

Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee

MINUTES

September 3, 2014 @ 4:00pm

Attendance

Judy Reid, Joe Bouchard, Bob Hildebrandt, David Swan, Anne Robbins, Susan Buckingham, Councillor Peter Papp, Martha Toscher, Del Leney. Guest: Lisa Harju Regrets: Gail Hilyer, Sharon Cook, Ed Minchin. Absent: Malenie Lachnit, Kate Irwin.

Call to Order

Chairperson Judy Reid called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in Michlette Committee Room at Town Hall.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Bob Hildebrandt Seconded by: David Swan *That the Agenda be approved as submitted.* CARRIED.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Nil.

Minutes to be Approved:

Moved by: Bob Hildebrandt Seconded by: Joe Bouchard *That the Minutes of May 29th, 2014 (Special Meeting) and June 4th, 2014 be approved as submitted.* CARRIED.

Moved by: Susan Buckingham Seconded by: Del Leney *That the Task Group Meeting Notes of June 10th, 2014; June 16th, 2014; June 19th, 2014 and August 13th, 2014 be received.* CARRIED.

Business Arising:

PSAC Presentation to Town Council that took place on June 16th, 2014 was very well received, with the approval of \$3,000 to be used as seed money for start up costs.

Seniors Community Grant Program – Judy informed PSAC, much to the disappointment of the task group, were not approved for a grant of \$2,500. Judy will follow up to find out what went wrong with the application and what should have been done differently. Susan Buckingham suggested "New Horizons". Susan and Del to look at a grant proposal as there is a timeline with goals for further funding. Peter will go back to Council and ask to have the

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\$3,000 increased to \$5,000 to help with financing PSAC. Peter will also approach Doug Rapelje on how they establish funding for the Welland Advisory Committee.

Seniors Forum – Joe, Judy and Gail have put together a venue for a Seniors Forum to be held at the Legion on November 5th, 2014. To provide lunch for the seniors at a cost of \$7.50 per person. Peter was to contact Gord Hume as our keynote speaker for the forum and negotiate a price. Martha has prepared a flyer awaiting confirmation of details.

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New Business:

Niagara Aging Strategy and Action Plan – Community Forum to be held at the Welland Community Wellness Complex – September 11th, 2014; 9:00am to 3:30pm

Joe Bouchard advised that anyone can sign up for all services (including Seniors) provided by the Library.

Age Friendly Business Booklet – It was discussed why the booklet was prepared by the Welland-Pelham Chamber of Commerce that we had not received one or knew how many businesses were listed that were from Pelham. Joe had contacted Dolores Fabiano with regards to the booklet but had not received a reply. Peter is the Town's contact with the Chamber and will look into the matter.

Niagara Seniors data collection in 2011 had 21% of the population as seniors.

PSAC Pamphlet review was deferred from the Agenda to the next meeting due to time constraints.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 1st, 2014 – 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Moved by: Susan Buckingham Seconded by: Joe Bouchard *That the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee do now adjourn.* CARRIED.

Minutes prepared by Del Leney.