

PELHAM SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 1, 2017
4:00 PM
Town of Pelham Council Chambers

Attendance: Gail Hilyer, Chair (ADAC)
Sharon Cook, Vice-Chair (JAAC)
Councillor Peter Papp
Gwen MacDougall (Lib Board)
Robert Hildebrandt (FMA)
Del Leney
John Swart (PATC)

Regrets: Debbie Rollo, Lisa Coxon, Liisa Harju (Arts), Sue Kicul (FMA), Tessa Piccolo and Lannie Seddon, MYAC

Staff: Judy Sheppard, Acting Deputy Clerk

1. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Bob Hildebrandt

Seconded by: Del Leney

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

Add:

8(v) Committee Reports – Active Transportation Update

11(iii) New Business – Thank you to Council regarding support for continued Transit System in Pelham.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no pecuniary Interests disclosed by any of the members present.

4. Minutes Approval - Pelham Seniors' Advisory Committee Minutes, January 4th, 2017

Moved by: Gwen MacDougall

Seconded by: Del Leney

THAT the minutes of the January 4th, 2017 for the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Delegations

- i. Jenn Bandi, South Niagara Health & Wellness Centre, Promotion of South Niagara Health & Wellness Centre

Ms. Bandi provided a verbal presentation respecting the promotion of the South Niagara Health & Wellness Centre. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- The South Niagara Health and Wellness Centre is a partnership of community and health care providers offering rehabilitation, wellness programs and community resource connections to help older adults become healthier, safer and stronger
- The Centre provides an outpatient rehabilitation program and other services to help seniors remain safe and independent in their own home
- The program is focused on helping seniors achieve optimal mobility, function and independence. The Rehab Team works with participants to set goals and develop a treatment plan tailored to individual needs
- The program is available to older adults who are medically stable. Participants must reside in Ontario, possess a valid health card number, and be able to transfer independently or with one person assisting.
- There is no cost to attend the program. Transportation and parking are the responsibility of the participant
- For more information or to register, contact the South Niagara Health and Wellness Centre at 905-714-4407 or visit: snhealthandwellness.wix.com/ambulatoryrehab

6. Business Arising from Minutes

- i. Draft Letter – Response to an article published in the Pelham Voice respecting survey results regarding affordable housing

The Committee discussed the importance of bringing the concerns of the Seniors population respecting affordable housing, to the Council's attention.

Moved by: John Swart

Seconded by: Gwen MacDougall

THAT the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee request that the Council consider developing plans to ensure adequate and affordable seniors' housing is available in Pelham.

Carried.

- ii. Meeting with Vance Badawey, M.P., Welland Wellness Centre, February 11, 2017 - Update

Ms. Hilyer provided a handout from the meeting she attended on January 11, 2017 respecting Minister Vance Badawey, Niagara Centre, Welland Wellness Centre – Federal Government Programs Information Sessions. The update included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Members of PSAC submitted questions for Mr. Badawey's attention, prior to attending a meeting with him on January 11, 2017. All members' questions were addressed by Mr. Badawey.

- iii. WHO Workplan - update

Ms. Cook provided an update on the World Health Organization (WHO) Workshop Plan and her update included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Ms. Cook, Ms. Hilyer and Ms. Rollo met with Mayor Augustyn and Councillor Papp, February 24, 2017 to discuss the process to apply to the WHO for Age-Friendly designation
- Requested that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Pelham consider submitting a nomination to the World Health Organization to have Pelham designated as an Age-Friendly Community
- The Committee is hopeful to receive the designation by June 2017 which will correspond with Seniors Month 2017

Moved by: Sharon Cook

Seconded by: Del Leney

THAT the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee recommends that the Council authorize the Mayor and the Town Clerk to apply to the World Health Organization (WHO) requesting that the Town of Pelham be designated as an Age-Friendly Community.

Carried.

7. Committee Reports

- i. Age-Friendly Implementation Committee
Councillor Papp provided a verbal update.
- ii. Canada Day Committee
No report.
- iii. Summerfest 2017 Committee
No report.
- iv. Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee
Ms. Cook provided a verbal update.
- v. Pelham Active Transportation Committee

Mr. Swart provided a verbal update regarding the placement of benches in the Town of Pelham and advised that two benches, with no arms, have been placed on a trial basis. Members of the Committee reiterated that they specifically requested that the benches have arms therefore, Mr. Swart was asked to take that information back to the Pelham Active Transportation Committee for follow up.

8. Niagara Age-Friendly Celebration, June 21, 2017

Ms. Hilyer provided a verbal update on the Niagara Age-Friendly Celebration and advised that the date of the June 21, 2017 is confirmed. The Keynote Speaker is Hazel McCallion, former Mayor of Mississauga, ON. Other specific details of the event will be shared with the Committee as they become available.

9. New Business

- i. Seniors Month – 2017

June 1 – 30, 2017 is Seniors Month

Moved by: John Swart

Seconded by: Bob Hildebrandt

That the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee request that Council designate the month of June 2017 as Seniors Month in Pelham.

Carried.

ii. Canada 150 Events – List

Ms. Hilyer provided a brief verbal update respecting Canada 150 events and advised that this agenda item will be forwarded to the next Committee meeting scheduled for April 5, 2017.

Ms. Hilyer provided the following information:

- Members were referred to the Town of Pelham Mosaic project web site: www.pelham.ca/public-art regarding dates for introductory sessions.
- Members were advised of a webinar opportunity related to secondary suites as part of a primary home. The webinar is scheduled for March 8, 2017.
- The Pelham Cares Inc. Annual General Meeting is being held March 28, 2:00 p.m. at the Fonthill Legion.

iii. Thank you Letter to Council respecting the Transit System Pilot Project

The Committee discussed the benefit of having the Pelham Transit System Pilot Project in the Town of Pelham. Committee Members have received positive feedback from the citizens regarding the Transit System and it is much appreciated that Council has approved funding for the Transit System Services to continue in the Town.

Moved by: Gwen MacDougall

Seconded by: John Swart

That a thank you letter be sent to the Council respecting their approval of funding to support the continuation of the Transit Services in Pelham, upon the official approval of the 2017 Council Budget.

Carried.


10. Adjournment

Moved by: Bob Hildebrandt

Seconded by: John Swart

THAT the meeting of the Pelham Seniors' Advisory Committee, March 1, 2017, be adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

CARRIED


Chair: Gail Hilyer


Acting Deputy Clerk: Judy Sheppard