



Hamilton

**Seniors Advisory
Committee**

June 3, 2022

Minutes 22-006

10:00am – 12:00pm

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In Attendance:

Penelope Petrie (Chair), Maureen McKeating, Marian Toth, Marjorie Wahlman, Ann Elliott, Kamal Jain, Carolann Fernandes, David Broom, Sarah Shallwani, Peter Lesser, Kathryn Wakeman, Steve Benson, Alexander Huang

Also, in Attendance:

Lisa Maychak, Project Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Kim VanderMeulen, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities

Absent with Regrets:

Aref Alshaikhahmed, Peter Lesser, Sheryl Boblin, Barry Spinner, Councilor N. Nann, Councilor T. Jackson

Absent:

Dahila Petgrave, Noor Nizam

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

- (i) Land Acknowledgement presented by M. Toth.
K. Jain has volunteered to read the Land Acknowledgement at the next meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

The following changes were made to the agenda:

(M. Wahlman/A. Elliott)

- (a) That the staff presentation respecting Transit be withdrawn (Item 9.1); and
- (b) That the Delegation Request from T. Nolan, respecting Transit be added to the agenda.

CARRIED

(A. Elliot/M. Wahlman)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the June 3, 2022 agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

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

(i) May 6, 2022 (Item 4.1)

- Remove member D. Petgrave from Absent with Regrets section and place in Absent section of minutes.

(A. Huang/D. Bloom)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the May 6, 2022 minutes, as amended.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6.1)

(i) Tim Nolan, private citizen, respecting Transit (for today's meeting)

T. Nolan spoke to the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) respecting accessible transportation in the City of Hamilton. T. Nolan spoke to SAC about his concerns and outlined changes he would like to see in the current transit model within the city. SAC members were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

(M. Wahlman/A. Elliott)

The Delegation request was received.

CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Working Groups (Item 10.1)

(D. Broom/M. Toth)

That the following updates be received:

(a) Getting Around Hamilton Working Group

- There are no updates from this working group.

(b) Elder Abuse Working Group

- M. Wahlman reported this working group discussed the Waterloo brochure that was received. Currently, there has been no communication from Waterloo.
- Officer A. McLaughlin provided a presentation at the Seniors Kick Off event about various frauds and scams that involve seniors.
- A discussion occurred regarding the upcoming re-organization of the Hamilton Police Services and the possibility of this working group losing the support of Officer A. McLaughlin. A request was asked for the Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) chair to send a general letter to Police Services requesting continued support for SAC's Elder Abuse Working Group from a Senior Support Officer.

(c) Housing Working Group

- M. Toth reported that the Hamilton Council on Aging (HCoA) Age Friendly Resources was discussed, with emphasis on the Housing section.
- L. Maychak will attend the next meeting of the Housing Working Group to discuss a possible collaboration with the Age-Friendly Collaborative Committee to update the existing guide, Housing Options for Older Adults in Hamilton.

(d) Communication Working Group

- D. Broom reported the City of Hamilton's new website is to be operational very soon. This group was asked for input on what they'd like to see on the seniors landing page. D. Bloom took on the task of reviewing other city websites and has compiled a report of recommendations that has been sent to L. Maychak.

- This working group's next meeting will occur on June 15, 2022.

CARRIED

(ii) Working Committees (Item 10. 2)

(D. Broom/M. Toth)

That the following updates be received:

(a) Age Friendly Plan - Governance Committee

- A. Elliott reported this committee met on May 10, 2022.
- The committee's discussions included the Seniors Kick off event as well as the need to increase the collaboration between Seniors Advisory Committee working groups with the Age-Friendly Committee's Goal Champions.
- This committee will not be meeting throughout the summer months.
- On June 16, 2022, a presentation along with a recommendation report to increase HCOA funding will go to Emergency and Community Services Committee.
- Beginning in the fall, each SAC working group chair will be invited to an Age Friendly Collaborative meeting to build collaborative work between the groups.

(b) Seniors Kick Off Event

- L. Maychak reported the success of this year's Seniors Kick Off event held on June 1, 2022.
- There were approximately 220 attendees, 50 exhibitors, 5 presentations, and entertainment and lunch were provided.

(c) International Day of Older Persons Committee

- There are no updates from this committee.

(d) McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

- There are no updates from this committee.

(e) Ontario Health Coalition

- C. Fernandes will continue to send the committee email updates through L. Maychak.

(f) Our Future Hamilton Update

- There are no updates from this committee.

(g) Senior of the Year Award

- L. Maychak reported the Senior of the Year Award nominations deadline is June 27, 2022.
- The event is currently being planned as an in-person event on October 18, 2022 at Michelangelo's. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of September.
- If any member of SAC has interest in volunteering to be a judge for this year, please contact L. Maychak.

7. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Working Group Progress Reports (submitted by Chairs) (Item 13.1)

- All chairs of each working group to submit a summary of the work achieved by their working groups by the end of June to L. Maychak.

(ii) Summer meetings and September meeting (Item 13.2)

(M. McKeating/M. Wahlman)

That that Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) will not hold meetings in the summer.

CARRIED

- SAC September meeting falls on the Friday of the holiday weekend.

(M. Wahlman/D. Broom)

That the SAC move the September 2 meeting to September 9 to avoid the holiday weekend.

CARRIED

(iii) Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) annual budget (Item 13.3)

- \$2500 is the annual budget
- Include printing of Seniors Advisory Committee brochure in budget which was already approved by City Council.

(M. McKeating/A. Elliott)

That SAC requests an increase of their annual budget from \$2500 to \$3000 for the 2023 budget year.

CARRIED

- L. Maychak to source out estimated costs to produce a SAC Banner and tablecloth to use at community engagement events and present at the September meeting.

(iv) Feedback regarding the City's resource webpage for seniors www.hamilton.ca/seniors (Item 13.4)

- Feedback requested by June 10 and sent to L. Maychak.

(v) Hybrid Meetings (Item 13.5)

- All committee members agreed to holding hybrid meetings beginning September 2022.

(vi) Seniors Advisory Member Committee resignation - D. Stone (Item 13.6)

(K. Jain/M. Wahlman)

Member D. Stone has asked to resign from this committee.

L. Maychak to follow up with information of whether a gift can be sent out from the Seniors Advisory Committee budget for his commitment to this committee. D. Stone's resignation was accepted by the committee but with regrets.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(P. Petrie)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 12:15 p.m..

CARRIED

Next Meeting: September 9, 2022