



Hamilton

Seniors Advisory Committee

January 5, 2024

Minutes 24-01

10:00am – 12:00pm

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

In Attendance:

Kamal Jain, Peter Lesser, David Broom, Penelope Petrie, Marian Toth, Sheryl Boblin, Aref Alshaikhahmed, Maureen McKeating

Also, in Attendance:

Lisa Maychak, Project Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department,
Graeme Wallace, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Dr. Reuven Jhirad, Deputy Chief Coroner, Ontario Forensic Pathology Service
Holly Odoardi, Senior Administrator, Long-Term Care Division, Healthy & Safe Communities

Absent with Regrets:

Noor Nizam, Carolann Fernandes, Ann Elliot, Barry Spinner, Marjorie Wahlman, Alexander Huang

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (ITEM 1)

(i) Land Acknowledgement

P. Petrie read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (ITEM 2)

(D. Broom/ P. Lesser)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the January 5, 2024 agenda.

CARRIED

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

(P. Lesser/ M. Toth)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the December 1, 2023 minutes.

CARRIED

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

- (i) Coroner Investigations in Long-Term Homes-
Holly Odoardi, Senior Administrator, Long-Term Care Division,
Healthy & Safe Communities Department, City of Hamilton
Dr. Reuven Jhirad, Deputy Chief Coroner, Ontario Forensic
Pathology Service (Item 9.1)**

Dr. R. Jhirad and H. Odoardi presented to the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) the process for coroner investigations in long-term care homes in Ontario. More specifically, the responsibilities of the Chief Coroner's office as well as those of all long-term care homes in Ontario. There was an opportunity for questions to be asked.

(S. Boblin/A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the presentation respecting Coroner Investigations in Long-Term Care Homes- Holly Odoardi, Senior Administrator, City of Hamilton, and Dr. Reuven Jhirad, Deputy Chief Coroner, Ontario Forensic Pathology Service, be received

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEM 10)

- (i) Working Groups (10.1)**

(D. Broom/ A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the following updates be received:

- (a) Housing Working Group**

There are no updates from this working group.

(b) Communications Working Group

There are no updates from this working group.

(c) Getting Around Working Group

S. Boblin indicated that this working group held their first meeting with new membership in November 2023. P. Lesser requested that members bring suggestions to the next working group meeting so they can develop a work plan for 2024. S. Boblin indicated that Mary Lynn Balardo, a Public Health nurse and member of the Age-Friendly Collaborative Committee will help support this working group. The next working group meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024.

(d) Elder Abuse Working Group

A Alshaikhahmed indicated that he met with L. Maychak and Janie Francoeur, a Public Health nurse who leads the Seniors at Risk Community Collaborative (SaRCC) to discuss the idea of bringing an Elder Abuse Network to Hamilton. Some consultation has taken place with some members of SaRCC, but further consultation will take place to determine the need for an Elder Abuse Network in Hamilton. The next working group meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024.

CARRIED

(ii) Working Committees (10.2)

(S. Boblin/P. Lesser)

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

L. Maychak indicated that the 2024 Senior of the Year nomination phase will launch during National Volunteer Week in April.

(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

L. Maychak indicated that a consultant has been hired by the City's key Age-Friendly partner, the Hamilton Council on Aging to develop an Age-Friendly Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Framework.

(g) Extreme Heat Committee

There are no updates from this committee.

CARRIED

6. General Information/ Other Business (ITEM 13)

- (i)** P. Petrie indicated that both she as chair and A. Elliot, vice-chair were contacted by the Social Planning and Research Council (SPRC) to complete a questionnaire. P. Petrie further indicated that SPRC has been hired by the City to do a review on all volunteer advisory committees.

7. ADJOURNMENT (ITEM 15)

(M. Toth/D. Broom)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 12:00 pm.

CARRIED