

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

Present: Sharon Cook (President)
Councillor Marianne Stewart
Dave Nicholson
Ann Villalta
Susan Buckingham
Erin Stitt (Lookout Ridge)
Brittany MacLean (Active Living Programmer)
Kathy Haist (Administrative Assistant)

Absent with Regrets: Anna Oakes (Lookout Ridge)
Elena Simone-Simonetti
Gwen MacDougall (Library)

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

2. Adoption of Agenda and additions

Susan – would like to add new Business Transition to Opening
accepted

Moved by: Dave Nicholson

Seconded by: Ann Villalta

carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature thereof

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

With correction -

Moved by: Ann Villalta

Seconded by: Erin Stitt

THAT the minutes for the May 13, 2021 Pelham Seniors Advisory
Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

5. Correspondence

None

6. Business Arising from Minutes:

- Buddy Bench – Does PSAC want to go ahead? Dave is in favour.
How exactly does PSAC get involved?
Wanted to confirm the cost of the bench \$1500?
Dave suggested Committee members should commit to an hour or two per week to sit and encourage conversations.
Susan noted with Social Distancing, perhaps now may not be the time to start this up.
Sharon asked the time line to get one – Brittany to follow up
Dave wants to be sure that the purpose of the bench is explained properly, maybe a free standing sign.
Erin expressed her concerns about not being qualified to assist with certain issues someone may have. As well she would not be able to commit to time on the bench.
Marianne suggested that whoever is there can take notes and forward to whom it would concern.
May need to name it something different than Buddy Bench.

Motion for PSAC to provide funding to purchase/sponsor a Buddy Bench.

Moved by Dave Nicholson

Second by Ann Villalta

Erin Stitt not in favour

Motion carried

- Garden Celebration for Seniors Month – Sharon thanked everyone for coming out. And thanked the Beautification Committee for their assistance.
- Council on Aging (Niagara Council on Aging)
All has been agreed upon. Looking for Volunteers to sit on Committee. Committee to assist with Regional Issues. Due date August 2022

- Collaborative – September 23 meeting. 2 people from each of the 12 Regions. Vision - Objections - Framework
Sharing of ideas with each region.
Each community will have up to 15 minutes @ meeting for a Presentation to update what PSAC has done.
- Research Project with Brock University. Sharon will share with group the key findings once approved.
- Addition to two members. Clerks department has posted the listing. Brittany to have advertisement in the Voice by the end of July
- Access to “Essential Services” taken to other 11 Municipalities Council. Welland, Wainfleet, Niagara Falls
- Zoom Meeting with Developer of Seniors Community. Delaying until September

7. **New Business:**

- IFA (International Age Friendly Niagara)
November 9-12th . \$300.00 US funds to attend and \$800.00 US funds for on site booth
Donation from all 12 Municipalities between \$100.00 - \$150.00.
Able to hand out schedules etc @ booth. Sharon asked about donation amount, collectively the group decided on \$125.00 Sharon to get more information.
- Grant Ideas. Flag Pole @ MCC . Marianna to find out the cost.
Sharon asked if the grant money could be used for Buddy Bench? And could Say It be done virtually?
Ann asked about setting up Bocce Ball on the North Side of MCC?
- Calendar Honouring Seniors. Local Business’ and organizations to contribute for a page in the calendar. Photos of Seniors being active.
- Transition into Opening. Susan would like a Public Quorum, Workshop Seminar, Volunteerism Seminar. Waiting to see how things are in the Fall, as it would be more preferable to do in

person. Perhaps if space on walls in the walking track area to hang photos of Active Seniors.

Could the Seniors have a magazine area/rack? Donate current issues and take one to read. Sharon to talk with Gwen as the what is the Library doing about Magazines at this time.

Suggested doing a Seniors Fair?

8. Next Meeting: TBD September

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Sharon Cook

THAT the meeting of the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting, June 30, 2021 adjourned at 2:55pm.

CARRIED.



Sharon Cook, Chair

Kathy Haist, RCW Administrative Assistant