

**City of Niagara Falls
Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday April 14th, 2022 1:00pm**

The meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee of the City of Niagara Falls was held on Thursday, April 14th, 2022 in the MacBain Community Centre Board Room (and Zoom) with Otto Penner chairing. Otto welcomed all in attendance. Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm.

Present: Otto Penner, Karen Fraser, Joe Szabo, Phyllis Wells Giel, Ewald Kuczera, Fred Hodder, Jack Widder, Anne Wylie, Councillor Wayne Campbell, Councillor Chris Dabrowski, Kathy Moldenhauer, Hanya Nagy, and DJ Brooks

Regrets: Donna Mills

Absent:

Agenda: *a motion* “to approve the agenda of the April 14th, 2022 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting” made by Ewald Kuczera - seconded by Fred Hodder and **carried**.

Minutes: *a motion* “to approve the minutes of the March 10th, 2022 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting” made by Phyllis Wells Giel - seconded by Ewald Kuczera and **carried**.

Business Arising from Minutes

- a) Trail Signage
 - a. No update at this time

- b) Water/Sewer Rebate
 - a. Kathy updated that the questions were sent to finance. We need to request they come to a meeting to go over questions.
 - b. Kathy/Hanya will send a request to finance to have a representative for our June meeting.

- c) Transportation
 - a. Otto explained that on May 12 the Niagara Older Adult Association will be having an info session/discussion on the new regional transit plans.
 - b. Otto also advised we should bring someone in the future for info gathering and discussion.
 - c. Karen asked about the letter sent to transportation regarding the bus stop and shelter changes. Kathy advised that the letter was sent but believed that no changes were to take place at that location due to the effect on other routes.

- d) Flag
 - a. Hanya showed the flag to the group.
 - b. Ewald asked about the amount of time the flag would get flying.
 - c. Kathy to confirm the dates of flag flying as well as the date and time of the flag-raising.

New Business

a) Resignation

- a. Linda Winston has resigned from the committee due to family commitments.
- b. Ewald explained that the terms of reference were for 8 members to sit on the committee.
- c. Kathy/Hanya advised that with the dissolving of the Coronation Centre into the 60+ Older Adults Programs there was no longer a need for a Coronation based committee members as well. Fred therefore could be a general member of the committee rather than the Coronation committee members.
- d. Ewald suggested we update our terms of reference for the committee with the changes.

A motion “not to fill the vacancy left by Linda Winston’s resignation” was made by Fred Hodder - seconded by Karen Fraser and passed unanimously.

b) Emails

- a. Hanya/DJ advised on the updated emails. They are seniorviews@niagarafalls.ca and seniorsnewsandviews@niagarafalls.ca
- b. DJ to ensure rack cards have appropriate email and then order.
- c. Any emails that come in regarding the show can be forwarded to Karen.

c) News and views

- a. Karen is very happy with how the show is going. June is the 1 year anniversary of the show.
- b. There is no filming in July/August
- c. The last show featured health-based guests – a dental hygienist and health expert on the new hospital. Once the hospital has shovels in the ground there is an opportunity for another show on the topic as well.
- d. Joe suggested we look into segments that we can have “in the can” in case of guest cancellations.

d) Seniors Fair

- a. Kathy explained staff can help with a seniors fair but need to start ASAP.
- b. After some discussion the idea of an Older Adult’s open house with SAC accompaniment was presented.
- c. Hanya/DJ to set a date for the open house.
- d. Councilor Campbell expressed a desire for free transportation on the day for those wishing to participate in the open house.

e) Ontario Senior of the year

- a. Hanya read an excerpt from an email from the City Clerk about the Ontario Senior of the Year award.
- b. After some discussion it was decided it is too late to ask for submissions for 2022 and, realistically, the winner of the Niagara Senior Award should be the local nominee for a provincial award.

A motion “to nominate Harvey Gordon for the 2022 Ontario Senior of the Year” was made by Phyllis Wells Geil - seconded by Joe Szabo and passed unanimously.

f) Prescription Drug Dropoff

- a. Donna Mills asked to make the committee aware of a prescription drug drop off around the region on May 14th. Poster attached.

Adjournment

a motion “to adjourn the meeting” was made by Fred Hodder, seconded by Ewald Kuczera. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Next Meeting – Thursday May 12th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.