



Hamilton

**Meeting Minutes  
Seniors Advisory Committee  
Friday, November 6,  
2020 10:00am –  
12:00pm**

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**In Attendance:**

Penelope Petrie (Chair), Aref Alshaikhahmed, Sheryl Boblin, David Broom, Carolann Fernandes, Jeanne Mayo, Jim McColl, Maureen McKeating, Dahlia Petgrave, Sarah Shallwani, Barry Spinner, Douglas Stone, Marian Toth, Marjorie Wahlman, Noor Nizam

**Councillor(s):** Councillor Jackson

**Also, in Attendance:**

Paul Di Clemente, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources  
Taline Morris, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources

**Absent with Regrets:** Lisa Maychak, Councillor Nann

**Absent:** Ann Elliot, Vince Mercuri, Kamal Jain

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**1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

- Land Acknowledgement - Presented by J.Mayo
- J. McColl to read next meeting

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- C. Fernandes added Snow clearing issue to the agenda
- That the agenda for November 6, 2020 be approved as amended.  
**(D. Broom/ M. Toth)**

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- Not Applicable

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****4.1** October 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- J. Mayo provided amendments for section 10.1 of October 2, 2020 minutes.
- That the Senior's Advisory Committee accepts the October 2, 2020 Minutes as amended.

**(M. Wahlman /J. McColl)**

**CARRIED**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- Not Applicable

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- Not Applicable

**7. CONSENT ITEMS**

- Not Applicable

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS**

- Not Applicable

**9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

Tammy Dumas-Executive Director of InCommunities, presented on the programs provided by InCommunities, including a volunteer connections program, a language services program and the 211 program. The Senior's Advisory Committee members asked questions about 211 service delivery and accessibility for seniors. T Dumas answered accordingly.

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS****Working Groups (Item 10.1)****Getting Around Hamilton Working Group**

- J. Mayo: The first meeting is November 12, 2020 in the afternoon
- J. Mayo advised that they have finalized the document to be sent to the Transit Area Rating Sub-Committee.
- Nothing else to report
- C. Fernandes suggested group work on an information session aimed at improving negative perception of DARTS. J. Mayo suggested C. Fernandes attend next meeting and liaise with

ACPD.

### **Older Adult Financial & Physical Abuse Working Group**

- Nothing to report.

### **Housing Working Group**

- J. McColl: The group has not met yet.
- C. Fernandes expressed concerns re: snow clearing by-law. In her neighborhood, there has been Inadequate snow clearing due to fire hydrant on one side and the mailboxes on the other side of the property. Vendors are requesting upwards of \$1000 to assist in snow clearing.
- J. Mayo advised snow clearing is apart of the Getting Around Hamilton working group mandate and on the agenda for next meeting.

### **Communication Working Group**

- D. Broom: The last meeting was October 21, 2020
- In collaboration with Lisa Maychak and the information received about 211, committee will come up with an opening paragraph for the city's website. Still awaiting paragraph submission from some group members for City website.
- The committee is reviewing the 8 sections of the City's webpage to determine what is relevant for seniors.
- Asked L. Maychak if IT could to audit website and determine what's being utilized. Recommendations to follow results of audit.
- Seniors becoming shut ins due to COVID. Committee to brainstorm ways to reach out to seniors. Next meeting is Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
- Concerns raised in regard to font size on city website as well as search bar linking to the appropriate service. Committee aware and trying to troubleshoot with IT.

### **Committees Item (10.2)**

#### **Age Friendly Plan - Governance Committee**

- J. Mayo: Diligently working on next 5-year plan. The plan will be sent out in the next 2 weeks. There will be a motion to accept the report that will eventually go to council.

#### **Older Adult Network**

- D. Stone: No meeting this year. Prospective meeting for January/February 2021.

#### **International Day of Older Persons Committee**

- D. Stone: No meeting this year. Prospective meeting for

January/February 2021.

### **McMaster Institute for Research on Aging**

- B. Spinner: No longer on call

### **Ontario Health Coalition**

- C. Fernandes advised that she receives daily alarming reports about Long Term Care Facilities and COVID. Seniors are investigating other options as LTC facilities and Retirement Residences are no longer safe options.
- Councilor Jackson reports that the City of Hamilton's senior advisor will be applying for additional funding when allocated by the provincial government, to hire more resources for the Long-term care facilities owned by the City of Hamilton (Macassa lodge and Wentworth Lodge).
- A. Alshaikhahmed expressed concern that medical professionals are dismissing senior's medical issues as old age rather than properly investigating

### **Our Future Hamilton Update**

- Jim McColl:2020 annual summit is cancelled
- Engage.hamilton.ca is a website that provides up to date information and surveys on City initiatives for residents to be informed and provide input.
- J. McColl agreed to review the Engage Hamilton website and bring list of upcoming topics to each meeting
- J. McColl inquired if Secondary Dwelling Unit information will still be disseminated. Paul to disseminate.
- Councillor Jackson reports that the opportunity to provide feedback to planner available until the end of the month. There will be two virtual Public Information Centers

### **Senior of the Year Award**

- Group has not met yet

## **11. MOTIONS**

- Not Applicable

## **12. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

### **i. Discussion re: Stoney Creek Development (Item 12.1)**

- P. Di Clement: Prior to COVID, we reached out to the City of Hamilton planning department to provide a presentation about a large development happening in Stoney Creek. SAC concerned

about residents in the development having access to emergency services. Planning committee willing to do presentation but asked that committee specify areas of concerns.

- J. Mayo expressed concerns regarding transportation for future residents of the 45-tower building
- Councilor Jackson: Falls within ward 10. According to zoning, there was no cap on maximum height building could be constructed. Developer has permission to build three 50 feet towers. Committee May wish to invite Planner and Ward 10 councillor M. Pearson to attend SAC meeting.
- J. Mayo to write something about what the group wants to focus on.

#### **ii. Councilor Jackson Updates**

- Proposed Hamilton water rate increase of 4.28 percent
- Overall City of Hamilton budget had a first peak starting at 4 percent
- GIC Will resume discussions on snow removal on Wednesday November 18 previous motion submitted by SAC will appear under correspondence.

#### **iii. Information Sharing**

- P. Petrie shared that there is an item in the spectator that the Hamilton Council on aging is seeking input on dementia in the form of a survey. More info available on Hamilton Council on aging website.
- D. Broom Shared he received survey called pandemic perspective on aging in Canada. Was disseminated
- M. Toth shared that housing planning for Ontario initiative are recruiting adults 55 and up to participate in a seniors housing initiative. Looks at alternatives to Long Term Care homes. Another initiative is looking at coop housing for seniors. Paul to disseminate

#### **14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

- Not Applicable.

#### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

##### **(M. Wahlman)**

That the Senior's Advisory Committee be adjourned at 11:38. a.m.