

Pelham Senior's Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday May 13, 2021 @ 1:30 p.m. by Zoom conference.

Present: Sharon Cook (President)
Councillor Marianne Stewart
Elena Simone-Simonetti
Gwen MacDougall (Library)
Dave Nicholson
Ann Villalta
Susan Buckingham
Brittany MacLean (Active Living Programmer)
Kathy Haist (Administrative Assistant)

Absent with Regrets: Anna Oakes (Lookout Ridge)
Erin Stitt (Lookout Ridge)

1. **Declaration of Quorum and call to Order-** 1:33pm by Sharon Cook

2. **Adoption of Agenda and additions**

Moved by: Gwen MacDougall

Seconded by: Dave Nicholson

3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature thereof**

None.

4. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Moved by: Elena Simone-Simonetti

Seconded by: Ann Villalta

THAT the minutes for the April 15th, 2021 Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

5. **Correspondence**

None

6. Business Arising from Minutes:

Report on Accessibility of Essential Services Next Steps

- Marianne, is taking this to council on Monday night

Buddy Bench

- This committee would like to dedicate a Buddy Bench. Will wait until the total dollars are in from the Garden at MCC.

Garden Celebrating "Seniors Month"

- Chair of Beautification Committee, Brittany, Ryan, Dave, and Sharon met to discuss the Garden on north side of MCC. Will be a triangle/corner garden 16X16x16. PSAC has \$1500 to use towards the supplies for this garden, Jenn took this to committee for proposal and what they need from PSAC. Approval was given to go ahead with plans as given to the committee.
The construction to install the canopy on north side of MCC in the Pelham Minor Hockey Courtyard will begin after the COVID Vaccine Clinic is completed on Saturday May 15.
- June is Seniors Month and a Flag raising event is scheduled for June 8th at 11:00 at Peace Park, then continue over to MCC for the unveiling of the garden.
- Marc MacDonald, Communications Officer, will be there for photos to be used on Social Media and The Voice
Motion: to accept the Plan as Beautification and expenditures for the purchasing of the plants, supplies etc.

Moved by: Dave Nicholson

Seconded by Susan Buckingham

CARRIED.

Sharon to advise Jenn and Dave to proceed.

- Brittany to reach out to community "Stay Safe, Stay Active and Stay Connected". The Active Living Senior Calendar to advise what is available.
- Dave going to reach out to PATC to see if they would have anything to participate in for Seniors Month.

Follow Up regarding the closure of TD Bank in Pelham

- Gwen attended a meeting and was informed that the telephone banking will still be available, documentation to go out to seniors on usage. Amber from the TD Bank said she would attend a meeting of this committee to talk and answer questions. The ATM will still be available in the current building.

7. New Business:

Update on Aging. Sharon is a committee member Niagara Counsel on Aging.

CORRECTION – Sharon is not on the Niagara Counsel for the Aging – she was on the Steering Committee for the Development of the Niagara Counsel for the Aging.

- The consultant will ensure that each person will be heard. The council will answer to the seniors needs through the Collaborative.
- The Collaborative is regional each of the Age Friendly, asked for 2 members to commit. Gwen and Susan will participate. Meetings are May 20th and 27th, 10:00 -11:30am.

Brock University Research project

- Volunteerism is the Focus for this group. Need approval and agreement to participate. Brittany is the main person of contact between the researchers and our focus group.
- Reach out to the VIP volunteers, Focus Group would like 12-15 members to participate.
- June 16th at 1:30 PSAC to meet in regards to Brock Focus Group

Recruitment of new members

- The committee would like to add 2 new members to the committee

Other business

- Marianne to reach out to the builders of the development to the north of MCC. Invite them to a Zoom meeting with committee to able to ask questions on the plans.

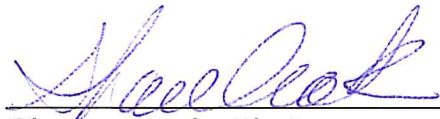
- Gwen recommended the book by Andre Pacard, Neglected No More. It focuses on Senior Living homes.

8. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 16th, 2021 at 1:30pm by Zoom.

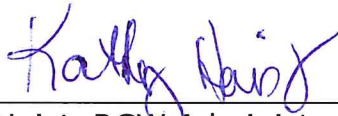
9. **Adjournment**

Moved by: Sharon Cook

THAT the meeting of the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting, May 12, 2021 adjourned at 2:45pm.
CARRIED.



Sharon Cook, Chair



Kathy Haist, RCW Administrative Assistant