

CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

To:	Emergency and Community Services Committee
	Seniors Advisory Committee
From:	
	(Penelope Petrie, Chair)
Date:	April 19, 2021
Re:	Funding for the International Federation of Aging Conference Taking Place in Niagara Falls, Canada from November 9-12, 2021

Recommendation:

That \$200 USD be allocated from the 2021 approved budget funds for the Seniors Advisory Committee to pay half the virtual registration fee for two committee members to attend the International Federation of Aging Conference.

Background:

At the March 5, 2021 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting, committee member passed motion 10.2, which approves the use of 2021 budget funds to pay half the registration fees for two committee members to virtually attend the International Federation of Aging Conference. The International Federation of Aging conference takes place from November 9-12, 2021 in Niagara Falls, Canada. The two attendees will be chosen once this motion has been approved.

Analysis/Rationale:

Members of the Seniors Advisory Committee have previously attended the International Federation of Aging Conference and have always found the experience and knowledge-sharing to be beneficial to the work they do as an advisory committee.

Attending the International Federation Conference on Aging would allow the Seniors Advisory Committee to get the most current information on strategies being used to address issues facing the senior community.

The conference topics are of great interest and value to members of the Seniors Advisory Committee, including Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, Long-Term Care Homes, Ageism, Primary Health Care and Older People and Pandemics. The work of the Senior Advisory Committee Working Groups aligns with the goals and objectives of *Hamilton's Plan for an Age-Friendly Community (201-2026)*. In addition, the problems in long-term homes that was revealed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic is a real concern for members of the Seniors Advisory Committee and has been a topic of discussion at several committee meetings.

The two delegates selected to attend the conference will report back to the Seniors Advisory Committee on the information and ideas learned while attending the International Federation of Aging Conference.