

Date: 10, July, 2024
Time: 1:00pm
Location: Kinsmen Room, Meridian Community Centre

Attendance: Tony Ferrara
Pat O'Hara
Lynn Reynolds, Chair
Shellee Niznik, Councillor
Sarah Leach, Deputy Clerk
Katie Kilbreath, Seniors, and Community Services
Programmer
Halee Braun, Supervisor
Ashely Hamilton, MAG Student
Kiara, MAG Student
Randy Gananathan, Vice-Chair
Natasha Gibson, RCW Administrative Assistant

Regrets:

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Noting that quorum was present, Chair Lynn Reynolds called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00pm.

2. Land Recognition Statement

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Tony Ferrara
Seconded by Randy Gananathan

THAT the agenda for the July 10, 2024, regular meeting of the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee be adopted.

Carried / Defeated

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 Amended the minutes from June 12, 2024, Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee meeting to move item '8.3' to '8.1' as well as the addition of Attachment to 8.4 and adding survey titles to 8.5.

Moved by Pat O'Hara
Seconded by Randy Gananathan

THAT the minutes of the June 12, Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee be Amended.

Carried

6. Transit Service enhancements – Sarah Leach

Sarah Leach, Deputy Clerk, provided the committee with a brief update on the specialized transit offered to Seniors in Pelham. Niagara Region Transit will unify Niagara Specialized Transit, NRT OnDemand and Fort Erie Accessible Transit services on July 2, with service provided by Voyago. Niagara Region Transit also announcing it is bringing customer support inhouse and extending its service and booking hours to 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Officials say residents will be able to access the integrated microtransit and specialized service through its Niagara Region Transit Plus app, or by calling 1-833-678-5463, ext. 201.

Moved by Pat O'Hara
Seconded by Randy Gananathan

THAT the committee received 'item 6 Transit service enhancements' for information.

Carried

7. Unfinished Business

7.1. Senior Socials Update

The seniors social on June 3rd and 13th hosted by the committee had low attendance. The June 25th social had a good turn out as a result of Alan and Lynn visiting programs to let seniors know to attend. Moving forward staff recommends that the committee creates a schedule for members hosting the socials. The committee discussed hosting futures socials, ideally 1 per season and begin planning 2-3 months in advance for better success. Katie will provide the committee with an email of all upcoming major events.

7.2. Information & Links to organizations supporting Seniors

The discussion was continued regarding links to organizations. Committee Chair Lynn will gather resources to add to the information slip and Katie provide the committee with a draft of resource slip/paper handout. This item will be reviewed at a later date once the draft has been created.

7.3. PSAC Community Survey next steps

The committee Chair Lynn will compare the two surveys and provide the Committee with an update at the September meeting.

Moved by Tony Ferrara
Seconded by Randy Ganathan

THAT Katie will provide the committee with an email of all upcoming major events and a draft of links to organizations supporting seniors with resources provided by Lynn.

THAT The committee chair Lynn will provide an update at September's meeting of the two-survey comparison.

Carried

8. Regular Business

8.1. Upcoming Seminar and Program Updates

MAG student Ashley emailed all committee members all of the upcoming senior seminars and workshops for the rest of the year. Committee members are encouraged to let Katie know if they require a hard copy. This year's OACAO Active living Fair will be on October 1st.

THAT The committee will submit an application to have a table at the active living fair on Oct 1st.

Moved by Tony Ferrara
Seconded by Randy Gananathan

The Town of Pelham has received funding for the '55+ Pulse program', expanding senior seminars with 10 extra sessions. This will be a weekly program, offered on the same day everyday. Providing a gathering space (games & refreshments available) as well as 3 IPAD Pros (keyboard included). There is also enough funding to hire a PT-staff to assist with the program. Funding will be provided until March 31st, 2025.

8.2. Summerfest Help

The committee discussed what they would like at their table for Summerfest. Councillor Shellee discussed having brain teasers and games at the table. The committee agreed to hand out the PSAC pedometers and magnifiers as giveaways. The committee also discussed a schedule for committee members hosting at the table; Councillor Shellee agreed to 10:00 – 1 pm and chair Lynn is available 11 – 2pm.

8.3. Complaint letter next steps

Staff discussed what steps has been taken regarding the letter from the head of tenants regarding traffic volume and speed. The letter has since been forwarded by Staff to Public works and their team, two caution speed signs have since been put up.

8.4. Pedestrian crosswalk in Pelham

Committee Member Pat O'Hara briefly discussed how we can make pelham a more pedestrian focus. A discussion was had regarding bike and pedestrian lanes.

Moved by Tony Ferrara
Seconded by Randy Gananathan

THAT The committee received all regular Business items for information.

Carried

9. Next Meeting

September 11, 2024, at 1pm, RCW Meeting Room, Meridian Community Centre.

10. Adjournment

THAT this Regular Meeting of the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 2:36 pm.

Carried



Chair Lynn Reynolds,



Secretary, Natasha Gibson