

Date: 14 January 2021

Time: 1:30pm

Location: Via Zoom

Attendance: Sharon Cook (Chair)
Councillor Marianne Stewart
Susan Buckingham
Karen Blake (Administrative Assistant)
Elena Simone-Simonetti (Vice-Chair)
Brittany MacLean (Active Living Programmer)
Erin Stitt (Lookout Ridge)
Ann Villalta

Regrets: Garth Hamilton
Gwen MacDougall (Library)
Dave Nicholson

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 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 Elena Simone-Simonetti
Seconded by Ann Villalta

THAT the agenda for the January 14, 2022 regular meeting of the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee be adopted.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature

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

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

6. New Business

6.1. Year End Review

The Chair reviewed the Terms of Reference with the Committee to remind them of their objectives. The Committee reviewed each goal to gauge where the Committee is at with attaining them and if they need to adjust their goals to better encompass the changes since 2019 to Town programs, facilities and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff will update goals to reflect changes the Committee have made and will discuss changes at a subsequent meeting.

The Committee discussed goal #1 including being an advocacy group for seniors. The Committee discussed suitable and affordable housing and if they have pushed far enough for it. The Committee discussed that the Town of Pelham needs a variety of housing options for accessibility, affordability and inclusivity. The Committee decided that they would need to be part of the conversation with the planning department and developers for senior's complexes to be able to advocate for these suitable and affordable housing within Pelham. The Committee also discussed supporting changes to the transportation system within Pelham and advocating for transit to meet the needs of each individual municipality. There was also discussion regarding encouraging Council to declare publicly that they will approach their decisions with an age-friendly/accessibility lens

The Committee discussed goal #2 of increasing communication of seniors' programs and services. The Committee discussed programming that has been done within Town since 2019 and ways they have advertised. The Committee discussed programming ideas including online, in-person, social and physical programs and ways to reach out to those who have not been reached. The Committee discussed starting up the Conversation Café again once restrictions lift.

The Committee discussed Goal #3 of research and information sharing. They discussed the survey that had done previously to see what facilities and services were available within the Town of Pelham and what residents wanted to see. The Committee discussed how and when to do another survey regarding programs and services that residents would like to see. The Committee discussed doing this survey during a welcome back event. The Committee agreed that they do keep current in age-friendly resources as some Committee members attend age-friendly committees and seniors collaborative. Some Committee members would like to see some of the alliance meetings open to all Seniors Advisory Committee members.

The Committee discussed Goal #4 of developing networks to benefit seniors and the volunteer opportunities that they have supported including the Senior VIP program, Brock University's research project and SAYIT on Stage. They also discussed other ways to promote volunteer opportunities to seniors such as an open forum. The Committee stated that they have accomplished the goal of networking opportunities but can continue to seek out new networks regarding age-friendly committees and agencies.

7. Next Meeting

THAT the Committee approve the following dates for future 2022 meetings:

- January 20, 2022 at 1:30pm


Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by Susan Buckingham
Seconded by Elena Simone-Simonetti

THAT this Regular Meeting of the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 2:17pm.

Carried



Sharon Cook, Chair

Karen Blake, Administrative Assistant