



Hamilton

**Seniors Advisory Committee
March 7, 2025
Minutes 25-003 10:00am – 12:00pm
WebEx**

In Attendance:

Penelope Petrie (Chair), Aref Alshaikhahmed, Sheryl Boblin, David Broom, Carolann Fernandes, Alexander Huang, Kamal Jain, Peter Lesser, Barry Spinner, Marian Toth, Marjorie Wahlman

Absent with Regrets:

Maureen McKeating, Councillor Tom Jackson, Councillor Esther Pauls

Also in Attendance:

Holly Odoardi, Senior Administrator – Lodges, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Carol Faulkner, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Alicia Vieira, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities Department
Tamara Bates, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Petrie called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

(i) Land Acknowledgement

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(M. Wahlman/P. Lesser)

That the agenda for the March 7, 2025 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Lesser/ Wahlman)

That the minutes of the February 7, 2025 meeting, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Advisory Committee Review Update

Rebecca Banky, Senior Project Manager, Community Inclusion and Equity, provided information and responded to questions respecting the Advisory Committee Review Update and the move to Citizen Liaison Groups.

(A. Alshaikhahmed/S. Boblin)

That the information provided by Rebecca Banky, Senior Project Manager, Community Inclusion and Equity respecting the Advisory Committee Review Update, be received.

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 Working Groups

8.1(a) Housing Working Group

M. Toth indicated that at the last Housing Working Group meeting, on February 13, 2025, the Working Group discussed workshops on the Housing Guide for Older Adults in Hamilton across the city for the year. The workshops will be carried out in collaboration with the

Hamilton Council on Aging and the United Way.

The Working Group participated in a MacChangers event at McMaster University, through a presentation respecting Aging in Place, which was well received.

It was suggested that staff from the Planning Department or the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be invited to attend a future Seniors Advisory Committee, to discuss the Future Cities Initiative, about housing and community development and the tools available to make planning activities easier.

8.1(b) Communications Working Group

A. Huang stated that at the last meeting of the Communications Working Group, on March 6, 2025. The Working Group discussed lessons learned through the recent COVID pandemic with an eye to ensuring that the same mistakes are not repeated.

The Working Group discussed the status of the City's compliance with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* in terms of ensuring that public meetings are accessible for persons with hearing impairment.

8.1(c) Getting Around Working Group

S. Boblin shared a chart summarizing common issues seniors may need information on, such as sidewalk snow clearing, streetlights and signs in need of repair and other things. The chart includes details on who to contact at City Hall and links to relevant information on the City of Hamilton's website that address the issue. The intention is to prepare an information package to send to seniors in the city.

8.2 Working Committee Updates

8.2(a) International Day of Older Persons

There were no updates.

8.2(b) Seniors Kick-off Event

There were no updates.

8.2(c) Senior of the Year Awards

There were no updates.

8.2(d) Ontario Health Coalition

There were no updates.

8.2(e) Age-Friendly

P. Lesser indicated that the Governance Committee met in January and noted that he will bring a more fulsome report back to the next meeting.

8.2(f) Extreme Heat Committee

P. Lesser reported that the Extreme Heat Committee may no longer be needed. A motion was brought forward to Council, but the matter has been deferred to a later date.

8.2(g) Elder Abuse Prevention Network

There were no updates.

8.2(h) Seniors at Risk Community Collaborative

There were no updates.

(P. Lesser/M. Wahlman)

That the following Items for Consideration, be received:

- (a) Working Groups (Item 8.1)
 - (i) Housing Working Group (Item 8.1(a))
 - (ii) Communications Working Group (Item 8.1(b))
 - (iii) Getting Around Working Group (Item 8.1(c))
- (b) Working Committee Updates (Item 8.2)
 - (i) Age-Friendly (Item 8.2(e))
 - (ii) Extreme Heat Committee (Item 8.2(f))

CARRIED

9. MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

There were no Items of General Information or Other Business.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Seniors Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:49 a.m.