



Hamilton

**Seniors Advisory
Committee**

Minutes

May 7, 2021

10:00am – 12:00pm

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In Attendance:

Penelope Petrie (Chair), Aref Alshaikhahmed, Sheryl Boblin, David Broom, Carolann Fernandes, Jeanne Mayo, Maureen McKeating, Sarah Shallwani, Barry Spinner, Douglas Stone, Marian Toth, Marjorie Wahlman, Ann Elliott, Kamal Jain, Noor Nizam

Also, in Attendance:

Lisa Maychak, Program Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Cole Gately, Staff Liaison, Diversity and Inclusion

Tom Jackson, City Councillor

Brian Hollingsworth, Director, Transportation, Planning & Parking, City of
Hamilton

Peter Topalovic, Program Manager, Sustainable Mobility, City of Hamilton

Kim VanderMeulen, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities

Sonya Baldwin, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities

Regrets: Vince Mercuri, D. Petgrave

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

Land Acknowledgement presented by A. Alshaikhahmed

K. Jain has volunteered to read the Land Acknowledgement at the next meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

That the following items be added to the May 7, 2021 agenda:

- (a) Item 7.1: General/Other Business regarding Resolutions from Citizen Committee Report submissions
- (b) Item 7.2: General/Other Business regarding United Way Project

(M. Wahlman/C. Fernandes)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the May 7, 2021 agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

April 9, 2021 minutes (Item 4.1)

Correctly configure attendance section

Correction of Ann Elliott's name

Correction of typo in name in 10.2 to "Working Committees"

(M. Wahlman/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the April 9, 2021 Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

- (i) **Commercial E-Scooter Operations Brian Hollingsworth, Director, Transportation, Planning & Parking, City of Hamilton and Peter Topalovic, Program Manager, Sustainable Mobility, City of Hamilton (Item 9.1)**

Peter Topalovic presented to the Senior Advisory Committee respecting the operational benefits, challenges and operating areas for Commercial E-Scooter operations in the City of Hamilton. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

(M. Wahlman/D. Broom)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the presentation by Brian Hollingsworth, Director, Transportation, Planning & Parking, City of Hamilton and Peter Topalovic, Program Manager, Sustainable Mobility, City of Hamilton.

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Working Groups (Item 10.1)

a. Getting Around Hamilton Working Group

J. Mayo informed that the snow removal program has now been expanded to include the transit routes and the process for becoming operational is currently underway. There are plans to for it to be implemented in December 2022. Councillor Jackson explained that it takes time through the City's procurement process to recruit snow removal operators. In addition, he stated there is a large difference in cost: \$4.5 million (\$15/year increase in property taxes) for sidewalks only versus \$8.5 million (\$26-\$36/ year increase in property taxes) for all routes.

b. Older Adult Financial & Physical Abuse Working Group

M. Wahlman reported that the group had a lengthy discussion about conflict of interest and police not laying charges to consequences in Long Term Care homes. Additionally, D. Broom reported that he is on the agenda to speak at the Police Services Board meeting in June.

c. Housing Working Group

M. Toth reported to the group is still in need of members of Seniors Advisory Committee. Interested members are to connect with M. Toth.

In addition, this work group is supporting secondary units as approved by City Council.

d. Communication Working Group

D. Broom reported that at the April work group meeting they received a presentation from the Hamilton Public Library (HPL) regarding the new seniors' guide and updated Red Book which is now live. In addition, HPL has a network of community partners and residents called the BBL for communications.

(ii) Working Committees (Item 10. 2)

a. Age Friendly Plan - Governance Committee

A. Elliott indicated the governance committee is undergoing a re-organization with next steps being the development of an implementation plan.

L. Maychak further indicated that Hamilton's second plan, *Hamilton's Plan for an Age-Friendly Community, 2021-2026* was presented to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on April 8, 2021 and will be launched to the public at the Seniors Virtual Event in June which is Seniors Month.

b. Older Adult Network

D. Stone reported this committee has not met recently.

L. Maychak further reported that a Seniors Virtual Event is being planned for June which will include the launch of the Hamilton's new Age-Friendly Plan, presentations, demos and entertainment, and that further details will be announced in the next few weeks.

c. International Day of Older Persons Committee

D. Stone indicated that the committee has not met recently.

L. Maychak further indicated that planning for this event will take place in September as this event does not take place until October 1, 2021.

d. McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

There are no updates from this committee.

e. Ontario Health Coalition

There are no updates from this committee.

f. Our Future Hamilton Update

There are no updates from this committee.

(iii) Senior of the Year Award

L. Maychak indicated the deadline for nominations has been

extended from May 28th until June 28th, 2021.

6. MOTIONS

(i) Approval of All Advisory Committee Event Date and Selection of Presenter (Item 11.1)

(D. Stone/S. Boblin)

That P. Petrie, and J. Mayo be approved as the presenters to the All Advisory Committee Event, on behalf of the Seniors Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

7. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

(i) United Way Project (Item 13.1)

L. Maychak indicated that the United Way Halton Hamilton received funding for a one-year project to develop a resource guide for seniors, which will include the stories of local seniors and their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. L. Maychak also indicated that the planning committee is requesting a member of Seniors Advisory Committee to sit on the committee. S. Boblin indicated she will attend their committee meeting in June. M. Wahlman indicated she would like to participate in the story-telling.

(ii) Citizen Committee Reports (Item 13.2)

J. Mayo requested the outcome of the reports that went to Emergency and Community Services Committee.

Councillor Jackson stated that the Citizen Committee Report regarding long-term care homes was approved and has been referred to the City's Emergency Operations Centre team. In addition, the request for funding for two Seniors Advisory Committee members to attend the International Federation of Aging Conference was also approved. The two members selected to attend the conference are J. Mayo and S. Boblin.

(D. Bloom/M. Toth)

That the information respecting the Citizen Committee Reports, be received.

CARRIED

(iii) Police Services Board (Item 13.3)

D. Bloom indicated that he will be making a presentation to the Board on May 21, 2021 at 1 pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(P. Petrie /M. Wahlman)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: June 4th,2021