

Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee held September 8, 2017

A meeting of the **Seniors Advisory Committee** is held this day commencing at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Sally Bennett Olczak, Chair
Larry Duffield, Vice Chair
Councillor Ed Sleiman
Brian Cyncora
Sungee John
Sonya Vani

Regrets received from:

Karen Demers
Celia Southward

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Sandra Bradt, Executive Initiatives Coordinator
Greg Rusk, Supervisor, Community Programming
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:31 o'clock a.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.

3. Minutes

Moved by B. Cyncora, seconded by L. Duffield,
That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee of its meeting held May 2, 2017 and August 9, 2017 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Business Items

4.1 Age-Friendly Windsor Final Report

The Chair advises SAC as a member of the World Health Organization is mandated to provide at least one best practice to the WHO in 2018.

4.2 Financial Summary

The Financial Summary Variance Report for the period ending August 31, 2017 is distributed and received for information. The balance of the account is \$2,400.35.

4.3 Seniors Summit – November 3, 2017

L. Duffield provides the following relating to the Seniors Summit event:

- The Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) was successful in receiving the Ontario Seniors Secretariat Grant
- CARP will be the lead in hosting the Seniors Summit to be held on November 3, 2017 at Collavino Hall, WFCU Centre.
- A working group of SAC members which includes C. Southward, L. Duffield, S. Vani and S. John will also assist with the event.
- An invitation has been extended for Mayor Dilkens to provide words of welcome.
- Dr. John Lewis, Research Institute for Aging, Theme Leader, and Age Friendly Physical Environments will also be a special speaker.
- The Summit will provide a way forward for SAC. It will bring the County into the family of Age-Friendly. Suggestion for all 7 municipalities to be represented at the Summit.

A letter of invitation from CARP was sent to Minister Dipika Damerla, Ministry of Seniors Affairs requesting the Minister address the participants at the Seniors Summit on the status of the Ministry and that of seniors in Ontario, **attached** as Appendix "A".

A Save the Date Flyer regarding the Windsor Age Friendly Community Seniors Summit is **attached** as Appendix "B".

Moved by L. Duffield, seconded by S. Vani,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,500 for costs associated with the Seniors Summit to be held on November 3, 2017 at Collavino Hall, WFCU Centre and for the production of hard copies/memory sticks of the Age-Friendly Windsor Final Report 2014-2017.

Carried.

4.4 Events Calendar

The SAC Planning Dates September 2017 – June 2019 Events Calendar is distributed and **attached** as Appendix “C”.

The Chair indicates B. Cyncora will oversee the Events Calendar and will provide updates.

B. Cyncora acknowledges the work undertaken by C. Southward and suggests adding the dates to the Calendar for inclusion of the SAC ad in the Activity Guide.

S. John notes the Ontario Trillium Grant Foundation has changed their grant deadlines to only once a year.

S. Brant states if there is a program of interest to SAC, she will research this grant program and will report back to SAC.

3.4 SAC Website

The following comments are provided relating to the SAC website:

- The site was never managed well and an honorarium was provided to a student for several years. The domain eventually lapsed and the domain www.windsorseniors.com was lost.
- The website is important as it maintains an arms length with the city and age friendly addresses a number of activities that are not solely the responsibility of the city. It also speaks to the implementation of the Action Plan noted in the Age Friendly Windsor report.
- Will speak to the Age Friendly Windsor Network to request if they will assist in adding to the content on the website.
- Will contact the I.T. Department to purchase the URL www.windsorseniors.ca but will direct it to the city’s website.
- The Age Friendly report and partner links will be added to the SAC pages at www.citywindsor.ca

Moved by L. Duffield, seconded by S. John,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$140 for the purchase of the URL www.windsorseniors.ca by the Information Technology Department that will be directed to the City’s website.

Carried.

5. Communication

5.1 SmartSAVER – Canada Learning Bond

The Canada Learning Bond is a vital kick-start to an RESP that can spark families to build up their children's education savings.

L. Duffield advises this initiative was recently presented by Adam Vasey, Downtown Mission before the Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee and notes this may be of interest to grandparents.

6. Reports

6.1 Sub-Committee Reports

(a) Age Friendly Network

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 4.1.

(b) Communications and Promotions/Advocacy

L. Duffield suggests the Ward Meetings be added to the Events Calendar.

L. Duffield states the International Day of Elders and National Seniors Day will be recognized as an intergenerational event on September 29, 2017 at City Hall.

7. New Business

None.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 11:30 o'clock a.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR