

Date: 18 November 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 (Vice-Chair)  
Gwen MacDougall (Library)  
Barb Wiens (Director of Community Planning & Development)  
Dustin Gibson (Better Life Development Representative)  
Kim Harrison-McMillan (Better Life Development Representative)  
Brittany MacLean (Active Living Programmer)  
Ann Villalta  
Garth Hamilton  
Dave Nicolson

Regrets: Anna Oakes (Lookout Ridge)

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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 1:36pm.

### **1.1 Land Recognition Statement**

The Chair read the following land recognition statement:

"We begin this meeting by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people."

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by** Susan Buckingham  
**Seconded by** Elena Simone-Simonetti

**THAT the agenda for the November 18, 2021 regular meeting of the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee be adopted.**

**Carried**

**3.****4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes**

The Committee approved the minutes from the October 21, 2021 Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting.

**Moved by** Gwen MacDougall  
**Seconded by** Susan Buckingham

**THAT the minutes of the October 21, 2021 Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee be approved.**

**Carried**

**6. Presentation from Better Life – Dustin Gibson & Kim Harrison**

The Director of Community Planning and Development introduced the representations from Better Life Development, Dustin Gibson and Kim Harrison-McMillan. Better Life Development presented on their plans for a 132-unit development including the square footage of units, parking, wellness services and recreation, transportation, laundry facilities, conceptual designs of amenities, accessibility, generator, phase two of development (long-term care home) and timeline for construction.

**7. Correspondence**

None.

## **8. Business Arising from Minutes**

### **8.1. Niagara Council on Aging**

A Committee member updated the Committee on the development of the Niagara Council on Aging. This group was created from the Ontario Seniors Community Grant and started out as "the Collaborate" which morphed into the Age Friendly Niagara Council and now into the Niagara Council of Aging. Susan will be attending that group.

### **8.2. Integrated Regional Niagara Transportation System -Report**

Councillor Stewart mentioned that Council continues to try to get the Niagara Region to present at Council to get their questions and concerns answered.

### **8.3. Calendar Honouring Seniors – Report**

Staff updated the Committee that the Communications Specialist obtained a few quotes for the Calendar and will start to collect photos shortly. Staff asked the Committee to brainstorm ideas for the visuals of the Calendar.

### **8.4. IFN Conference on Aging – Niagara Falls - Report**

No update in regards to the Conference. A representative from CARP has the information about programming at the Town.

### **8.5. Niagara Older Adult Alliance – Report**

A couple Committee members met with the Older Adult Alliance and discussion surrounded the Age Friendly Committee, On-Demand Transit including sending a letter to Region, accessibility, and trading responsibility for hosting meetings.

**Moved by** Gwen MacDougall  
**Seconded by** Garth Hamilton



**THAT the Committee receive verbal reports regarding the Niagara Council on Aging, Integrated Transit System, Calendar Honouring Seniors, IFN Conference on Aging and the Niagara Older Adult Alliance for information.**

**Carried**

**8.6. Non-Refundable Activity Pass**

Staff updated the Committee on the resolution of the non-refundable activity pass.

**8.7. Selection Process for PSAC Members**

Staff updated the Committee on the conversation with Clerk in regards to the selection process for the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee. Committee members will have to reapply each term. As well, as there is a Council representative on the Committee, the Councillor would be able to voice the needs of the Committee during the selection process. The Chair also mentioned that on the applications, new applicants can note that they had been encouraged to apply from member of PSAC.

**8.8. Calendar of Virtual Speakers ([www.pelham.ca/55](http://www.pelham.ca/55))**

Staff updated the Committee that they are creating a calendar for N December with virtual programming options. Discussion surrounded the webinars topics (the Alzheimer's Society, Fall Prevention, etc.), Lunch & Learn options, teaching Zoom 1:1 and advertising the webinars and calendar within the local newspaper. Staff will talk with the Communications Specialist about advertising in The Voice. The Committee agreed to spend funds from the Seniors Advisory Committee's budget on advertising.

**Moved by** Ann Villalta  
**Seconded by** Susan Buckingham

**THAT the Committee receive Staff verbal reports regarding the Non-Refundable Activity pass, Selection Process for PSAC members and the Calendar of Virtual Speakers. AND THAT Staff be directed to use funds from the Seniors Advisory Committee's budget for print advertising the Calendar of Virtual Speakers.**

**Carried**

**9. New Business****9.1. Update VIP Program – Staff Report**

Staff updated the Committee on the Senior VIP program status. Staff reached out to past Senior VIP volunteers and to gain insight into their willingness to volunteer at this time. There will be a training session in December 2021 and shifts will start in January 2022.

**9.2. Year End Review**

The Committee discussed deferring the Year-End Review including reviewing PSAC's goals and priorities to the January 2022 meeting. Brittany will send PSAC's goals and priorities with the agenda for the next meeting.

**Moved by:** Elena Simone-Simonetti

**Seconded by:** Dave Nicolson

**THAT the Committee defer the 2021 year end review to the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting in January 2022.**

**9.3. SAYit Program**

Susan Buckingham updated the Committee on the SAYit program for 2022 including recruitment and type of performance. Staff will also reach out to the Senior VIP group and the Seniors Database for recruitment for this program.

**9.4. Reconciliation Training**

A few Committee members took the Reconciliation Training through the Town. All found it worthwhile. Discussion surrounded the land acknowledgement agenda item at the beginning of the meeting and a Committee member noted that it does not mention "Truth".

**Moved by:** Dave Nicolson

**Seconded:** Ann Villalta

**THAT the Committee deems that the land acknowledgement statement is inadequate as it makes no mention of Truth in regards to the Truth and Reconciliation Act AND THAT the Committee requests that the land acknowledgement be revised to mention Truth.**

**Carried.**

### **1. Next Meeting**

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

- December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via Zoom 1:30pm

**Carried**

### **2. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Garth Hamilton  
**Seconded by** Ann Villalta

**THAT this Regular Meeting of the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 3:23pm.**

**Carried**

  
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**Sharon Cook, Chair**  
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**Karen Blake, Administrative Assistant**