

PELHAM SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES 17-08

4:00 PM

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Council Chambers

Town of Pelham

20 Pelham Town Square

Present:

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

**Absent with
Regrets:**

Mackenna Belding (MYAC) – Secondary Rep

Also Present:

Judy Sheppard, Deputy Clerk Mayor Augustyn
Councillor Accursi
Darren Ottaway, CAO
Bea Clark

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. IN CAMERA – PRESENTATION BY COUNCILLOR ACCURSI (Item 5.1)

Pursuant to the *Ontario Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(c) – proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

(Cook/Harju)

THAT the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee receive Councillor Accursi's presentation; and

THAT the Committee heardly endorse and support the Council of the Town of Pelham in their pursuit of affordable housing efforts, as presented In Camera; and

THAT the In Camera presentation remains confidential.

CARRIED



2. **PROVINCIAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR SENIORS ACTIVE LIVING CENTRES PROGRAM (Added Item 12.3)**

(MacDougall/Kicul)

THAT the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee recommend that the Council of the Town of Pelham pursue the opportunity, in partnership with the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee, to apply for funding to the Province of Ontario – Seniors Active Living Centres Program (funding up to \$8 million; application deadline, December 21, 2017), to establish a Seniors Active Living Centre in the Town of Pelham.

CARRIED

3. **SENIORS COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM (Added Item 12.4)**

(Cook/Leney)

THAT the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee recommend that Council approve the Committee to apply for funding to the Ministry of Seniors Affairs – Seniors Community Grant Program 2017-19, in the amount of \$100,000 (application deadline, November 30, 2017), in partnership with the Town of Pelham and other relevant affiliated Committees of Council.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

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

The Chair, Gail Hilyer, declared quorum and welcomed everyone.

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

(Cook/Hildebrandt)

THAT the agenda for the November 1st, 2017 Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

(Cook/Hildebrandt)

That the agenda be amended as follows:

- (i) Move Item #12.1 – In Camera to Item #5 – Pursuant to the *Ontario Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(c) – proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality
- (ii) Add to Correspondence Received:
 - a. Item #10.2 – New Sign - Readability
- (iii) Add to New Business:
 - a. Item #12.3 – Provincial Funding Applications for Seniors Active Living Centres Program
 - b. Item #12.4 – Seniors Community Grant Program.

CARRIED

(Cook/Hildebrandt)

THAT the agenda for the November 1st, 2017 Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be approved with the following amendment:

- (i) Move Item #12.1 - In Camera to Item #5 – Pursuant to the *Ontario Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(c) – proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality
- (ii) Add to Correspondence Received:
 - a. Item #10.2 – New Sign - Readability
- (iii) Add to New Business:
 - a. Item #12.3 – Provincial Funding Applications for Seniors Active Living Centres Program
 - b. Item #12.4 – Seniors Community Grant Program.

CARRIED

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

Councillor Papp disclosed a pecuniary interest with relation to the In Camera Item as he is associated with the potential buyer, in a professional capacity. There were no further disclosure of pecuniary interests from any of the members present.

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

October 4, 2017 (Item 4.1)

(Kicul/MacDougall)

THAT the Minutes of the October 4th, 2017 Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor Papp vacated the room, the time being 4:06 p.m., due to a pecuniary interest that was declared earlier in the meeting.

(e) IN CAMERA (5.1)

i. Presentation by Councillor Accursi (Item 5.1)

Pursuant to the *Ontario Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(c) – proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

(Cook/Leney)

THAT Committee move into Closed Session, at 4:33 p.m., respecting a presentation by Councillor Accursi, pursuant to Section 19(iii)(c) of the Town's

Procedural By-law 3427(2013), and pursuant to Section 239(2)(c) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

CARRIED

(Leney/Cook)

THAT Committee adjourn the In Camera Session and that it remain confidential;
and

THAT Committee do now rise with report.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

Councillor Papp returned to the meeting, the time being 4:22 p.m.

(f) **PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)**

None

(g) **DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

None

(h) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (Item 8)**

a. **New Horizons for Seniors Project (Item 8.1)**

A three month contract position for Older Adults Data Collector/Analyst Consultant was posted to undertake a detailed review of all Regional Age-Friendly documents in the Region and develop a format to be used for a survey of older adult residents of the Town of Pelham.

The deadline for applications was October 29, 2017. An interview team will be established and interviews will be conducted by the Town.

b. **Conversation Café – Discussion (Item 8.2)**

Deferred to the January 10th, 2019 Committee Meeting.

(i) **COMMITTEE REPORTS (Item 9)**

a. **Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (Item 9.1)**

The Town of Pelham hosted a Special Committee of the Whole meeting on October 30, 2017 to conduct a Natural Playground Workshop which involved a presentation on the advantages of building a playground using natural materials verses manmade

materials. Various samples of natural playgrounds were on display and feedback, regarding an accessible natural playground, was welcomed. Member Cook attended the workshop and she commented that she is hopeful that the Town will seriously consider a natural materials recreational area.

b. Pelham Active Transportation Committee (Item 9.2)

The member who was appointed to represent PATC (Pelham Active Transportation Committee) on the PSAC (Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee) has resigned. Bea Clark, Chair of PATC was in the gallery and the Chair permitted her to speak to provide a brief verbal report in which she advised that another member from PATAC will be appointed to PSAC.

(j) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMMITTEE (Item 10)

a. Seniors Council Meeting, November 17, 2017, 10:00 a.m., Welland (Item 10.1)

Members were invited to a Seniors Council meeting, November 17th at 10:00 am in Welland which is regarding a number of government benefits that are available to seniors. M.P., Vance Badawey will be in attendance to answer questions.

To date, three PSAC members have indicated their intent to attend.

b. New Signs – Readability (Added Item 10.2)

The Town of Pelham has erected new signs on two locations:

1. Canboro Road just of Hwy #24
2. Hwy #24 and Hwy #20.

A member expressed concern regarding the readability of the above referenced signs in the Town since the Committee is advocating for readable accessible signs for seniors.

Town staff advised that the Department of Public Works will notify the sign provider and the service clubs, and see what other options might be more accessible. The Town has just replaced the sign-backs, but not administered any replacement or review of the service club individual signs. Numerous other service clubs have been contacted about sign replacement. The Town makes every effort to ensure accessible signage requirements are adhered to on regulatory signage but the design of the actual service club logos has not been reviewed. The Town is currently working towards a resolution.

(k) CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COMMITTEE (Item 11)

There was no correspondence from the Committee.

(l) NEW BUSINESS (Item 12)

a. Resignation of Members, Lisa Coxon and John Swart (Item 12.1)

The Committee received the resignation of two (2) of its Members, Lisa Coxon and John Swart.

(Cook/Hildebrandt)

THAT the Committee receive, with regret, the resignations of Lisa Coxon and John Swart, effective November 1, 2017.

CARRIED

b. Goals and Initiatives – 2017 (Item 12.2)

The Committee will be reviewing their goals and initiatives for the 2018 year at the next Committee meeting on December 6th in the form of a workshop which will be facilitated by Ms. Bea Clark.

c. Provincial Funding Applications for Seniors Active Living Centres Program (Added Item 12.3)

The Provincial Government of Ontario is now accepting applications from organizations interested in opening new Seniors Active Living Centres, to develop up to 40 new centres across the province of Ontario over the next three years.

These new centres will help meet the needs of Ontario's growing seniors' population by offering programming that supports seniors to remain independent, healthy and active, safe and socially-connected.

The deadline for the first round of applications is December 21, 2017. Ontario is investing \$8 million over the three years to develop up to 40 new Seniors Active Living Centres.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

d. Senior Community Grant Programs (Added Item 12.4)

The Ministry of Seniors Affairs is inviting applications for the fifth annual Seniors Community Grant Program. Grants of up to \$100,000 are available to incorporated

organizations who represent seniors' groups or offer programs or services that directly benefit Ontario seniors.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 3.

The Chairperson provided a report which included, but was not limited to, the following:

1. Del Leney attended the Aging in Place – Housing Services Forum, organized by the Thorold Seniors Advisory Committee, October 25, 2017.
2. Sharon Cook and Gail Hilyer attended a meeting with Mayor Dave, October 16, 2017. Tessa Piccolo was nominated for a Youth Services Ruby Award. The Award were announced and presented on October 25, 2017. PSAC expressed congratulations to Tessa on her nomination and volunteer contributions to our community.
3. Five members of PSAC attended The Heart of Volunteering Celebration, an annual recognition of volunteer work on behalf of Pelham. As nominated on behalf of PSAC, Deb. Rollo was honoured with a Peer Award for her work on behalf of our Committee. Congratulations, Deb.

(m) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

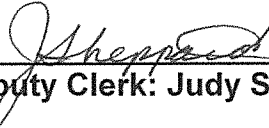
(MacDougall/Kicul)

THAT the meeting of the Pelham Seniors' Advisory Committee, November 1, 2017, be adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair: Gail Hilyer



Deputy Clerk: Judy Sheppard