



Hamilton

Seniors Advisory Committee

January 3, 2025

Minutes 25-001

10:00am – 12:00pm

WebEx

In Attendance:

Penelope Petrie (Chair), Peter Lesser, Sheryl Boblin, Marian Toth, Alexander Huang, Carolann Fernandes, Barry Spinner, David Broom, Aref Alshaikhahmed, Maureen McKeating,

Also in Attendance:

Lisa Maychak, Project Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department

Absent with Regrets:

Councillor Esther Pauls, Ward 7; Councillor Tom Jackson, Ward 6; Ann Elliot, Marjorie Wahlman, Noor Nizam

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (ITEM 1)

(i) Land Acknowledgement

M. McKeating read the Land Acknowledgement. S. Boblin to read the Land Acknowledgement at the next meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (ITEM 2)

The Chair advised of the following changes to the agenda:

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Resignation of Seniors Advisory Committee Member A. Elliot

(A. Huang/ K. Jain)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the January 3, 2025 agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

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

(i) December 6, 2024 (Item 4.1)

(D. Broom/ S. Boblin)

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

CARRIED

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEM 10)

(S. Boblin/ A. Huang)

That the following discussion items be received:

(i) Working Groups (Item 10.1)

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

M. Toth indicated that this working group met on December 12, 2024 and reviewed the creation of a postcard with a QR code that will link to the new Housing Guide for Older Adults in Hamilton. The postcard will be disseminated to seniors' centres, libraries, and at community engagement events. Who will cover the printing expense for the postcard is still to be determined.

M. Toth stated that the Housing Working Group will partner with the Hamilton Council on Aging and Jeanne Mayo this Spring to facilitate workshops to older adults by using the new Housing Guide for Older Adults in Hamilton as the main resource.

M. Toth asked Seniors Advisory Committee members if the committee should move forward with approaching City Council about the University of Waterloo's "Future Cities Initiative". M. Toth agreed to do more research about this initiative prior to bringing it to City Council.

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

A. Huang indicated that this working group met January 2, 2025 to discuss several items. A. Huang stated that D. Broom did hear back from Member of Provincial Parliament Sandy Shaw's office regarding a letter to the province requesting a public inquiry into the deaths of residents living in long-term care homes during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sandy Shaw's office indicated that they were working on the letter.

A. Huang indicated that guests will be attending their next working group meeting to discuss an awareness campaign about information resources like 211, 811, and the Red Book.

A. Huang also indicated that the Communications Toolkit designed for community organizations and City staff who communicate with older adults has been revised and now easier to navigate. L. Maychak to share the revised toolkit with Seniors Advisory Committee members. L. Maychak indicated that this toolkit will have to be approved by City Council prior to disseminating broadly.

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

S. Boblin indicated that the Getting Around Working Group has no updates to report. S. Boblin indicated that she read a Hamilton Spectator article regarding snow removal and who to contact if a sidewalk is not cleared. S. Boblin will share the article with L. Maychak to share with all Seniors Advisory Committee members.

(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))

There are no updates about this event.

(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))

P. Petrie indicated that at the December 10, 2024 Age-Friendly Collaborative Committee meeting the committee honoured Dr. Margaret Denton for bringing the Age-Friendly initiative to Hamilton.

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

There are no updates for this committee.

(g) Elder Abuse Prevention Network (Item 10.2(g))

L. Maychak indicated that this network will be established in 2025 with the Good Shepherd responsible for the administrative functions.

CARRIED

5. GENERAL INFORMATION/ OTHER BUSINESS (ITEM 13)

(i) Resignation of Seniors Advisory Committee Member A. Elliot (Item 13.1)

(C. Fernandes/ A. Huang)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee regrettfully accepts the resignation of A. Elliot as a member of the Seniors Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

(ii) New Vice-Chair for the Seniors Advisory Committee (Item 13.2)

(C. Fernandes/ S. Boblin)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves member D. Broom as the new Vice-Chair for the Seniors Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

(iii) New Representative for the Age-Friendly Collaborative Committee (Item 13.3)

(C.Fernandes/ S. Boblin)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves member P. Lesser as the new representative for the Age-Friendly Collaborative Committee.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT (ITEM 15)

(A. Huang/ S. Boblin)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 11:13 am.

CARRIED