

## PELHAM SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES 17-09

4:00 PM

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Council Chambers

Town of Pelham

20 Pelham Town Square

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**Present:**

Gail Hilyer, Chair  
 Sharon Cook, Vice-Chair (JAAC)  
 Councillor Peter Papp (ex-officio)  
 Robert Hildebrandt (FMA)  
 Del Leney  
 Gwen MacDougall (Lib Board)  
 Sue Kicul (FMA)  
 Liisa Harju (Arts)  
 Tessa Piccolo (MYAC) – left 5:09 pm

**Absent with  
 Regrets:**

Mackenna Belding (MYAC) – Secondary Rep  
 Debbie Rollo

**Also Present:**

Judy Sheppard, Deputy Clerk  
 Vicki vanRavenswaay, Director of Recreation, Culture & Wellness  
 Bea Clark, Facilitator  
 Beth Dal Bianco, Age-friendly Data Collection Project

### FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

**(a) DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER (Item 1)**

The Chair, Gail Hilyer, declared quorum and welcomed everyone including Vickie vanRavenswaay, Director of Recreation, Wellness and Culture, Bea Clark, Facilitator and Beth Dal Bianco, Age-Friendly Data Collection.

**(b) ADOPTION OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

**(Cook/Hildebrandt)**

**THAT the agenda for the January 10, 2018 Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be approved with the following amendment:**

**Add: Item 9.1 - Letter from Town Clerk regarding PSAC – Request to Retain Land.**

**CARRIED**

**(c) DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF (Item 3)**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests from any of the members present.

**(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

**December 6, 2017 (Item 4.1)**

**(Kicul/Leney)**

**THAT the Minutes of the December 6, 2017 Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be approved, as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)****(i) Grants - Vickie vanRavenswaay, Director of Recreation, Wellness and Culture – (Item 5.1)**

Vickie vanRavenswaay made a presentation to the Committee regarding applying to government for grants to fund seniors activities. Ms. VanRavenswaay's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Communication process between PSAC and the Recreation Department, going forward
- Update on three grants that her department have applied for respecting seniors activities which are:
  - 1. Seniors Community Grant Program 2017 - \$12,000 (1 year)
  - 2. Senior Active Living Centres Program - \$42,700 (1 year)
  - 3. Ontario Sport & Recreations Community - \$96,964 Program Funding (2 years)
- Recreation Department have also applied for funding to hire a Seniors Active Living Programmer (the funding for a part-time Senior Activities Programmer is included in each of the three grants)
- Will be applying for funding for Transportation - making transportation available to seniors who wish to attend senior activities, workshops, etc. (free transportation is included in each of the three grants).

**(ii) PSAC's Goals and Initiatives, 2018, Final Report – Bea Clark, Facilitator (Item 5.2)**

Ms. Bea Clark, facilitated the Committee's Goals and Initiatives for 2018 at a committee meeting in December 2017. Ms. Clark presented her final draft of the Goals and Initiatives for 2018 to the Committee. Ms. Clark's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Members reviewed the 2017 goals, priorities and initiatives and were asked to identify the top 3 areas where progress is being made and the top 3 areas where there is still more to do
- Members were asked to identify the forces, beyond their control, that will impact their efforts in 2018;
- Four Goals were identified, which were:
  - Be an Advocacy Group for Seniors
  - Increase Communication of Seniors Programs and Services
  - Research and information Sharing
  - Create a Link and Bridge the Gap between Seniors and other groups

**(iii) Data Collector/Analyst Consultant, Beth Dal Bianco – Update (Item 5.3)**

Ms. Beth Dal Bianco, Data Collector/Analyst Consultant is tasked with connecting with community partners in the Niagara Region to gather existing data and research as it relates to age-friendly communities. That collected data will then be reviewed, prioritized in key themes and formulated into a final report which will be presented to PSAC.

Ms. Dal Bianco made a presentation to the Committee regarding an update on her findings to date. Ms. Dal Bianco's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Introduction of herself to the Committee
- Quotes from various writers regarding happier communities

The Committee asked Ms. Dal Bianco for her update on what data the Regional Municipalities have regarding seniors activities; how do other municipalities communicate with their senior residents. Ms. Dal Bianco was asked to provide this information to the Deputy Clerk within the next two weeks which will be forwarded on to the members for information.

**(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**

None

**(g) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (Item 7)**

**a. New Horizons for Seniors Project (Item 7.1)**

This item was deferred to the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Committee meeting.

**b. Conversation Café - Discussion (Item 7.2)**

Following extensive discussion on the concern for a lack of community involvement regarding the conversation cafés, this item was deferred to the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Committee meeting.

**c. 2018 Goals and Initiatives (Item 7.3)**

The Committee agreed with the 2018 Goals and Initiatives as presented by the Facilitator, Bea Clark. Staff will present a format for the Goals and Initiatives to be used for public display/circulation at the next committee meeting.

**(Cook/Kicul)**

**THAT the 2018 Goals and Initiatives for the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**(h) COMMITTEE REPORTS (Item 8)**

**a. Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (Item 8.1)**

Ms. Cook provided a verbal update to the committee which included, but was not limited to the following:

- JAAC will be offering an award to businesses in the community for the most Universal Design Accessibility

**b. Pelham Active Transportation Committee (Item 8.2)**

Ms. Clark provided a verbal update to the committee which included, but was not limited to the following:

- Ideas to corporate cycling activities
- Traffic calming – neighbours are identifying issues with traffic calming issues and how to do it cost effectively
- There has been funding provided for signage to a variety of trails, etc.

**(i) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMMITTEE (Item 9)**

**a. Town Clerk, PSAC Request to Retain Land (*Added Item 9.1*)**

This item was deferred to the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Committee meeting.

**(j) NEW BUSINESS (Item 11)**

**a. Order Trinkets (Bottle Openers) (Item 11.1)**

This item was deferred to the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Committee meeting.

**b. Age-Friendly Community Recognition Program (Deadline: February 2, 2018)(Item 11.2)**

This item was deferred to the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Committee meeting.

**c. Advertisement for New Member-at-large for Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee - update (Item 11.1)**

There is a vacancy for a member from the Community to join the Committee and an advertisement was placed on the Town's website in early December 2017. However, to date, no applications have been received.

**(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)**

**(Kicul/Hildebrandt)**

**THAT the meeting of the Pelham Seniors' Advisory Committee, January 10, 2018, be adjourned at 5:30 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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**Chair: Gail Hilyer**

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**Deputy Clerk: Judy Sheppard**