

**SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

SAC/2015

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, October 14, 2015**Town of Pelham Municipal Building, Council Chambers, Fonthill**

Attendance: Gail Hilyer, Chair Lisa Coxon, Member
Sharon Cook, Vice-Chair Del Leney, Member
Robert Hildebrandt, Member Sue Kicul, Member
Gwen MacDougall, Member

Regrets: Councillor Peter Papp

Staff: Judy Sheppard, Acting Deputy Clerk
Martha Toscher, Executive Assistant to the CAO/ Mayor

Other:

1. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order

Gail Hilyer, Chair, declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Ms. Hilyer introduced Mrs. Sheppard who is now the staff member to clerk the committee meetings while Mrs. Toscher moves on to attend to other duties as assigned. Ms. Hilyer also introduced a new member to the committee, Sue Kicul who represents Pelham Cares.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Robert Hildebrandt

Seconded by: Del Leney

THAT the agenda for the October 14, 2015 meeting be adopted as amended by adding:

4. Presentation – Saskia Holditch, Fire Department

7.2 Chair's Report

7.3 Canada Day Representative – Pelham Seniors' Advisory Committee

8.2 Tantramar Seniors' College.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest noted by any of the members present.

4. Approval of Minutes

- Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes – September 2, 2015

Moved by: Sharon Cook

Seconded by: Sue Kicul

THAT the minutes for the Pelham Seniors' Advisory Committee minutes, September 2, 2015 is hereby approved as presented.

Carried

5. Presentation: Saskia Holditch, Fire Safety Outreach for Seniors

The Chair welcomed Ms. Holditch to speak about fire safety outreach for seniors and Ms. Holditch provided the following:

- Emphasized the importance of public education for seniors regarding safety; asked the committee members' help in reaching out to seniors who find themselves in crisis situations to ensure they are in a safe living environment;
- Through the Fire Department, how can this communication/outreach tool be improved;
 - To date, the Fire Department has approached seniors' building apartments with a presentation on fire safety; held a booth at Health & Fire Prevention Week; held a booth at the Home Show;
- Ideas were offered by the committee members such as:
 - Develop a brochure on what seniors need to know about safety and distribute it at prominent public locations such as the library, etc.
 - Seniors Forum – invite the policy to talk on Seniors Security; also invite Ms. Holditch to speak about Fire Safety for Seniors;

The Chair thanked Ms. Holditch for her presentation and commented that there is a strong need for education in our town concerning Seniors Safety. The committee represents a cluster of organizations and it is the members' responsibility to take information out to the constituents; which then becomes an agenda item for report.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 Advisory Committee Brochure

A representative from the Mayor's Youth Committee along with Ms. MacDougall have been working on the Committee Brochure; the brochure will be forwarded to the November 4th meeting for report.

6.2 Membership

It was advised that a new member is being recommended to Council for approval at their October 19, 2015 meeting.

6.3 Seniors Forum III

Agenda items 6.3 and 6.4 were discussed simultaneously.

- Discussion of construction of Seniors Groups;
- Try to gain information from seniors they would like to have;
- Bob and Del attended the Seniors Health & Lifestyle Fair, October 6, 2015
 - they used a questionnaire, the Town's Development Plan; Transit Plan;
 - transit was biggest issue – getting schedule out there seems to be a challenge;
 - a list of concerns were provided to Councillor Papp which he would communicate to the Director of Recreation, Culture & Wellness;
 - there seems to be a need for improved communications for seniors' outreach;
 - there seems to be a significant number of seniors living in our community who find themselves living in distress;

The Chair commented that when we lesson to those needs, what are we to do with that information; and she suggested, given the winter is coming, there is an immediate need for safety and security therefore, suggested the committee organize a forum for November 25, 2015 at the Legion with food which may include:

- A Police Officer to address safety concerns;
 - Ms. Cook volunteered to approach an officer to speak at the forum;
- Have several different topics pertinent to seniors' needs;
- Volunteers to organize the November Forum are:
 - Ms. Cook – Chair of Group
 - Ms. Leney – book Legion and order food;
 - Ms. Coxon – financial contacts
 - Mr. Hildebrandt
- Advertise in paper and town website;
- Next Committee meeting is November 4, 2015, 4:00 pm to finalize plans;

6.4 Seniors Health & Lifestyle Fair – October 6, 2015

See agenda item no. 6.3

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Proposed Community Centre

No report update provided

7.2 Chair's Report

Ms. Hilyer provided a report as follows:

- Distributed a copy of the CMA's Election Tool Kit – see attachment;
- Niagara Connect – website – see attachment;
- Health & Lifestyle Fair – no update;
- Niagara Age Friendly Leadership Council;
- Ontario Age Friendly Communication;

- The Little Black Book of SCAMS – published by Competition Bureau, Canada; will order copies for members;

8. New Business

8.1 Quarterly Report to Council

Staff will advise when the committee's quarterly report is due to Council;

8.2 Tantramar Seniors College

Ms. Cook provided a verbal report of her visit to Tantramar Seniors College as ideas for the committee's consideration – see attachment;

8.3 Canada Day Representative – Pelham Seniors' Advisory Committee

Ms. Kicul volunteered to be the representative from Pelham Seniors' Advisory Committee at the Canada Day Celebrations.

9. Adjournment/next meeting

Next Committee meeting is November 4, 2015, 4:00 pm to finalize plans for the November 25th Forum.

Moved by: Robert Hildebrant

Seconded by: Gwen MacDougall

THAT the meeting of the Pelham Seniors' Advisory Committee be adjourned at 5:29 pm until the next meeting, as called by the Chair.

Carried

Chair: Gail Hilyer

Acting Deputy Clerk: Judy Sheppard