



Hamilton

Seniors Advisory Committee

October 4, 2024

Minutes 24-010

10:00am – 12:00pm

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In Attendance:

Peter Lesser, Sheryl Boblin, Penelope Petrie, Marian Toth, Alexander Huang, Carolann Fernandes, Barry Spinner, Ann Elliott, David Broom, Aref Alshaikhahmed

Also in Attendance:

Lisa Maychak, Project Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Carol Faulkner, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Councillor Esther Pauls, City of Hamilton, Ward 7

Monique Taylor, Member of Provincial Parliament, New Democratic Party,
Hamilton Mountain

Sandy Shaw, Member of Provincial Parliament, New Democratic Party, Hamilton
West-Ancaster-Dundas

Absent with Regrets:

Kamal Jain, Maureen McKeating, Marjorie Wahlman, Noor Nizam, Councillor Tom Jackson

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (ITEM 1)

(i) Land Acknowledgement

P. Lesser read the Land Acknowledgement. A. Alshaikhahmed to read the Land Acknowledgement at the next meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (ITEM 2)

(i) October 4, 2024 (Item 2.1)

(S. Boblin/ A. Huang)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the October 4, 2024 agenda, as presented.

CARRIED

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

(i) September 6, 2024 (Item 4.1)

(D. Broom/ P. Lesser)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the September 6, 2024 minutes, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEM 10)

(D. Broom/ S. Boblin)

That the following discussion item be received:

(i) Council Follow-up for Coroner's Inquest (10.1)

D. Broom provided guests Monique Taylor, MPP and Sandy Shaw, MPP with a background regarding the motion carried at the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting on February 2, 2024, requesting City Council to advocate to the province for a coroner's inquest into the large number of deaths that occurred in long-term care homes in Hamilton during the Covid-19 pandemic. L. Maychak indicated that a Council Follow-up Notice dated June 26, 2024 stated, "that staff be directed to invite local Members of Provincial Parliament to a meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee to discuss their request for a Coroner's Inquest."

After much discussion, Monique Taylor and Sandy Shaw suggested that they send letters to the provincial government requesting a Public Inquiry on behalf of the Seniors Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

(D. Broom/ A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the following updates be received:

(ii) Working Groups

(a) Housing Working Group (Item 10.2(a))

M. Toth encouraged everyone to view the University of Waterloo video about the Future Cities Initiative that will be discussed at the next Seniors Advisory Committee meeting. M. Toth indicated that she attended the Communications Working Group meeting on October 3, 2024 to ask for suggestions on how best to disseminate the new Housing Guide for Older Adults in Hamilton.

(b) Communications Working Group (Item 10.2(b))

H. Huang indicated that A. Alshaikhahmed developed a communications toolkit for community organizations and groups that serve and support seniors, and that the Communications Working Group is currently reviewing it.

(c) Getting Around Working Group (Item 10.2(c))

There are no updates from this working group.

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

All agreed that D. Broom would be the second member representative along with A. Alshaikhahmed for the Seniors at Risk Community Collaborative (SaRCC). Al Alshaikhahmed indicated that there will no longer be an Elder Abuse Working Group under the Seniors Advisory Committee as the new Hamilton Elder Abuse Prevention Network has been established and is linked to the Seniors at Risk Community Collaborative (SaRCC).

CARRIED

(iii) Working Committees (Item 10.3)

(a) International Day of Older Persons (Item 10.3(a))

L. Maychak indicated that this event was hosted on October 1, 2024 at Sackville Seniors Centre, and included a small information fair and presentations on Climate Change and the health impacts. Approximately 100 older adults attended the event.

(b) Seniors Kick-off Event (Item 10.3(b))

There are no updates about this event.

(c) Senior of the Year Awards (Item 10.3(c))

L. Maychak stated that this year nineteen nominations were submitted, and that tickets for the October 15, 2024 event are now on sale until October 8, 2024 at all City of Hamilton seniors and recreation centres as well as online at www.hamilton.ca/seniorsawards. L. Maychak also indicated that both A. Huang and S. Boblin have been nominated for this year’s Senior of the Year Awards.

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

C. Fernandes and A. Huang to continue to send correspondence through L. Maychak.

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

A. Elliot indicated that the Age-Friendly Hamilton Community Progress Report along with a City Council Information Report went to Emergency and Community Services Committee on September 19, 2024. A. Elliot also indicated that an Age-Friendly presentation was facilitated at the September 19, 2024 meeting by L. Maychak, P. Petrie, and Angie Armstrong, Chair of the Age-Friendly Collaborative Committee.

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

P. Lesser stated that the Extreme Heat Committee submitted a report to City Council’s Planning Committee, but there is no outcome yet.

CARRIED

5. MOTIONS (ITEM 11)

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

(A. Huang/ D. Broom)

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

9. ADJOURNMENT (ITEM 15)

(P. Lesser/ A. Alshaikhahmed)

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

CARRIED