

Seniors Advisory Committee

Meeting held August 13, 2019

A meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee is held this day commencing at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 202, 350 City Hall Square West, there being present the following members:

Councillor Jim Morrison, Chair
Mohammed Baki
Brian Cyncora
Sungee John
Marla Howard
Edward King

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Sandra Bradt, Executive Initiatives Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 4:00 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Declaration of Conflict

None disclosed.

Addition to the Agenda

Moved by S. John, seconded by E. King,
That Rule 3.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law 98-2011 be waived to add the following addition to the Agenda:

4.4 Letter from Cathy Bellis, Hospice of Windsor & Essex County

Carried.

3. Minutes

Moved by E. King, seconded by S. John,
That the minutes of the meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee of its meeting held June 18, 2019 **BE ADOPTED** as presented
Carried.

4.4 Letter from Cathy Bellis, Hospice of Windsor & Essex County

A letter from Cathy Bellis, Administrator/Volunteer Coordinator, Hospice of Windsor and Essex County is distributed and **attached** as Appendix "A". She advises that as of August 31, 2019, Hospice of Windsor will no longer be providing transportation to medical appointments due to a lack of funding and a critical volunteer driver shortage.

B. Cyncora indicates the discontinuation of the transportation service by Hospice to the community is a significant loss and adds a gap has been created. He suggests inviting the Executive Director of Transit Windsor or representative to the next meeting to discuss transit services for seniors.

S. Bradt states Transit Windsor has a seniors rate and there are special routes that transport riders from several seniors' buildings to shopping.

S. John reports that Hospice has volunteers that transport people to their cancer treatments.

Moved by B. Cyncora, seconded by M. Howard,
That the letter from Cathy Bellis, Hospice of Windsor and Essex County regarding the discontinuation of the service to transport people to medical appointments due to a lack of funding and volunteer drivers **BE RECEIVED**, and further, that the Executive Director of Transit Windsor or representative **BE INVITED** to attend a future meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee to discuss transit services for seniors.
Carried.

4.2 Age Friendly Network- Update

S. Bradt provides an update relating to the Age Friendly Network as follows;

- The Age Friendly process was initiated as a 5 year cycle with a survey done in the community according to the eight domains that the community would like to see accomplished. An Action Plan along with a Final Report were completed.
- Of the approximate 60 plus recommendations, most were actioned but not necessarily completed. Some recommendations came under the purview of the city and some under the purview of community agencies. For example, there was

a recommendation to increase the number of curb cuts on sidewalks to facilitate travel when using an assistive device and at this time are near completion of 100% of the sidewalks.

- The previous SAC Committee was interested in completing another five year cycle. The World Health Organization (WHO) has confirmed to maintain the Age Friendly membership which was granted in 2012, one best practice must be provided annually.
- The best practice can come from a community organization, from the city, or from an individual. For example, adding park benches, installing WIFI capability in a park, or the new transit planning system that may have some routing changes that are more senior friendly would qualify as a best practice.
- The concern is the effort to undertake another five year planning cycle with all of the community consultation, the writing of another report (which is a massive undertaking) with no apparent person or entity prepared to do this work.
- It is suggested to look at a project that is age friendly – to identify something that is happening in the community and then report this to the WHO for the years 2018 and 2019.

B. Cyncora expresses concern that there is no city administrative person appointed to deal with seniors' issues. The Chair states that City Council is advised of seniors' issues.

S. Bradt indicates she will report back with best practices for consideration by the WHO at the next meeting.

The Chair notes consideration could be given to the new bus shelters recently installed as a best practice.

Moved by M. Baki, seconded by E. King,

That suggestions for best practices to submit to the World Health Organization to maintain the City of Windsor's Age Friendly status **BE PROVIDED** by the members and administration for the next meeting of SAC.

Carried.

Moved by E. King, seconded by S. John,

That the update provided by S. Bradt that chronicles the history of the Age Friendly Network **BE RECEIVED**

Carried.

4.1 SAC Goals & Priorities

S. John suggests SAC have a presence at the upcoming Ward Meetings. She adds in the past SAC attended seven of the ten ward meetings (subject to permission by the Ward Councillors).

Moved by S. John, seconded by E. King,
That SAC **BE REQUESTED** to attend the upcoming Ward Meetings subject to permission by the respective Ward Councillors.
Carried.

B. Cyncora provides a document previously provided to the SAC Committee at its meeting held September 8, 2017 entitled "Senior's Advisory Committee Strategic Communication/Reporting Plan", **attached** as Appendix "B".

M. Baki leaves the meeting at 5:12 o'clock p.m.

S. Bradt advises a corporate survey through the Communications Department could be undertaken to glean information from the community relating to senior's issues. She adds generally ten questions are advisable for the survey. The Chair notes the survey could also be sent to agencies/organizations throughout the city.

S. John proposes the survey be available in the top six languages.

4.3 SAC Brochures – Update

S. John reports the brochures will be completed and available by the month's end.

5. New Business

The Chair states SAC along with CARP will hold a flag raising on October 1, 2019 at City Hall for the United Nations International Day of Elder Persons and National Seniors Day. The Chair indicates he will contact Larry Duffield, former member of SAC regarding event details.

S. Bradt provides an update relating to the Council on Aging Calendar. She reports 500 copies of the calendar are distributed through Windsor and Essex County, i.e. Belle River, Amherstburg, Leamington, community centres, agencies, health care workers and at the WFCU Seniors Fair.

Moved by B. Cyncora, seconded by M. Howard,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$500. to place a SAC ad in the 2020 Council on Aging Calendar.
Carried.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 201, 350 City Hall Square West.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 5:40 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR