



Hamilton

Seniors Advisory Committee

November 1, 2024

Minutes 24-011

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, Maureen McKeating

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:

Ann Elliot, Noor Nizam, Councillor Esther Pauls

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (ITEM 1)

(i) Land Acknowledgement

A. Alshaikhahmed read the Land Acknowledgement. A. Huang to read the Land Acknowledgement at the next meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (ITEM 2)

(i) November 1, 2024 (Item 2.1)

M. Wahlman/ A. Alshaikhahmed)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the November 1, 2024 agenda, as presented.

CARRIED

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

(i) October 4, 2024 (Item 4.1)

(P. Lesser/ Marjorie Wahlman)

Under Item 10 (10.2 (d) Elder Abuse Working Group), A. Alshaikhahmed stated that the new Hamilton Elder Abuse Network “will be” rather “has been” established.

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the October 4, 2024 minutes, as amended.

CARRIED

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEM 10)

(M. Wahlman/ S. Boblin)

That the following discussion item be received:

(i) Working Groups (Item 10.1)

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

M. Toth asked members if they viewed the University of Waterloo video about the Future Cities Initiative. M. Toth indicated that this initiative is not just about housing, but more about building communities. M. Toth asked if the Seniors Advisory Committee should present this initiative to City Council. L. Maychak suggested that first steps would be to invite City staff from the Housing Services Division and Housing Secretariat to an upcoming Seniors Advisory Committee meeting to discuss.

M. Toth indicated that she spoke with Chad Collins, local Member of Federal Government about crown lands and if any are opening up in Hamilton. Chad Collins indicated that there is a housing project for the homeless with mental health issues that is being led by Indwell Homes. Chad Collins also indicated that there are some issues between the Federal Government and Ontario regarding funding for housing,

therefore if the province doesn't cooperate then the federal government will be directing funds to municipalities.

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

A. Huang shared his screen to present a toolkit the Communications Working Group developed for community organizations and groups titled, "A Guide to Communicating with Seniors". The toolkit is still a work in progress.

L. Maychak indicated that the Seniors Advisory Committee's Citizen Committee Report regarding the Opinion-Editorial (Op-Ed) for the Hamilton Spectator will be on the agenda at the November 7, 2024 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting.

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

S. Boblin indicated that the Getting Around Working Group met on October 19, 2024 and reviewed work completed by this working group in the past. It was decided that future work would focus on Hamilton's Age Friendly Plan and the City's Vision Zero.

CARRIED

(ii) Working Committees (Item 10.2)

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

There are no updates about this event.

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

There are no updates about this event.

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

L. Maychak stated the event was celebrated on October 15, 2024 with over 300 attendees and 19 nominees. The 2024 Senior of the Year was awarded to Mary Tice. Next year will be the 30th anniversary of the 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))

L. Maychak indicated that the 2024 Age-Friendly Community Progress survey is currently being developed and will be launched in December of this year.

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

There are no updates for this committee.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT (ITEM 15)

(M. Wahlman/ D. Broom)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 11:58 am.

CARRIED