



Hamilton

Seniors Advisory Committee

May 3, 2024

Minutes 24-005

10:00am – 12:00pm

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In Attendance:

Peter Lesser, Sheryl Boblin, Penelope Petrie, Kamal Jain, Marian Toth, Aref Alshaikhahmed, Maureen McKeating, Alexander Huang, Carolann Fernandes, Barry Spinner, Ann Elliott, David Broom, Margorie Wahlman

Also, in Attendance:

Lorri Czajka, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Lisa Maychak, Project Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Kim Vander Meulen, Administrative Assistant, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Carol Faulkner, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Gillian Surette-Robinson, Senior Manager, Labour Community Services, United Way of Halton & Hamilton
Janina Lebon, Hamilton Health Coalition Co-Chair
Jake Sweeney-Munroe- Dementia Friendly Communities Coordinator, Alzheimer Society of Hamilton Halton Brant Haldimand Norfolk

Absent with Regrets:

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1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (ITEM 1)

(i) Land Acknowledgement

P. Petrie read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (ITEM 2)

The Chair advised of the following changes to the agenda:

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Future Collaborations with the Seniors Advisory Committee (Added Item 13.1)

13.2 Status of Motion Carried for Coroner's Inquest (Added Item 13.2)

(A. Elliot/ S. Boblin)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the May 3, 2024 agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

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

(M. Wahlman/ A. Huang)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the April 5, 2024 minutes.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATION REQUESTS (ITEM 6)

(i) Hamilton Health Coalition, Janina Lebon, Co-Chair (Item 6.1)

J. Lebon delegated to the Seniors Advisory Committee on the topic of privatization of the healthcare system in Ontario and the rally at Queen's Park in Toronto on May 30, 2024. J. Lebon encouraged Seniors Advisory Committee members to attend and to inform her as buses will be available for all to attend the rally. J. Lebon also spoke about the Aging with Dignity program and concluded her delegation by asking Seniors Advisory Committee members to help distribute leaflets containing information on Bill 7. There was an opportunity for questions to be asked after the delegation.

(M. Wahlman/ A. Huang)

That the delegation respecting the Ontario Health Coalition's rally on May 30, 2024 at Queen's Park against the privatization of healthcare, presented by Janina Lebon, Co-Chair, Hamilton Health Coalition, be received.

CARRIED

5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (ITEM 9)

(i) Dementia Friendly Communities- Jake Sweezey-Munroe, Public Education Coordinator, Alzheimer Society of Hamilton Halton Brant Haldimand Norfolk (Item 9.1)

J. Sweezey-Munroe presented to the Seniors Advisory Committee the Dementia Friendly Communities Ontario project. The project includes employee training, partnership with businesses, community organizations, groups, and municipal government, as well as recognition for becoming a Dementia Friendly business or organization. There was an opportunity for questions to be asked after the presentation.

(M. Wahlman/ P. Lesser)

That the presentation respecting the Dementia Friendly Communities Ontario project presented by Jake Sweezey-Munroe, Public Education Coordinator, Alzheimer Society of Hamilton Halton Brant Haldimand Norfolk, be received.

CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEM 10)

(i) Working Groups (10.1)

(S. Boblin/ M. Wahlman)

That the following updates be received:

(a) Housing Working Group (Item 10.1(a))

M. Toth indicated that there were no meetings in April for the Housing Working Group and that the next meeting is May 9, 2024. M. Toth indicated that Dr. Ellen Ryan's Aging in Hamilton Committee are hosting an affordable housing gathering on Monday, May 6, 2024 at the Unitarian Church on Dundurn Avenue in Hamilton at 7:30pm.

(b) Communications Working Group (Item 10.1(b))

D. Broom indicated that the Communications Survey for Older Adults closes on May 17, 2024 and that the survey results will be discussed at the next Communications Working Group meeting on June 3, 2024. D. Broom also indicated that some survey results will be displayed on an infographic that will be available at the Seniors Kick-Off event on June 10, 2024, and that A. Huang will create and facilitate a presentation that includes all survey results at Sackville in June. A date has not yet been determined. D. Broom indicated that survey results will also be shared with City Council and staff.

(c) Getting Around Working Group (Item 10.1(c))

S. Boblin indicated that there were no meetings in April for the Getting Around Working Group. S. Boblin also indicated that she has asked working group members to identify the issues seniors are faced with related to getting around the city. S. Boblin stated the Getting Around

Working Group will then look at collaborating with community groups and organizations who deal with issues related to getting around Hamilton for older adults, with the goal of future collaboration to work on the issues.

(d) Elder Abuse Working Group (Item 10.2(d))

A. Alshaikhahmed stated that the Elder Abuse Working Group met on April 25, 2024. A. Alshaikhahmed also indicated that he attended the Seniors at Risk Collaborative Committee (SaRCC) meeting on April 23, 2024 and that this committee committed to establishing an Elder Abuse prevention network in Hamilton. Next steps include developing a terms of reference, membership, and priorities for the network.

CARRIED

(ii) Working Committees (Item 10.2)

(M. Wahlman/ A. Elliot)

That the following updates be received:

(a) International Day of Older Persons (Item 10.2(a))

There are no updates from this committee.

(b) Seniors Kick-off Event (Item 10.2(b))

L. Maychak stated that the Seniors Kick off event will be hosted on June 10, 2024 from 10am to 2pm at Michelangelo's, and that there will be various presentations, lunch, entertainment, and 60+ exhibitors. L. Maychak indicated that if Seniors Advisory Committee members are interested in volunteering at the event, they are to email her directly.

(c) Senior of the Year Awards (Item 10.2(c))

L. Maychak stated that the date of the Senior of the Year Awards event is October 15, 2024. L. Maychak asked Seniors Advisory Committee members to help promote nominations and that the closing date for nominations is June 28, 2024.

(d) Ontario Health Coalition (Item 10.2(d))

A. Huang asked Seniors Advisory Committee members to help promote the Ontario Health Coalition's rally against the privatization of healthcare, taking place at Queen's Park in Toronto on May 30th. A. Huang also indicated that buses will be leaving Eastgate Square and the old Centre Mall location on May 30th with a destination to

Queen's Park.

(e) Age-Friendly (Item 10.2(e))

A. Elliot indicated that at the last Age-Friendly Collaborative Committee (AFCC) meeting various community agencies shared that they are submitting funding proposals for a current grant opportunity to work on projects related to Ageism and the prevention of health issues for seniors living in Hamilton. L. Maychak indicated that on April 29, 2024 approximately seventy representatives from various community groups, organizations, and City of Hamilton staff gathered to provide their feedback for the development of an Age-Friendly Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Framework in Hamilton.

(f) Extreme Heat Committee (Item 10.2(f))

P. Lesser stated that he has twenty-five cooling kits from the City of Hamilton's Extreme Heat Committee that are to be distributed to residents in need. P. Lesser also indicated that the City's Heat Response Strategy has been completed and will be presented to Public Health Committee, then to council.

CARRIED

7. MOTIONS (ITEM 11)

(i) Written Submission to The Hamilton Spectator's Op-Ed Section

(A. Huang/ M. Wahlman)

That a submission by the Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee to The Hamilton Spectator's Op-Ed section respecting the Communications Survey for Older Adults, be approved.

CARRIED

8. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (ITEM 13)

(i) Future Collaborations with the Seniors Advisory Committee (Added Item 13.1)

It was suggested that each Seniors Advisory Committee member identify two to three organizations or groups whom the committee may have strong ties, but not already affiliated with for future collaboration.

(ii) Status of Motion Carried for Coroner's Inquest (Added Item 13.2)

D. Broom inquired about the status of the motion carried at the February 2, 2024 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting for the coroner's inquest into the deaths of residents in retirement and long-term care homes. L. Maychak

indicated she will investigate and report back to the Seniors Advisory Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT (ITEM 15)

(M. Wahlman/ A. Huang)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 11:59 am.

CARRIED