

**City of Niagara Falls  
Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 1:00pm**

The meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee of the City of Niagara Falls was held on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via Zoom with Ewald Kuczera chairing. Ewald welcomed all in attendance. Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm.

**Present:** Anne Wylie, Karen Fraser, Joe Szabo, Ewald Kuczera, Jack Widder, Fred Hodder, Councillor Wayne Campbell, Kathy Moldenhauer, Hanya Nagy, and DJ Brooks

**Regrets:** Donna Mills, Otto Penner, and Linda Winston

**Absent:** Phyllis Wells Giel, and Councillor Chris Dabrowski

**Minutes: a motion** “to approve the agenda of the December 9th, 2021 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting” made by Wayne Campbell - seconded by Fred Hodder and **carried**.

**Minutes: a motion** “to approve the minutes of the November, 2021 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting” made by Fred Hodder - seconded by Ewald Kuczera and **carried**.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

a) Bus Routes – Letter to City Clerk

- a. The letter that Otto drafted was sent to the City Clerk via E-mail. As per Kathy Moldenhauer and Coun. Campbell it was discussed at the last council meeting and directed back to staff to look at it. It will be discussed at Council in the New Year.

b) Veterans Association

- a. Coun. Campbell has sent a communication to the association regarding being on the “News and Views” show, but has yet to hear back from them. Will forward when he is hears.

c) Trail Etiquette

- a. Hanya has sent the letter drafted by Otto to the CEO of Niagara Parks. He has responded stating that the contents of the letter will be part of their upcoming Property and Infrastructure committee meeting. They are working on updating and have been reviewing safety considerations as part of the review.

d) DropBox

- a. Hanya advised she has not heard from IS regarding internal options. DJ advised that DropBox was now charging a subscription fee for their services as well.
- b. DJ suggested using Googles free products. Through Gmail you can utilize google docs and their sharing capabilities, as well as Google Drive and its sharing capabilities.

- c. Another option was to send necessary items to City staff who can store the images, videos, etc. on the corporate drive and email them to committee members when requested.

## New Business

### a) **Councillor Wayne Campbell – Coronation to MacBain**

- 1.1. Coun. Campbell expressed that he has had calls from the public concerned about parking at the MacBain Centre – specifically the distance.
- 1.2. Kathy Moldenhauer said she would talk to Paul Brown (Manager of Parking). They will work on a plan and present it to the committee when it is ready.
- 1.3. Coun. Campbell also discussed the complaints about the fee increases at the Coronation Centre. Kathy Moldenhauer explained the fee increase was approved by Council in the September Council meeting. She also discussed that they are looking at a potential subsidy and have moved to a six month membership package to help with cost.
  - 1.3.1. DJ also pointed out it is important to communicate that the price increase is not associated with the move to MacBain.
- 1.4. Coun. Campbell brought up the idea of a bus subsidy for members to alleviate parking issues. Kathy Moldenhauer explained that the bus stop was further from the front door than the parking lot, but that she would discuss options with Transit.
- 1.5. Anne discussed the concept of signage for seniors/moms with tots/etc. and the potential to put them in the MacBain parking lot. Kathy Moldenhauer explained that it is possible but that those signs are not enforceable.

### b) **News and Views TV Show**

- 1.1 Fred's had positive reports regarding this weeks filming. As well, the show will be on the CogecoTV scroll moving forward – and the show will air every week.
- 1.2 Upcoming Shows – January – Hope is that the committee as a group could be on the show but due to covid that is not possible. Karen needs to know who wants to be at the studio. Cogeco will allow 3 in studio and 2 more can participate via Zoom. If more want to be involved it can be accommodated. Fred explained that due to Cogeco rules you must be fully vaccinated to get into the studio.
- 1.3 Cogeco prefers the host to be in studio – as it gives a more professional feel.
- 1.4 Joe Szabo asked that everyone contact Joe by Wednesday with their availability to help. As well Joe will send pictures of the filming to Hanya for the newsletter.

Adjournment

Ewald wished everyone a safe and happy holidays. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

**Next Meeting – Thursday January 13th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**