



Hamilton

Seniors Advisory Committee

December 1, 2023

Minutes 23-012

10:00am – 12:00pm

City Hall, Room 264

In Attendance:

David Broom, Alexander Huang, Kamal Jain, Penelope Petrie (Chair), Ann Elliott, Maureen McKeating, Marian Toth, Barry Spinner, Peter Lesser, Sheryl Boblin, Marjorie Wahlman

Also, in Attendance:

Lisa Maychak, Project Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department, Graeme Wallace, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities Department

Absent with Regrets:

Noor Nizam, Aref Alshaikhahmed, Carolann Fernandes

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (ITEM 1)

(i) Land Acknowledgement

M. Toth read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (ITEM 2)

(D. Broom/ M. Wahlman)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the December 1, 2023 agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

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

(M. Wahlman/ M. McKeating)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the November 3, 2023 minutes.

CARRIED

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Residential Zones Project- Mallory Smith, Planner and Alana Fulford, Senior Planner, Planning and Economic Development Department, City of Hamilton (Item 9.1)

M. Smith and A. Fulford presented to the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) the Residential Zones Project (www.hamilton.ca/residentialzoning). More specifically, the creation of one set of zones and updating permissions in zones to meet the needs of residents. There was an opportunity for questions to be asked after the presentation. Also, a survey is available on the Engage Hamilton website (www.engage.hamilton.ca/reimagining-neighbourhoods).

(M. Wahlman/K. Jain)

That the Presentation respecting a Residential Zones Project - Mallory Smith, Planner and Alana Fulford, Senior Planner, Planning and Economic Development Department, City of Hamilton, be received

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEM 5)

(i) Working Groups (10.1)

(M. McKeating/ M. Toth)

That the following updates be received:

(a) Housing Working Group

M. Toth has been looking for new members for this working group. L. Maychak has consulted with staff in the City's Housing Services Division to inquire about support for this working group. L. Maychak will look into support from a member of the Age-Friendly Collaborative Committee (Housing Goal Champion). The next Housing Working Group meeting has been deferred until January 2024.

(b) Communications Working Group

A. Huang made a presentation about the communications survey developed by the Communications Working Group members. Seniors Advisory Committee members decided that the survey should be edited to reflect responses from representatives who are from community organizations supporting seniors, as well as seniors who live in Hamilton. The edits were made during this meeting.

(c) Getting Around Working Group

S. Boblin announced that the Getting Around Working Group has resumed meeting again. Seniors Advisory Committee Members P. Lesser, P. Petrie and A. Elliot are also members of this working group. Past Seniors Advisory Committee member Jeanne Mayo and City of Hamilton Public Health Services staff Mary Lynn Balardo are also members of this working group. A. Huang and M. Wahlman also expressed interested in joining this working group. This working group will meet the third Thursday of each month from 1-2 pm.

(d) Elder Abuse Working Group

The Elder Abuse Working Group met November 30, 2023. A. Alshaikhahmed is chair of this working group but M. McKeating presenting on his behalf. This working group would like to develop an Elder Abuse network in Hamilton, therefore would like to partner with organizations in Hamilton who manage issues related to Elder Abuse. One connection may be the Seniors at Risk Community Collaborative (SaRCC) which is comprised of 30+ organizations who support seniors. The next Elder Abuse Working Group meeting will take place in January 2024.

CARRIED

(ii) Working Committees (10.2)

(S. Boblin/A. Huang)

That the following updates be received:

- (a) International Day of Older Persons**
There are no updates from this committee.
- (b) Seniors Kick-off Event**
There are no updates from this committee.
- (c) Senior of the Year Awards**
There are no updates from this committee.

(d) McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

There are no updates.

(e) Ontario Health Coalition

Members C. Fernandes and A. Huang will continue to send email updates through L. Maychak.

(f) Age-Friendly Hamilton

P. Petrie and A. Elliot indicated that currently a review of the recommendations under each Age-Friendly goal is being done with the goal champions to develop their 2024 work plans. In addition, the work to develop an Age-Friendly Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Framework will begin in January 2024.

(g) Extreme Heat Committee

There are no updates from this committee.

CARRIED

6. MOTIONS (ITEM 11)

(i) Communications Survey

(D. Broom/M. Wahlman)

That the Seniors Advisory committee approve the content of the Communications Survey as presented.

CARRIED

(A. Huang/ D. Broom)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the dissemination of the Communications Survey in 2024 to members of the Hamilton Public Library's Brown Bag Lunch (BBL Network), the City's Recreation Division (Seniors Services), members of the City's seniors centres, clubs and Seniors Centre Without Walls program, the YWCA Seniors Active Living Centres, Age-Friendly Hamilton partners, and through Engage Hamilton.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT (ITEM 15)

(S. Boblin/M. Wahlman)

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

CARRIED