



Hamilton

**Seniors Advisory  
Committee**

**Minutes**

**September 10, 2021**

**10:00am – 12:00pm**

**Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall**

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**City's YouTube Channel**

**<https://www.youtube.com/user/InsideCityofHamilton>**

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**In Attendance:**

Penelope Petrie (Chair), Aref Alshaikhahmed, Sheryl Boblin, Jeanne Mayo, Maureen McKeating, Barry Spinner, Douglas Stone, Marian Toth, Marjorie Wahlman, Ann Elliott, Kamal Jain, Dahlia Petgrave

**Also, in Attendance:**

Lisa Maychak, Project Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department  
Jennifer Hohol, Senior Project Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department  
Kim VanderMeulen, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities  
Sonya Baldwin, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities

**Regrets:**

Vince Mercuri, Carolann Fernandes, David Broom, Sarah Shallwani, Noor Nizam, Barry Spinner, Sheryl Boblin, Tom Jackson, City Councilor

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**1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)**

Land Acknowledgement presented by M. McKeating

A. Elliott has volunteered to read the Land Acknowledgement at the next meeting.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

**(Wahlman/Alshaikhahmed)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the September 10, 2021 agenda, as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

Amendments

- (i) M. McKeating indicates minutes are missing the motion to indicate SAC agrees with LRT for City of Hamilton.
- (ii) Item 10.2 b Older Adult Network date should be corrected to June 16-18<sup>th</sup>.

**(Wahlman/Toth)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the June 4, 2021 Minutes as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)**

- (i) Jennifer Hohol, Senior Project Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department, City of Hamilton

J. Hohol provided a presentation on Hamilton's Community and Safe-Well Being program to the group. J. Hohol ended her presentation with an opportunity for a question and answer period for the Senior Advisory Committee.

**(Wahlman/Mayo)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the presentation by Jennifer Hohol, Senior Project Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department, City of Hamilton.

**CARRIED**

**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

- (i) **Working Groups (Item 10.1)**

- (a) **Getting Around Hamilton Working Group**

- J. Mayo provided a follow up for the E-scooters motion filed to council to from the committee that indicated to not accept the proposal. J. Mayo updated that Council has accepted

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proposal for electric scooters. There will be a report provided back regarding the objections that were raised by this Committee and the Persons with Disabilities Committee. Updates are to be provided quarterly to Seniors Advisory Committee and Advisory Committee of Persons with Disabilities on the progress of the E-scooter project. The Light Rail Transit (LRT) project will be going forward to the next council meeting, it was approved at the committee level and expected to be approved by council. Also, a new pilot project has begun beginning in September in Waterdown for a bus on demand program.

### **(b) Older Adult Financial & Physical Abuse Working Group**

M. Wahlman reported that 500 placemats were distributed around the City of Hamilton to support a safety and awareness campaign receiving great feedback. M. Wahlman to send an invite to J. Hohol to attend a working group meeting.

The video kickoff for Seniors month has been shelved at this time and will be revisited in the future. This working group is to look at inviting the Women's Abuse working group to attend a future Seniors Advisory Committee meeting.

L. Maychak to find the current contact at Catholic Family Services that has taken over Judith's role.

A motion was made by A. Alshaikhahmed

### **(A. Alshaikhahmed /M. Wahlman)**

That the Older Adult Financial & Physical Abuse Working Group name be changed to "Elder Abuse Working Group" to include all types of abuse.

**CARRIED**

### **(c) Housing Working Group**

M. Toth reported that at the group's last meeting Kim Ryan, Senior Housing Administration Officer, City of Hamilton attended and spoke about low income housing, heating and cooling. Committee members were provided the following website to obtain more information;

<https://plumbingandhvac.ca/a-passive-showcase/>

### **(d) Communication Working Group**

A. Elliott reported on this Working Group's discussion regarding voting. It was noted a special congratulations to L.

Maychak for a successful kick off event. Also, it was suggested to look and see if there is any room for improvement on the Senior's resource page.

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

A. Elliott reported that two grants were received from Lunch and Learn, Flamborough and Hamilton Council on Aging that are to be used for workshops. Also discussed was a directory for members.

L Maychak indicated that the committee has decided to broaden and have 2 gold champions, one to represent community and one to represent City. A survey was launched in July and the due date was Aug 27<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this survey was to identify the projects and initiatives that we are currently taking place in the community and within the City of Hamilton that align with the recommendation in the new Age-Friendly plan, as well as help to identify potential collaboration.

**(b) Older Adult Network**

D. Stone reported there was no activity with this committee. L Maychak added that currently this committee has not been active due to staff leaving positions as well as Covid 19. This committee is comprised of community partners including staff from various organizations who have retired over the last few years. It was decided to have this committee remain on the agenda at this time until it starts up again.

**(c) International Day of Older Persons Committee**

D. Stone and L. Maychak advised committee that on Oct 1, 2021 Cable 14 as well as the City YouTube channel will air a 30 min question & answer program at 8pm. A suggestion was brought forward for this committee consider helping support the cost for this presentation. J. Mayo stated that this was already approved in the past for Senior's Advisory Committee to provide annual support in the amount of \$250 to each – International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) and Kick-off event and \$500 to the Seniors Awards. In terms of 2021, committee members agreed to support IDOP in the amount of \$500 as the committee did not support the Seniors Kick-off or Seniors awards.

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L. Maychak suggested there is a need for a planning committee going forward for 2022 for Older Adult Network-Seniors Kick-off event. L. Maychak will reach out to community members to see if there is interest in volunteers.

### **(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.

### **(g) Senior of the Year Award**

L. Maychak reported that 14 nominations were received this year with one submission ultimately cancelled as well as one being a youth supporting senior's award. This event will be televised on Oct 23, 2021 at 7pm. There will be interviews with all nominees as well as a video. Winners will be also recognized through print and social media.

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

- (i)** Request from Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) for someone to attend an October 14 meeting at 1 pm. The issue is public transportation during Covid-19. M. Wahlman and J. Mayo have offered to attend. L. Maychak to forward the meeting information.
- (ii)** Possible October presentation from Greater Hamilton Health Network. This presentation is to be arranged for a future date.
- (iii)** SAC's budget for 2021  
Fiscal year runs April-March. Budget is 2500.00. L. Maychak's recommendation is to offer money to International Day of Older Persons for costs incurred with

advertising.

Motion

**J Mayo/Kamal**

That the committee to donate \$500 to the International day of Older Persons committee event

**CARRIED**

- (iv)** All Advisory Committee Meeting will occur on September 27. P. Petrie and J. Mayo will be presenting on behalf of Senior Advisory Committee.
- (v)** After receiving feedback from members of the Advisory Committees it has been decided that recordings of Advisory Committee meetings will not be retained. We will continue with our current process, which is livestreaming directly to the City's YouTube Chanel.
- (vi)** Topics for future presentations.
  - L. Maychak to confirm Trevor Jenkins, Transportation to speak to committee at October's meeting.
  - M. Wahlman to schedule and confirm Officer Andrea McLaughlin to speak to committee in November.
  - L. Maychak to confirm Greater Hamilton Network for December meeting.
  - L. Maychak to create a list for future presentation topics.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(P. Petrie/M. Wahlman)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Next Meeting: October 1, 2021