



Hamilton

**Seniors Advisory  
Committee**

**May 5, 2023**

**Minutes 23-05**

**10:00am –**

**12:00pm**

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**In Attendance:**

Penelope Petrie (Chair), Maureen McKeating, Marian Toth, Marjorie Wahlman, Ann Elliott, Carolann Fernandes, David Broom, Alexander Huang, Sheryl Boblin, Aref Alshaikhahmed, Barry Spinner

**Also, in Attendance:**

Lisa Maychak, Project Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department  
Kim VanderMeulen, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities Department  
Dana Simpson, Victoria Order of Nurses  
Greg Tedesco, Senior Project Manager, Community Engagement, City Manager's Office  
Sandi Bell, Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council

**Absent with Regrets:**

Councilor T. Jackson, Kamal Jain, Peter Lesser

**Absent:**

Steve Benson, Noor Nizam

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

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

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

**(M. Wahlman/M. McKeating)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the May 5, 2023 agenda, as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

- (i) Housing Working Group remove snow removal item. (Item 10.1c)
- (ii) Spelling correction under Seniors Kickoff. (Item 10.2b)

**(M. Wahlman/M. McKeating)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the April 14, 2023 minutes, as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

**(M. Wahlman/D. Broom)**

That the following presentations be received:

**(i) Dana Simpson, Victoria Order of Nurses (Item 9.1)**

D. Simpson presented to the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) on the services of the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON). There was an opportunity for questions to be asked after the presentation.

**(ii) Greg Tedesco and Sandi Bell, Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (Item 9.2)**

**G. Tedesco and S. Bell** presented to Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) on the updated campaign of Hamilton For All 2023, a community run campaign led by multiple organizations. There was an opportunity for questions to be asked after the presentation.

**CARRIED**

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

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

**(M. Wahlman/A. Elliott)**

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**

A. Alshaikhahmed reported this working group reviewed the current situation of Elder Abuse in Hamilton. The group has decided to approach Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario (EAPO) to help with establishing an Elder Abuse Network locally, and the working group will be meeting with EAPO.

**(c) Housing Working Group**

M. Toth reported the Housing Working group was unable to meet in April. M. Toth had the opportunity to explore the Hamilton Inclusionary Zoning that connects with the current project of the creation of a housing guide for seniors from this working group. M. Toth shared the following graph that showed the types of housing that should occur in Hamilton with inclusionary zoning.



**(d) Communication Working Group**

D. Broom presented a draft questionnaire developed by the Communication Working Group to be distributed to individuals and groups attending the Seniors Kick Off event.

**(A. Huang/A. Alshaikhahmed)**

A motion was put forward that the Senior Advisory Committee (SAC)

accept the questionnaire as presented and that it is to be distributed at the Seniors Kick Off event.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Working Committees (Item 10.2)**

**(M. Wahlman/A. Elliott)**

That the following updates be received:

**(a) Age Friendly Plan - Governance Committee**

- There are no updates from this committee.

**(b) Seniors Kick Off Event**

L. Maychak reported the Seniors Kick Off event planned for June 20 at Sackville from 10-2pm has to date 50 registrants and raised approximately \$8000 from donations and sponsors. Presentations will include the Hamilton Police Services to talk about recent frauds and scams involving seniors. L. Maychak to share the Eventbrite link with the Seniors Advisory Committee.

**(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**

- Member 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 event has been launched using various advertising tactics. The deadline for nominations is June 30, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**6. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**

**(i) June 2, 2023 meeting**

**(M. Mckeating/M. Wahlman)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) hold the June 2, 2023 meeting in person with a luncheon to follow.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) July and August 2023 meetings**

**(M. McKeating/M. Wahlman)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee do not hold meetings in the months of July and August and resume the meeting schedule in September.

**CARRIED**

**(A. Elliott/D. Broom)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee defer the September 1 meeting scheduled to September 8, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**7. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(M. Wahlman/S. Boblin)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 11:56 am.

**CARRIED**

Next Meeting: June 2, 2023