



Hamilton

**Meeting Minutes
Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, March 6, 2020
10:00am – 12:00pm
Rooms 192/193, City Hall, 71 Main Street West**

In Attendance:

Penelope Petrie (Chair), Marjorie Wahlman, Doug Stone, Jim McColl, David Broom, Jeanne Mayo, Ann Elliott, Vince Mercuri, Noor Nizam, Barry Spinner, Marian Toth, Sheryl Boblin,

Absent with Regrets: Maureen McKeating

Absent: Aref Alshaikhahmed, Carolanne Fernande, Kamal Jain, Dahlia Petgrave, Sarah Shallwani,

ADD COUNCILLORS LINE: whether in attendance or not

Also, in Attendance:

Paul Di Clemente, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources
Shelley Hill and Nicole Jones, Urban Indigenous Strategy

Welcome and Introductions

1. Changes to the Agenda

J. Mayo – Requested to have resolutions clearly recorded regarding the Transit Rating Committee.

J. McColl – Requested that a Land Acknowledgement be added to the beginning of every agenda.

(M. Wahlman / J. Mayo)

That the agenda for March 6, 2020 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 February 7, 2020, Meeting Minutes

Amendments:

- J. Mayo made minor amendments to item 4.1(a) – Getting Around Hamilton Working Group.

(M. Wahlman /A. Elliott)

That the minutes of February 7, 2020 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Land Acknowledgment

- J. McColl

3. Presentations

3.1 Shelly Hill and Nicole Jones, Urban Indigenous Strategy

- N. Jones – program manager
- S. Hill – Sr. Project Manager

Some Key Objectives of the Strategy

- Identify actions within municipal jurisdiction and capacity arising from the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada's Final Report.
 - Celebrate and honour Indigenous people, cultures and traditions.
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- Promote a greater understanding among all Hamiltonians through public education on the histories and contributions of Indigenous peoples.
- Create opportunities for education and internal collaboration among City staff to strengthen the relationship with the Indigenous community and service providers.

Strategy has 3 Phased

- Phase 1
 - Raise awareness of strategy
 - Partnerships developed
 - Created coordinating circle
- Phase 2
 - Community engagement
- Phase 3
 - Brought together all data from community engagement and compiled report

July 8, 2019 the report was fully endorsed by council

Strategic Themes

- Land
- People
- Spirit

Some successes:

- Development of a Use of Indigenous Medicines Policy and Procedure.
- Launch of an Indigenous Cultural Competency Training pilot.
- Four successful lunch and learn documentary series viewings for City staff.
- Celebration of National Indigenous History Month, including display panels and artefacts.
- Permanent installation of Indigenous Flags at City Hall.
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Exhibit at Dundurn Castle which was youth-led

Land Acknowledgment

- The City land acknowledgment was developed with consultation from various indigenous groups and leaders including the Six Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit
- Provided “Land Acknowledgement Toolkit Guide” handout
 - o Outlines the history and importance of the City’s unique land acknowledgment

More resources and tools available at [Hamilton.ca/indigenous](https://www.hamilton.ca/indigenous)

Discussion:

J. Mayo – June is aboriginal month and also senior’s month. It would be interesting for next year to combine some activities. Lisa Maychak would be the contact. We could think about this for 2021.

MOTION

(N. Nizam/ D. Broom)

That the Senior Advisory Committee fully support the Truth and Reconciliation action items calling for full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

MOTION**(P. Petrie/ J. Mayo)**

That the motion respecting the Senior Advisory Committee supporting the Truth and Reconciliation action, be deferred to a future meeting to allow for staff to provide more information on the subject to the committee members.

CARRIED**(J. Mayo / J. McColl)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive S. Hill and N. Jones' presentation

CARRIED**4. Working Groups / Committees****4.1 Working Groups****a) Getting Around Hamilton Working Group (J. Mayo)****Pedestrian Safety Workshops**

- 4 so far
- Content is excellent
- Need to look at a different strategy to get people to attend
- Unclear to what extent it will continue due to the corona virus and public health needing to focus staff on that strategy – it is up in the air as to whether the program will continue in the short term

Transit Area Rating Sub-Committee

- City Council agreed to form sub-committee to examine the question of area rating
- Committee met for first time February 25th 2020
- At the meeting there was a presentation by HSR
- HSR presented 3 scenarios as to how area rating could be changed
- Chad Collins led discussion

- He asked about HSR re-environment project
 - This is happening as we speak
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- Projecting to come sometime in the spring with a proposal to council
- HSR routes have not been changed for 20yrs
- LRT discussions in terms of what will happen with left over money
- The Senior Advisory Committee agreed not to commit to have any discussion until all of the information is in front of them
- This means the committee will not meet until all pieces are in place which will be sometime in the fall
- J. Mayo was going to present to SAC but as the presentation has no urgency and there is no forthcoming meeting there will be no presentation at this time

Parallel to our committee the Age Friendly group developing the next stage plan 2020-25

- o As part of that J. Mayo met with the HSR
 - Positive discussion and relationship developing
 - At some point will present recommendations to SAC
 - Larger budget deliberations are ongoing – HSR asked to bring a list of underperforming routes to council
 - Councilors voted to cut those routes
 - Encourage you to read article in the spectator and write to council

Another major discussion item – snow clearing

- o Difficult issue – tax burden
- o As this is a complex issue there has to be more consultation
- o Again this is a topic best moved to Age Friendly platform – because it has to be a much broader discussion

Next meeting Thursday Mar. 17 at 1pm – Rm 192 City Hall

MOTION

Endorsement of City of Hamilton Clearing of Snow from City Sidewalks, city wide.

WHEREAS, in 2012, Hamilton City Council endorsed the development of the 2014 - 2019 Age Friendly Hamilton plan as a strategic priority for Hamilton which included the frame work for Getting Around Hamilton.

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton received a detailed report from city staff in 2014 providing information regarding the snow removal from all city wide sidewalks which Council has yet to act on.

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Hamilton has once again sent back the latest report on sidewalk snow removal for further study.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Senior Advisory Committee fully endorses snow removal from any and all city owned sidewalks in the City of Hamilton.

That the staff report be immediately brought back before Council for discussion and approval for the 2020 budget process.

That the City of Hamilton sidewalk snow plowing be fully implemented by the winter of 2020/2021.

(D. Broom/ N. Nizam)

Discussion on Motion

B. Spinner – can we include some reference in the motion to the vision statement of the city? “To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.”

MOTION : Re: Amendment to Motion

To add the following to the above motion moved by D. Broom:

“WHEREAS inaction in snow clearing is contrary to the City’s vision statement”

(B. Spinner, J. McColl)

CARRIED (unanimous)

Discussion re: motion of D. Broom

- Committee discussed whether showing support for D. Broom’s motion would negatively impact support for other city services – primarily HSR

(D. Broom, N. Nizam)

Call on Motion of D. Broom as amended by Motion of B. Spinner

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CARRIED (unanimous)

(J. Mayo/ S. Boblin)

Whereas the city councilors have voted to reduce the HSR Service, SAC deplores this action and requests that full HSR service be reinstated.

CARRIED (unanimous)

(J. Mayo/ N. Nizam)

That SAC request to delegate at the next meeting of the Transit Area Rating Sub Committee

CARRIED

b) Older Adult Elder Financial & Physical Abuse Working Group

- o No report

c) Housing (J. McColl)

- o Greg Witt gave presentation at last meeting. The number of 75 year old's made smallest percentage in households in Hamilton but number to significantly rise.
- o Next meeting will discuss goals and vision
- o Continue to update housing options for elderly in Hamilton
- o Next steps maybe to meet with Jeff Nevin, Dr. Ellen Ryan and maybe James O'Brien
- o Next meeting March 19, 2020 rm. 192/193 City Hall at 10am

d) Communication (D. Broom)

- o Meeting February 19, 2020
- o Prior to this meeting we provided John Fernandes of the City's Information Technology Dept. with a list of issues we feel seniors face navigating the city's website. As a result there were a lot of discussions around those issues. What did become apparent this will not be an easy fix but we can tackle a few things at the moment to help move the process along.
 - 1) Once an introduction paragraph for the seniors webpage is completed the 211 link will be added.
 - 2) Add the seniors under the city initiatives home page.
 - 3) Add a link on the senior's page for translations in 50 various languages,

It may become difficult trying to educate seniors on the use of the website, especially those with limited computer skills; therefore we may have to focus more on the children of seniors (caregivers) in order to help those seniors who lack those skills.

Another issue came clear we should not change the name from seniors to older adults as the current city computer will not link anyone to the senior's page.

At our March meeting, the Chair of SAC will ask committee members to begin thinking about what is

important to them, what type of information they look for, what are the support services and programs they see that are needed. Then at the April SAC meeting we will spend some time building a list of resources for the webpage. This information will help inform the content of the senior's webpage.

This endeavor is becoming a monumental task and no significant changes will be coming anytime soon. But with the help of all committee members we might be able to make some significant changes.

The next meeting is March 18, 2020 at 1:00pm at City Hall, Room 192.

4.2 Working Groups/Committees

a) Age Friendly Plan – Governance Committee

No update at this time.

b) Older Adult Network

D. Stone. Met last week. Seniors Kick off is scheduled for May 27, 2020. SAC will have a booth. Dance and Dinner on June 7, 2020. Will need more assistance.

c) International Day of Older Persons Committee

No update at this time

d) McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

No update at this time

e) Ontario Health Coalition

No update other than there has been a lot of talk of lack of PSWs.

f) Our Future Hamilton Update

No update at this time

g) Senior of the Year Award

P. Petrie – Lisa Maychak was unavailable to come today but has asked for us to discuss someone volunteering to be a judge for the Sr. of the Year

A. Elliott Volunteered

5. Business / Discussion Items

S. Boblin – Fire Safety Symposium – March 10 10am-2pm. Even through registration deadline has passed there are still some spots.

J. McColl – Last month I wished to raised a motion. I circulated materials to J. Bowen but they did not make it to the agenda. I want the minutes reflected that I wish to move this motion next month.

J. Mayo – if we are going to make a motion we should send a written copy to both the chair and the staff representative with text of the motion so that it can be printed and sent out to the committee.

6. Other Business

n/a

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Friday, April 3, 2020