

Pelham Senior's Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, June 20th 2019 @ 1:30 p.m.

Present: Julie Cook (Recreation and Wellness Programmer)
Susan Buckingham
Sharon Cook (President)
Melissa Stewart (Pelham Cares and Lookout Ridge)
Gwen MacDougall (Library)
Del Leney
Ken Olsen

Absent with Regrets: Elena Simone-Simonetti
Councillor Marianne Stewart
Dave Nicholson

1. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order-1:37pm by Sharon Cook
2. Additions to Agenda
3. Adoption of Agenda-
Motioned by: Wayne Olsen
Seconded by: Susan Buckingham
4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature thereof
None.
5. Presentations
None.
6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.
Moved by: Gwen MacDougall
Carried by: Del Lenny

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& Wellness**

7. Business Arising from Minutes –

Seniors Month Flag-is presently hanging on the wall in the new lounge area and we are waiting to see if we can have permission to run it up the flag pole.

May 29th Niagara Age-Friendly Network Meeting Recap:

- a) Susan: sustainability of age-friendly network and the possibility of a council on aging. Talk about helping those that are socially isolated. Talked about the age-friendly principles and strategy (that are both on their website). Welland wants to do a funded “seniors need” study. They are looking for funds from each municipality but nothing has been formalized yet.
- b) Julie: they are coming to the end of the available funding in their grant; they have to come up with a way to continue the work.

8. New Business:

- a) Active Living Lounge Opening Evaluation-between 45-50 people attended and seemed to understand the purpose. Sharon felt that the \$36 annual membership fee scared them off, but Del disagreed. Membership will progress as people see the benefits of being a part of this. Yearly membership will start in January; memberships starting in September will be prorated. Julie is going to work on the signage. Suggestion from some that attended is to have a microphone in the room as a lot of people could not hear the speakers. Nothing will be put up on the walls in the Lounge, but Julie has ordered a bulletin board and a whiteboard that can be put on an easel.
- b) Canada Day-Having the cake in Peace Park has not worked well in the past. Sharon asked if anyone is around for Canada Day to walk in the parade but most members are away. Suggestion made to put a small ad in The Voice wishing the Community a Happy Canada Day. Melissa will contact The Voice to arrange for a ¼ page ad. Wayne moves that we put a ¼ page ad in The Voice for Canada Day not to exceed \$200.00. Seconded by Gwen MacDougall.
- c) Summerfest-Suggestion made to have a PSAC member present at the entrance of Summerfest to ask if people attending are of age to drink. Julie will email Karen Blake to see if volunteers are needed.

- d) Active Seniors Living Fair-PSAC to put in a request for Tuesday, October 1st from 9am-1pm. Julie will ask Tim if he will do the bagged lunch again. Discussion about increasing cost of vendors (with the exception of the non-profits). Sub-committee will need to be established to help organize the event.
- e) Next Meeting for the Seniors Fair Organizing Committee: Thursday, July 11th, 2019 from 1:30-3:30pm
- 9. New Horizons Grant-is still on hold because the Federal Government has not acknowledged it; they have to formally announce it first. It could be on hold for a bit due to it being an Election Year.
- 10. Julie in the process of applying for the Seniors Active Living Centre Provincial Grant to receive Hearing assist devices during use of theatre; speaker series; workshops and for furniture to Active Living Lounge. Grant amount is \$15,000.
- 11. Getting more PR pictures-photo and ad in The Voice last week brought good exposure to the group. It was felt that the reporter came with pre-conceived notions and that was shown in the article.
- 12. Wayne suggested that we should have a website for the PSAC.
- 13. Suggestion to put vision of the PSAC on a plaque and display it in the Lounge. Wayne motioned to post the PSAC Goals & Priorities in the Active Living Lounge. Seconded: Susan Buckingham.
- 14. On Monday, June 17th: Sharon Cook made a presentation to Council asking for additional accessible parking spaces. Gwen MacDougall was present for this. Council has responded and the request has been forwarded to staff for investigation; temporary sandwich boards to block off designated seniors parking areas will be used in the meantime (during large events) until the investigation is complete. Sharon feels that 4 more disabled parking plus 2 van parking spots are needed. Council was very receptive to the presentation and all agreed that more parking is needed at the MCC.

15. Seniors Community Grant Program: Susan, Ann & Elena spoke; Grant program closes June 27th. Decided not to take this on for this year given the time frame, but thought that we should re-evaluate for next year. Julie suggested to keep this on our agenda for future projects.
16. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 11th, 2019 from 1:30-3:30pm for the Planning Committee for the Seniors Fair.
17. Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 12th, 2019 from 1:30-3:30pm.
18. Adjournment
Moved by: Wayne Olsen
Seconded by: Susan Buckingham
THAT the meeting of the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting, June 20th, 2019 adjourned at 2:58pm.
CARRIED.


Chair

Secretary