



Hamilton

**Meeting Minutes
Seniors Advisory
Committee**

**Friday, December 4,
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, Lisa Maychak, Ann Elliot, Kamal Jain

Councillor(s): Councillor Jackson

Also, in Attendance:

Cole Gately, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources (Staff)
Taline Morris, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources
(Staff)
Nabila Akbary, Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources
(Staff)

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Jackson, Councillor Nann

Absent: Vince Mercuri

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

J. Mayo to share information under general information.

(D. Stone/ C. Fernandes)

That the agenda for December 4, 2020 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(J. Mayo /J. McColl)

That the Senior's Advisory Committee approves the November 6, 2020 Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

i. Working Groups (Item 10.1)

Getting Around Hamilton Working Group

J. Mayo: Committee has not met however, they have composed draft article regarding transit Area Rating Sub-Committee that will be sent to the Hamilton Spectator.

(J. Mayo/ S. Boblin)

MOTION: That the Senior Advisory Committee submit to the Hamilton Spectator, the article written by The Getting Around Hamilton Working Group, based on the presentation to the Transit Area Rating Sub-Committee

CARRIED

J. Mayo: The New Hope bicycle community would like the Senior Advisory Committee's support for a grant to add more older adult friendly bicycles to the roster of bicycles currently available

(J. Mayo/ S. Boblin)

MOTION: That the Senior Advisory Committee provide a letter of support to the New Hope bicycle community bicycle grant.

CARRIED

Workshops for drivers deferred until spring.

Older Adult Financial & Physical Abuse Working Group

- Did not meet in November
- D. Petgrave read minutes from October 23, 2020 meeting.
Copy of report to be disseminated

Housing Working Group

- J. McColl: The group has met on November 19th. They are still discussing vision and mission statement.
- J. McColl to table snow clearing recommendations as city council has moved snow removal to the next budget cycle.
- M. Keating expressed that the snow removal recommendations should not be tabled.
- Getting Around Hamilton Working Group will have jurisdiction on snow removal

(J.McColl/J. Mayo)

MOTION: That the Senior Advisory Committee supports Secondary Dwelling Units

WHEREAS, the crisis around housing in many of Canada's largest cities is at the highest level it has ever been

AND WHEREAS, the proposed zoning by-law regulations for Hamilton Secondary Dwelling Units is the most consequential, pro-housing, affordability project in decades

AND WHEREAS, restrictive regulations, exclusionary zoning and mandatory parking minimums, prevent people who can and won't ever be able to afford to live in an exclusive neighborhood.

AND WHEREAS, the Ontario building Codes use the Ontario Human Rights Commission's recommendations to make these Secondary Dwelling Units compliant with older adult, senior and disabled requirements.

AND THEREFORE, be it resolved that this committee recommends, supporting the slow, steady progress of healthy, compact, sustainable and affordable communities that make Hamilton the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

J. Mayo advised she will provide report from CAMH regarding housing and secondary dwelling units to be disseminated

CARRIED

- J. McColl expressed concern that there have been a lack to responses/updates to motions previously submitted
- J. Mayo suggested a list of all recommendations since establishment of committee be attached to agenda possibly listed under consent items

- T. Morris suggested a working group or committee member create a separate list to follow along with agenda. J. Mayo and P. Petrie to work on creating list for next meeting.
- D. Broom suggested adding timelines to better keep track of list

Communication Working Group

- D. Broom: The last meeting was November 18, 2020
- The review of City's webpage is complete. Recommendations will be passed on to L. Maychak, who will compile a report to be passed on to those who are currently reviewing the City's webpage.
- Next meeting is December 16, 2020.

ii. Committees (Item 10. 2)**Age Friendly Plan - Governance Committee**

J. Mayo provided information on the process for the 2020- 2026 Age friendly plan. There will likely be more amendments based on recommendations from the 3 key partners which are Senior Advisor Committee, the Hamilton Council on Aging and City Leadership staff.

(J. Mayo/ S. Boblin)

MOTION: That the senior Advisory Committee approves version 5 of Hamilton's plan for an age friendly community 2020-2026.

CARRIED(Unanimously)

Older Adult Network

- Nothing to report

International Day of Older Persons Committee

- Nothing to report

McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

- P. Petrie: Study looking at social participation, exercise and diet in older adults in planning process
- P. Petrie: Collaborative of health and aging. Group of 70 people that meet a couple times per year

Ontario Health Coalition

- C. Fernandes advised that the most recent reports from the Ontario Health Coalition advises that COVID outbreaks are

escalating at an alarming rate, particularly in healthcare settings.

- The number and size of outbreaks have increased in every measure.
- We are currently in a second wave of COVID-19 outbreaks
- Report to be disseminated
- D. Broom inquired if there is a police investigation regarding non-COVID related deaths of seniors in facilities
- L Maychak suggested connecting with one of the City's senior support officers to provide feedback to David's question
- D. Broom to formulate questions on behalf of SAC to be provided to the senior support officer to answer.

Our Future Hamilton Update

- J. McColl encouraged committee members to visit Engage.hamilton.ca, a website that provides up to date information on City initiatives for residents. He reviewed some items currently found on website.

Senior of the Year Award

- L. Maychak advised nominations will launch in 2021
- Committee is hoping to host an event in 2021, Virtually if necessary.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

Cable 14

- J. Mayo advised that as a member of the Hamilton Council on Aging, Education and Advocacy Committee, she created 4 shows for Cable 14, covering topics that include housing adaptations and other alternatives, social participation, financial security and driving and other transit options.
- Each program will be 30 minutes long, with J. Mayo as host discussing each topic with a guest.
- J. Mayo will advise when programs will air

6. ADJOURNMENT

(J. Mayo)

That the Senior's Advisory Committee adjourned be at 12:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 8, 2021