



Hamilton

**Meeting Minutes
Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, January 3, 2020
10:00am – 12:00pm
Rooms 192/193, City Hall, 71 Main Street West**

In Attendance:

Penelope Petrie (Chair), Marian Toth, Marjorie Wahlman, Aref Alshaikhahmed, Doug Stone, Jim McColl, Sarah Shallwani, Dahlia Petgrave, Maureen McKeating, David Broom, Jeanne Mayo, Carolann Fernandes, Sheryl Boblin, Vince Mercuri

Absent with Regrets: Noor Nizam, Kamal Jain, Barry Spinner, Councillor Tom Jackson, Councillor Nrinder Nann

Absent: John Kennard, Ann Elliott

Also, in Attendance:

Betsy Pocop, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources
Paul Di Clemente, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources
Lisa Maychak, Community and Emergency Services
Holly Odoardi, Macassa and Wentworth Lodges

Welcome and Introductions

Land Acknowledgement

- C. Fernandes did the land acknowledgement

1. Changes to the Agenda

- Revise date on agenda – January 3, 2020

(M. Wahlman / J. McColl)

That the agenda for January 3, 2020 be approved as amended.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 December 6, 2019, Meeting Minutes

Amendments:

- Revised date of meeting – December 6, 2019

(M. Wahlman /J. McColl)

That the minutes of December 6, 2019 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1 Holly Odoardi, Administrator for Macassa and Wentworth Lodges

- H. Odoardi provided statistics on residents at both lodges and staff persons at the lodges
- Members discussed how the committee can support the work of the lodges staff; it was suggested that individuals can send letters to advocate for funding for long term care

(J. McColl / M. Wahlman)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee sent two letters, one to the Government of Ontario and a second to the City of Hamilton to see more funding allocated for long term care facilities that are publicly funded.

WITHDRAWN

- As J.McColl wished to have unanimous support for the resolution and it was not achieved, the motion was withdrawn
- Members agreed to send letters individually and bring ideas for a resolution to be passed at the February meeting. The resolution should have a focus on municipally involved facilities.

(M. Wahlman / D. Stone)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive H. Odoardi's presentation

CARRIED

4. Working Groups / Committees

4.1 Working Groups

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

Council passed the resolution that the budget for transit be maintained. Council approved capital expenses. J. Mayo advised pedestrian safety workshops are being organized for 2020 and they will likely begin in February or March. A further update to be provided at the next meeting.

J. Mayo brought forward the following resolution:

(J. Mayo /D. Broom)

Whereas the Province of Ontario has cancelled the LRT project in Hamilton;

Whereas the Minister announced that the remaining money from the promised \$1 billion would remain in Hamilton and that a Transportation Task Force would report back to the Minister by the end of February with a list of projects that can be delivered quickly and in a fiscally responsible manner;

Whereas Hamilton City Council has declared a climate emergency and is committed to ensure all appropriate actions to meet our obligations;

The Seniors Advisory Committee urges Council to install dedicated-lanes, beginning with Main and King Street for use of HSR, Metrolinx and DARTS vehicles as well as registered taxis carrying passengers.

CARRIED

C. Fernandes, M. Toth, J. McColl, M. McKeating opposed the resolution.

The Getting Around Hamilton Working Group's next meeting is January 21, 2020 at 1:00pm at Sackville Recreation Centre.

b) Older Adult Elder Financial & Physical Abuse Working Group (D.Petgrave)

D. Petgrave contacted the Hamilton Law Association to ask a representative to visit the working group meeting. The working group is awaiting a response. Further updates to be provided at the February meeting.

The next meeting is January 31, 2020 at 10am in room 192.

c) Housing (J. McColl)

Item deferred to the February meeting. The working group will review the Housing Guide and potentially use it as a starting point or template.

The next meeting is January 17 at 10am in room 192

d) Communication (D. Broom)

The working group has extended an invitation to a representative from Information Technology (IT) as well as the City's Video Producer to attend a meeting to review the working group's ideas and determine the possibility of making recommended changes.

The next meeting is January 22 at 1:00pm at City Hall, Room 192.

4.2 Working Groups/Committees

a) Age Friendly Plan – Governance Committee

Consultation regarding the age friendly plan have concluded. A meeting is scheduled for January 14th, 2020.

b) Older Adult Network

No update at this time

c) International Day of Older Persons Committee

No update at this time

e) McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

No update at this time

f) Ontario Health Coalition

Most recently the coalition met and reviewed the last year and planned for 2020. Part of the plan for the upcoming year is to have outreach to update people on the changes that have occurred in healthcare. There is a plan to also have guest speakers for the upcoming year.

g) Our Future Hamilton Update

No update at this time

h) Senior of the Year Award

The gala will take place on June 22, 2020. The nomination packages will be available online and at City of Hamilton facilities (i.e. recreation centres).

5. Business / Discussion Items

5.1 Sponsorship Opportunities

L. Maychak presented two sponsorship opportunities – Seniors Award (\$350) and Seniors Kickoff (\$250). Members requested a financial update be provided for 2020 prior to finalizing what will be provided to each of the events.

6. Other Business

No other business.

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Friday, February 7, 2020