

Windsor, Ontario December 2, 2015

A meeting of the **Seniors Advisory Committee** is held this day commencing at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in Room 409, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Sally Bennett Olczak, Chairperson
Councillor Ed Sleiman
Karen Demers
Larry Duffield
Alex Gyemi
Joyce Nixon
Celia Southward
Sonya Vani
Jeannette Ware-Mikhael
Richard Woodall

Guest in attendance:

Nicole Deschamps, Student, University of Windsor

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Scott Bisson, Community Development Coordinator
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 10:00 o'clock a.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

The Chairperson welcomes Sonya Vani, new member of SAC, Scott Bisson, Community Development Coordinator, Recreation and Culture and Nicole Deschamps, University of Windsor student.

The Chairperson advises she met individually with members of the Seniors Advisory Committee and notes the members expressed that SAC should be a voice for the community.

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

None disclosed.

3. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by J. Ware-Mikhael,

That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee of its meeting held September 2, 2015 **BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED** to reflect that C. Southward and J. Ware-Mikhael are

Co-Chairs of the Age Friendly Windsor Project Subcommittee.

Carried.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 2016 United Nations Day of the Elder Person

The following comments are provided relating to the 2016 United Nations Day of the Elder Persons:

- The organizing committee is comprised of several seniors' organizations, i.e. SAC, CARP, Life After Fifty, Local Retiree union groups.
- The UN Day of the Elder Persons has been adopted as National Seniors Day.
- The 2015 event was held in City Hall Square and a set-up fee of \$365 was charged to the organizers.
- Request for Mayor Dilkens to issue a Proclamation for this event and for SAC to act as lead for the set-up of the event.
- Suggestion for SAC to actively participate in concert with the organizing committee as a catalyst and advocate.
- Suggestion to change the venue to the WFCU Centre
- Historically, the event has been held at City Hall Square and rental of All Saints Church was procured as a default in the event of inclement weather.
- It is generally agreed the event to be non-partisan and inclusive.

Moved by L. Duffield, seconded by R. Woodall,

In commemoration of the UN International Day of Elder Persons and National Seniors Day to be held on October 1, 2016, the Seniors Advisory Committee requests the following:

- That Mayor Dilkens **BE REQUESTED** to issue a proclamation for the UN International Day of Elder Persons and National Seniors Day; and
- That the Seniors Advisory Committee **BE REQUESTED** to submit an application for facility rental of an area located in City Hall Square for the October 1, 2016 event, and

- That facility rental fees for the set-up of the event **BE WAIVED**, and failing that, that **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$500 (from the SAC 2016 Operating Budget) for costs associated with the event.
Carried.

4.2 Lower the Currently Identified Age of 65 Years for a Senior within the Corporation of the City of Windsor

S. Bisson advises the Corporation has established the age of 60 years "for a senior" as it relates to the Transit Windsor and the Recreation and Culture Departments. The report of the Coordinator of Community Development regarding this matter is distributed and ***attached*** as Appendix "A".

C. Southward indicates many agencies recognize a senior as one this is 55 years of age.

4.3 SAC Planning Calendar

The Chair thanks C. Southward, J. Ware-Mikhael and L. Duffield for their assistance in providing the content for the Event Planning Calendar.

4.4 The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

Discussion ensues regarding the nomination of several SAC (past and present members) for an Ontario Volunteer Service Award. As the deadline for the nomination is January 30, 2016, it is generally agreed to defer the nomination to a future call for the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

4.5 SAC Annual Report

The Chairperson along with the assistance of C. Southward will provide the SAC 2015 Annual Report.

4.6 SAC Annual Budget 2016

J. Ware-Mikhael agrees to update the SAC Pamphlet (available in seven languages).

4.7 Report on the City of Windsor 20-Year Strategic Vision Process

The Chairperson leaves the meeting at 11:31 o'clock a.m. and L. Duffield assumes the Chair.

Councillor Sleiman advises the City of Windsor 20-Year Strategic Vision will provide an overall view of what the public wants to see in their community, i.e. infrastructure improvements and employment opportunities.

The Chairperson returns to the meeting at 11:34 o'clock a.m. and assumes the Chair.

The Chairperson urges SAC members to complete the City of Windsor 20-Year Strategic Vision Survey in order to voice their interests.

4.8 Consideration of Motions for the following 2016 Events/Initiatives

June Seniors Month Proclamation

It is generally agreed SAC members will complete and submit an application for the Mayor to proclaim the month of June as Seniors Month.

October 1, 2016 UN International Elders and National Seniors Day

Discussed under Item 4.1.

SAC "Info Table" participation at 206 Ward Meetings and Seniors Info Fairs

Moved by L. Duffield, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,
That the Seniors Advisory Committee **BE REQUESTED** to undertake the process to ensure SAC procures information tables at the 2016 Ward Meetings (with the expressed permission of the Ward Councillor) and at Seniors Information Fairs.
Carried.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Sub-Committee Reports

(a) **Advocacy**

No report.

(b) **Communications and Promotions**

The discussion relating to the SAC Terms and Reference and the SAC website is deferred to the February 3, 2016 meeting.

(c) **Age Friendly Windsor Project**

C. Southward and J. Ware-Mikhael, Co-Chairs indicates a point person has been appointed to address the Eight Domains established by the World Health Organization.

C. Southward states no date has been confirmed for the Age Friendly Network webinar.

6. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on February 3, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the Public Works Board Room, 1266 McDougall.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 12:05 o'clock p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

AGENDA
and Schedule "A" to the minutes of the meeting of the
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
at 10:00 a.m.
Room 409, 400 City Hall Square East

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT**
3. **MINUTES**
Adoption of the minutes of the Committee meeting held on September 2, 2015
(*attached*).
4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - 4.1 **2016 United Nations Day of the Elder Person**
 - 4.2 **Lower the currently identified age of 65 years for a Senior within the Corporation of the City of Windsor**
The Community Development Coordinator to speak to this matter.
 - 4.3 **SAC Planning Calendar**
The document entitled "SAC Planning Dates – September 2015 – June 2017" is *attached*.
 - 4.4 **The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards (ontario.ca/honoursandawards)**
Background information is *attached*.
 - 4.5 **SAC Annual Report**
SAC's 2015 Annual Report must be submitted on or before February 28, 2016.
 - 4.6 **SAC Annual Budget 2016**
City Council Budget Deliberations to be held on December 21, 2015. The 2016 SAC Operating Budget submission is *attached*.
 - 4.7 **Report on the City of Windsor 20-Year Strategic Vision Process and Feedback on Seniors Consultations to Date and Engagement Going Forward**
The 20-Year Strategic Plan – Draft for Consultation is *attached*.

Discussion regarding the timing process to respond to Council's request for input.
 - 4.8 **Consideration of Motions for the following 2016 Events/Initiatives:**
 - June Seniors Month Proclamation
 - October 1 UN International Elders and National Seniors Day Proclamation
 - SAC "info table" participation in 2016 Ward Meetings and Seniors Info Fairs

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(b) Communications and Promotions

(c) Age Friendly Windsor Project

AFW Action Plan 2014-2017 Status Report

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2016:

February 3, 2016

May 4, 2016

September 7, 2016

December 7, 2016

7. ADJOURNMENT

Seniors Advisory Committee
Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Report from the Coordinator of Community Development

Item 4.2 – Lower the currently identified age of 65 years for a Senior within the Corporation of the City of Windsor

As requested, the Coordinator of Community Development conducted research on item 4.2 regarding the possibility of lowering the currently identified age of 65 years for a senior within the Corporation of the City of Windsor.

After review, it was found that the current identified age for a Senior in both the Recreation and Culture Department and Transit Windsor was already lower than 65 years of age and had been established at 60 years of age.

It was further found that persons who are 60 years of age or older are eligible to receive a 10% discount off program registrations with the Department of Recreation and Culture. However, this discount was not applicable to rentals, daily fees, swim/fitness memberships, material fees, trips and family fee plans. Similarly, Transit Windsor discounts are available to Seniors on both monthly bus passes and the purchase of a sheet of 5 tickets. In the case of monthly passes, senior customers are charged a rate of \$44.00 per month, which is a reduction of \$43.00 (49.4%) off the regular adult monthly pass (\$87.00). Seniors also are provided with a reduced rate of \$9.00 for a sheet of 5 tickets, which is a reduction of \$2.50 (21.7%) off the regular adult rate (\$11.50). It should be noted that the one-way cash fare of \$2.75 and the day pass of \$8.25 are consistent for all riders and that there are no established discounts for Seniors for those fares.

Scott Bisson
Coordinator of Community Development
Department of Recreation and Culture
The Corporation of the City of Windsor