

**City of Niagara Falls
Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 14th, 2019**

The first meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee of the City of Niagara Falls was held in the Blue Room of the Coronation Centre on Thursday February 14th, 2019 with Hanya Nagy chairing. Hanya welcomed all in attendance. Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm and began with introductions from all present.

Present: Councillor Wayne Campbell, Councillor Chris Dabrowski, Noreen Bald, Francine Beattie, Stewart Black, Karen Fraser, Ewald Kuczera, Wendy McPherson, Otto Penner, Fred Hodder, Kathy Moldenhauer, Hanya Nagy and DJ Brooks

Regrets: Anne Wylie

Absent:

Minutes:

Review Terms of Reference

- a) Kathy Moldenhauer explained that the Terms of Reference presented at the meeting are a draft document and open to change.
- b) Feedback was requested from the committee.
- c) A decision was made to hold off passing a motion for the Terms of Reference until the next meeting when all had an adequate chance to review the document fully.

Day and Time of regular SAC Meeting

- a) There was no objections to the meeting regularly occurring on the second Thursday of the Month at 2:00pm at the Coronation Centre in the Blue room.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

- a) Councillor Campbell suggested that anyone interested in Chairing or Co-Chairing the meeting contact Hanya (hnagy@niagarafalls.ca) before the next meeting.
- b) If, elections are necessary based upon interest a vote can take place at the next meeting as well.

Budget

- a) Director Moldenhauer indicated that Council has approved a small budget with some flexibility.
- b) As the year progresses and we prepare for a 2020 budget the committee will have the ability to make a recommendation on future budgetary needs.

Committee Orientation Meeting

- a) To be held Tuesday February 19th, at 3:00pm or 5:30pm at the Museum.
- b) The Orientation will be approximately 1 hour in length.

- c) This is the first time all Recreation based committee members will receive the same orientation. The rationale is that all committees should be receiving the same message.

New Business

Discussion ensued into certain areas of focus and ways in which the committee could effect change;

- a) Acoustics at Council Meetings
- b) Bus Passes
- c) Advocacy and Marketing efforts
- d) In home services

Through these discussions it was agreed upon that City staff would invited the appropriate departmental/Regional staff based upon topics and focus of upcoming meetings (eg. Transportation, Regional Housing, etc.)

Agendas

- a) DJ to send agendas, via email, the week before the meeting to allow time for committee members to add items to new business as needed.

Committee Page

- a) Councillor Campbell asked about the committee website and getting it updated to reflect this committee.
- b) City staff to follow up with Information Services.

External Links

- a) Electronic links were requested for multiple documents utilized during the meeting – those links are as follows;
 - i. City of Whitby Age Friendly Action Plan - https://whitby.ca/en/residents/resources/cm-AgeFriendly2017_ActionPlan.pdf
 - ii. City of Niagara Falls – SAC Terms of Reference - <https://niagarafalls.ca/pdf/city-hall/committees/seniors-advisory-committee-terms-of-reference.pdf>

Strategic Plan

- a) Kathy Moldenhauer spoke to the upcoming Strategic Plan the City is currently undertaking and that the Coronation Centre itself may be a point of interest in that document.

Niagara Age Friendly

- a) Dominic Ventresca, Co-Chair of the Niagara Age-Friendly Community Network has been invited to attend next month's meeting. He will provide a brief overview of creating and sustaining an age friendly committee.

Adjournment

- a) Meeting adjourned at 3:05. No motion/votes as the traditional Rules of Order will be introduced during orientation meetings on Tuesday February 19th, 2019.