Park to protect health care on October 23, 2018. There is a bus that will be leaving from Hamilton and seats need to be booked in advance. C. Fernandes will provide J. Bowen with the details and contact information for distribution by email.

j) Our Future Hamilton update (P.Petrie)

P. Petrie advised that Our Future Hamilton is having their annual summit on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at LIUNA Station, 360 James Street North, Hamilton

J.Bowen to send information about the event to committee members.

- k) Senior of the Year Award (P. Petrie)
No update at this time.

6. Business / Discussion Items

6.1 Area Rating

J. Mayo reported that this item has gone to Council and the committee is currently awaiting further action.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

Next Meeting

Friday, November 2, 2018.