



Hamilton

**Minutes
Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, May 3, 2019
10:00am – 12:00pm
Rooms 192/193, City Hall, 71 Main Street West**

In Attendance: Bob Thomson (Chair), John Kennard, Barry Spinner, Ram Kamath, Dahlia Petgrave, Doug Stone, Margaret Cheyne, Mary Sinclair, Penelope Petrie, Karen Thomson, Carolann Fernandes, Jeanne Mayo.

Absent with Regrets: Paula Kilburn, Marjorie Wahlman

Guests:

Joe Pedulla, Hamilton Paramedic Services, Medical Information Sheet

Dave Broom, Community Member

Also in Attendance:

Jessica Bowen, Diversity and Inclusion

Lisa Maychak, Healthy and Safe Communities

Councillor Tom Jackson

1. Changes to the Agenda

Addition of Item:

7.2 Hamilton Community Foundation “Vital Signs” Update

(P.Petrie/K.Thomson)

That the agenda of May 3, 2019 be approved as amended.

2. Approval of Minutes

The following revisions were made:

- Item 5(d) amended and updated
- Item 5(i) changed the word “evictions” to “hoarding”
- Attendance for April 5, 2019 meeting and spelling correction of a committee members’ name.

(P.Petrie/R.Kamath)

That the minutes of April 4, 2019 be approved as amended.

3. Presentations

a) Joe Pedulla, Hamilton Paramedic Services, Medical Information Sheet

J.Pedulla provided a presentation about the Medical Information Sheet used in Hamilton Paramedic Services. The project was developed by frontline Paramedics. The Medical Information Sheet enables First Responders to assess and deliver information in a timely way when in the field (i.e. so that they are aware of what medication a person is taking as well as what allergies they have). In situations where someone is unable to speak, there are difficulties in collecting relevant medical information. This information sheet can reduce delay and can provide information if the patient is unable to.

The medical information sheet should be filled out, put in a Ziploc bag and attached to the front of the fridge.

Some of the questions/comments that arose from the shared content included the following:

Q: Why not use “Vial of Life”?

A: There is no cost to the Medical Information sheet. We are not discouraging the use of Vial of Life, this is an alternative and cost-effective option.

Q: What is the experience with the Medic Alert bracelet?

A: The important piece of information that we can see immediately is the diagnosis. First responders have to look for the bracelet and then have to call Medic Alert, there can be a delay that is a bit of a disadvantage.

- HPS was invited to attend the Seniors Month Kick-off event on May 29, 2019 to share this information.
- It was also suggested that this information be disseminated in other venues such as temples, mosques, etcetera.

4. Business / Discussion Items

a) Getting Around Hamilton Working Group to SAC (J.Mayo)

J. Mayo brought forward the following motion to ensure continuity of the work that has been underway with the current Seniors Advisory Committee:

Motion:

In order to ensure the on-going work undertaken by SAC and its committees, be it resolved that a report from the previous SAC be presented at the first meeting of the new SAC and that this stipulation be incorporated into the Terms of Reference governing SAC.

(J.Mayo/R.Kamath)

Carried

5. Working Groups/Committees

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

M. Sinclair advised of a meeting that she recently attended concerning the Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness.

The Director of Social Housing is scheduled to be attending one of the first ACPD meetings. When that confirmation is received, an invitation will be extended to SAC to attend and hear the information.

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

J. Mayo advised that there has been ongoing discussion about snow removal throughout the City. There are concerns about a lack of enforcement of the bylaw. The perception is that there is no systematic campaign to enforce snow removal. GAHWG suggested that as a first step, a motion could be proposed to support enforcement of the bylaw.

(J. Mayo/ M. Cheyne)

Motion:

The Seniors Advisory Committee deplores the documented inadequate snow-clearing efforts and requests that better means be executed during the 2019-2020 winter season, including instructing all by-law officers to enforce the snow-clearing by-law and issue tickets when property owners are in contravention.

Committee members advised that it might be useful to also have a communication campaign to support enforcement efforts.

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

No update at this time.

- e)** Age Friendly Plan – Governance Committee (J. Mayo)
No update at this time.
- f)** Older Adult Network (D. Stone)
No update at this time.
- g)** International Day of Older Persons Committee (D. Stone)
The committee will be meeting in the upcoming weeks to begin discussing the Fall 2019 event.
- h)** Seniors at Risk Community Collaboration (SARRC) (K. Thomson)
No update at this time.
- i)** McMaster Institute for Research on Aging (B. Spinner)
No update at this time.
- j)** Ontario Health Coalition (C. Fernandes)
C. Fernandes advised that there are many changes occurring through the provincial government. She is sending out information through the staff liaison as it is received.
- k)** Our Future Hamilton Update (P. Petrie)
No update at this time
- l)** Senior of the Year Award (P. Petrie)
The Seniors Awards Event and Awards Ceremony is set to be held in June at Michelangelo’s Event and Conference Centre. Tickets are \$30.

6. Other Business

- a)** Update from Councillor Jackson

Councillor Jackson updated the Committee on the status of the City wide budget indicating that the process is complete and includes a 2.7% increase.

He advised committee members that the selection process for this term's Seniors Advisory Committee was still underway and applicants would be notified in the coming weeks.

7. Business / Discussion Items

a) Defying Barriers Event

Information about this event was distributed electronically and provided at the meeting.

b) Hamilton Community Foundation "Vital Signs" Update

Information about this event was distributed at the meeting

8. Adjournment

Next Meeting

Friday, June 7, 2019