



Hamilton

**Seniors Advisory
Committee**

June 2, 2023

Minutes 23-06

10:00am –

12:00pm

City Hall, Room 192

In Attendance:

Penelope Petrie (Chair), Maureen McKeating, Marian Toth, Marjorie Wahlman, Ann Elliott, David Broom, Alexander Huang, Sheryl Boblin, Aref Alshaikhahmed, Barry Spinner, Peter Lesser, Steve Benson, Noor Nizam

Also, in Attendance:

Lisa Maychak, Project Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Kim VanderMeulen, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Graeme Wallace, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Brent McLeod, Program Manager/Commander, Paramedic Services, City of Hamilton
Mike Field, Acting Director, Public Works, Transportation Operations
Peter Sniulis, Manager, Public Works, Roadway Maintenance

Absent with Regrets:

Carolann Fernandes

Absent:

Noor Nizam, Steve Benson

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

(i) Land Acknowledgement presented by M. Toth

Member will be chosen to read the Land Acknowledgement at the next meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

(M. Wahlman/A. Huang)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the June 2, 2023 agenda, as presented.

CARRIED

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

(i) May 5, 2023 (Item 4.1)

(M. Toth/D. Broom)

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

CARRIED

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(M. Wahlman/K. Jain)

That the following presentations be received:

(i) Brent McLeod, Program Manager/Commander, Paramedic Services, City of Hamilton (Item 9.1)

B. McLeod presented to the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) about Mobile Integrated Health. More specifically, services provided by the Community Paramedicine and Social Navigator programs. There was an opportunity for questions to be asked after the presentation.

**(ii) Review of Level of Service for Winter Control:
Mike Field, Acting Director, Public Works, Transportation Operations
and Peter Sniulis, Manager, Public Works, Roadway Maintenance
(Item 9.2)**

P. Sniulis and M. Field requested input from the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) to help provide opportunities for enhancing the level of service for sidewalk snow removal in Hamilton. Questions or comments can be emailed to Mike.Field@hamilton.ca

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Working Groups (Item 10.1)

(S. Boblin/A. Huang)

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 that this working group met with Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario (EAPO) to discuss establishing a local Elder Abuse Network. Seniors at risk Collaborative is currently being formed and SAC member Aref Alshaikhahmed will sit on this committee.

(c) Housing Working Group

M. Toth reported the group met with the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic. There was a discussion of the legal problems that arise when sharing homes as an option for affordable housing. M. Toth was approached by ACORN for help in supporting the heat bylaw but time did not allow for this request. M. Toth forwarded an invitation from Watershed Co-Housing who is holding an open house to attend a completed co-housing project on June 10th located at 11 Mont Street, Guelph. <https://www.watershedcohousing.ca/>
M Toth and L. Maychak met with CityLab to discuss their support and partnership in collecting research and information for the revised housing guide for older adults that is a current project of this working group.

(d) Communication Working Group

D. Broom reported this working group did not meet but will be meeting with HPL at their next meeting regarding the Brown Bag Lunch.

CARRIED

(ii) Working Committees (Item 10.2)

(S. Boblin/A. Huang)

That the following updates be received:

(a) Age Friendly Plan - Governance Committee

A. Elliott reported this committee had a guest speaker from Chartwell Retirement who spoke about the Chartwell Foundation. Also, that there will be two Let's Get Moving workshops held in June.

(b) Seniors Kick Off Event

L. Maychak reported the Seniors Kick Off event is planned for June 20 at Sackville from 10-2pm. Volunteers do not have to register but if attending as an attendee the deadline is June 13th. Members can contact L. Maychak to register.

(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.
- B. Spinner will update when this committee meets again.

(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 that the nomination phase was launched in April and that various communication tactics are used on a regular basis to create awareness about the Seniors Awards nomination phase. The deadline for nominations is June 30, 2023.

CARRIED

6. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Appointment of Council to Seniors Advisory Committee

Council Tom Jackson has communicated that he is looking to be re-appointed to the Seniors Advisory Committee.

(ii) Agenda Suggestion

B. Spinner put forth a suggestion that the committee have a future discussion to consider having presentations at the end of the agenda and deal with the committee's business first at future meetings.

7. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(M. Wahlman/A. Huang)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 12:24pm.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: September 8, 2023