Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee

06-2021
Official Minutes

Date:	21 October 2021
Time:	1:30pm
Location:	Via Zoom
Attendance:	Sharon Cook (Chair) Councillor Marianne Stewart Susan Buckingham Erin Stitt (Lookout Ridge) Karen Blake (Administrative Assistant) Elena Simone-Simonetti Gwen MacDougall (Library) Dave Nicolson
Regrets:	Anna Oakes (Lookout Ridge) Brittany MacLean (Active Living Programmer) Ann Villalta Garth Hamilton

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1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Noting that quorum was present, Chair Sharon Cook called the meeting to order at approximately 1:35pm.

1.1 Land Recognition Statement

The Chair read a land recognition statement.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Susan Buckingham
Seconded by Dave Nicolson

THAT the agenda for the October 21, 2021 regular meeting of the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee be adopted, as amended.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature

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

4. Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes from the September 30, 2021 Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting.

Moved by Dave Nicolson
Seconded by Elena Simone-Simonetti

THAT the minutes of the September 30th, 2021 Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee be approved, as amended.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

5.1 Buddy Bench

The Chair updated the Committee about the adjustments made to the SALC Special Grant application and that the Bench is unable to be installed until Spring of 2022 and there is no new information from the SALC Special Grant.

Moved by Elena Simone-Simonetti
Seconded by Dave Nicolson

THAT the Committee received the verbal update regarding the Buddy Bench for information.

Carried

5.2 Niagara Council on Aging

A couple Committee members stated that there is a Niagara Council on Aging meeting tomorrow (October 22nd) which they will report on at a subsequent meeting.

Moved by Dave Nicolson
Seconded by Susan Buckingham

THAT the Committee receive a verbal update regarding the Niagara Council on Aging for information.

Carried

5.3 New Members

Nothing to report as new member could not attend this meeting.

Moved by Gwen MacDougall
Seconded by Elena Simone-Simonetti

THAT the Committee defer New Members agenda item until a subsequent Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting.

Carried

5.4 Zoom Meeting with Developer of Seniors Community

Sharon updated the Committee that the Developers will attend the November meeting and all questions have been submitted to the developer. A Committee member would like the developer to know that a representative from another Seniors Community sits on the Committee as well. Staff will reach out to the developer to make them aware.

Moved by Elena Simone-Simonetti
Seconded by Gwen MacDougall

THAT the Committee receive a verbal update regarding the Zoom Meeting with Developer of Seniors Community for information.

Carried

5.5 Calendar Honouring Seniors

Staff updated the Committee with information, including quotes, from the Communications Specialist regarding the Calendar Honouring Seniors.

The Committee discussed distribution of the Calendar, donations and acquiring sponsorships.

Moved by Susan Buckingham
Seconded by Dave Nicolson

THAT the Committee plan for the Calendar Honouring Seniors for 2023 and THAT the 2023 Calendar becomes a regular agenda item until distribution in Fall 2022.

Carried

5.6 IFN Conference on Aging – Niagara Falls

Staff informed the Committee that the donation from the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee's budget had been made that was approved in a previous meeting. The Chair mentioned that a package of Pelham based services and programs will be provided to distribute at the Conference.

Moved by Elena Simone-Simonetti
Seconded by Gwen MacDougall

THAT the Committee receive the verbal update regarding the IFN Conference on Aging for information.

Carried

5.7 Grant Opportunities – Flag Pole MCC

No new information regarding the SALC special grant.

Moved by Gwen MacDougall
Seconded by Elena Simone-Simonetti

THAT the Committee receive the verbal update regarding Grant Opportunities for information.

Carried

6. New Business

6.1. Calendar of Virtual Speakers (www.pelham.ca/55)

Sharon updated the Committee regarding the Calendar of Virtual Speakers. Staff asked members to send any information they have regarding speakers or programs for November to Brittany MacLean.

Moved by Susan Buckingham
Seconded by Dave Nicolson

THAT the Committee be directed to provide Virtual Speakers for the Seniors Activity Calendar to the Active Living Programmer by October 29th, 2021.

Carried

6.2. Art your Service

The Chair updated the Committee that the Art your Service program has been renewed.

Moved by Susan Buckingham
Seconded by Dave Nicolson

THAT the Committee receive the information on the Art our Service program for information.

Carried

6.3. Selection Process for PSAC Members

The Chair discussed her conversation with the Clerk regarding the selection process for Committee members. The Committee discussed opportunities to provide information to Council regarding the 'gaps' in the Committee's expertise by providing input or recommendations from the Chair based on goals and priorities. RCW staff will connect with the Clerk's department to discuss the reapplication process at the end of the Committee's term as well as passing a motion to recommend a process to Council. Staff will report back at a subsequent meeting.

Moved by Dave Nicolson
Seconded by Gwen MacDougall

THAT the Committee defer the Selection Process for PSAC Members agenda item to the subsequent meeting.

Carried

6.4. 'New' Integrated Regional Niagara Transportation System

Councillor Stewart updated the Committee on the Regional Transportation System report at Council. The Committee discussed the lack of off-line advertisement, gap between provision of service and seniors, and hesitancy using a new system. The Committee then discussed the opportunities to connect with other Seniors Advisory Committees and collaborative connections to create a collective letter that goes to the Region.

Moved by Dave Nicolson
Seconded by Elena Simone-Simonetti

THAT the Committee believes that the lack of provision in regards to the 'New' Integrated Regional Niagara Transportation System is a serious concern for the Town of Pelham.

Carried

6.5. Report on Elder Abuse Symposium

The Committee discussed the Crime Stoppers Symposium regarding Elder Abuse. The Committee discussed connecting with the Regional Councillor regarding an accessible phone number to report abuse or gain more information on local supports and resources once the report from the symposium is available.

Moved by Dave Nicolson
Seconded by Susan Buckingham

THAT the Committee receive the verbal update regarding the discussion on Elder Abuse for information.

Carried

6.6. Year End Review

The Committee discussed making a presentation to Council after the Year End Review.

Moved by Elena Simone-Simonetti
Seconded by Gwen MacDougall

THAT the Committee receive the verbal update regarding the Year End Review for information.

Carried

6.7 Correspondence

A Committee member updated the Committee on an email received from CARP and asked if there was any follow-up. To which there was not.

Moved by Gwen MacDougall
Seconded by Susan Buckingham

THAT the Committee receive the verbal update regarding Correspondence for information.

Carried

6.8 Non-Refundable Activity Pass

A Committee member discussed activity punch passes at the Meridian Community Centre (MCC) and how they are non-refundable. They inquired about a refund if pass holders experienced unforeseen circumstance that would limit them to participate. Staff will discuss with other MCC Staff members and will report back at a subsequent meeting.

Motion by: Susan Buckingham
Seconded by: Dave Nicolson

THAT the Committee refer the inquiry regarding Non-Refundable Activity Passes to staff at the Meridian Community Centre and THAT Staff will report back at a subsequent meeting.

Carried

7. Next Meeting

Moved by Dave Nicolson
Seconded by Gwen MacDougall

THAT the Committee approve the following dates for future 2021 meetings:

- November 18th, 2021 via Zoom 1:30pm
- December 16th, 2021 via Zoom 1:30pm

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by Dave Nicolson
Seconded by Gwen MacDougall

THAT this Regular Meeting of the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 3:00pm.

Carried

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Sharon Cook, Chair

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Karen Blake, Administrative Assistant