

**City of Niagara Falls
Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday May 12th, 2022 1:00pm**

The meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee of the City of Niagara Falls was held on Thursday, May 12th, 2022 in the MacBain Community Centre Board Room (and Zoom) with Ewald Kuczera chairing. Ewald welcomed all in attendance. Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm.

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

Regrets: Otto Penner, Donna Mills, Councillor Chris Dabrowski, Hanya Nagy

Absent:

Agenda: *a motion* “to approve the agenda of the May 12th, 2022 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting” made by Phyllis Wells Giel - seconded by Fred Hodder and *carried*.

Minutes: *a motion* “to approve the minutes of the April 14th, 2022 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting” made by Phyllis Wells Giel - seconded by Ewald Kuczera and *carried*.

Business Arising from Minutes

a) Bia email blast

- a. Via email, on March 22, the SAC voted on *a motion* “that the SAC pay \$50 plus HST for a posting in the Niagara Falls Chamber of Commerce e-blast promoting Seniors Month in June & asking businesses for support/participation”. The motion was passed, via email.

b) Age Friendly Flag Raising

- a. The flag raising has been scheduled for Monday June 6th at 2:00pm.
- b. DJ to email committee with a map identifying the area of the flagpoles adjacent to city hall.
- c. Karen has the flag and will be utilizing it for the upcoming News and Views show. Karen to bring flag to the ceremony.

c) Terms of Reference

- a. A quick overview by DJ of some of the changes.
- b. Kathy explained that generally, at the end of a committee’s term the terms of references are reviewed.
- c. Changes of terms of reference to read;
 - i. Committee to consist of at least 1 councillor and a maximum of 2.
 - ii. 4-year term, with a 2 year term for the chair and vice chair.
 - iii. 5.2 change meeting time to “an afternoon meeting”.
- d. DJ to send memo to the Clerks office.

d) Rack Cards

- a. DJ distributed the rack cards to the committee.

- b. 1 sleeve left with DJ to put at MacBain, Gale, and the libraries.
- c. Committee to deliver to spaces through the city.

e) Open House

- a. DJ explained the open house will be June 22nd from 10am to 2pm.
- b. Ewald suggested at least two people are there at all times and potentially create a schedule.
- c. Karen asked about power for laptops to play episodes of the News and Views show. DJ explained there is no ability to have power at their desk, but we can provide charging away from the desk.
- d. DJ to contact City Hall about getting pins and/or pens to hand out.
- e. DJ to look into locating the flagpoles from Coronation to potentially hang the SAC flag during the event.
- f. Regional Committee also volunteered materials/documents – follow-up needed to acquire items.
- g. Ewald suggested requesting free transportation on the day to support both the open house and senior's month.

a motion for “free busing on June 22nd, 2022 from 9am to 2:30pm to promote the older adults open house and celebrate senior's month” was made by Joe Szabo - seconded Phyllis Wells Giel and **carried**.

- i. DJ to send memo to clerk's department.
- h. Karen asked about having an MP on site, but due to the lack of knowing who that MP would be it was decided against.
- i. An open invitation to Council and Mayor will be extended by Hanya/DJ.
- j. Joe to speak to YourTV about filming the open house for The Source and the News and Views Show.
- k. A few members still need nametags – Joe and Phyllis. DJ to follow-up with Hanya.
- l. DJ to find the SAC business cards for the event as well.

New Business

a) Curb Cuts at Commercial buildings

- a. Karen explained she frequently finds the curb cuts in commercial parking lots insufficient.
- b. Kathy and DJ recommended researching other communities' bylaws and language
- c. Ewald suggested forming a sub-committee for this issue.
 - i. Kathy to reach out to the planning department about current standards and expectations for new commercial builds.
- d. Ewald requested a guest from planning for the September meeting. Kathy to set up.

b) Accessible Bathroom Equipment

- a. Karen had questions regarding the standards of the MacBain Centre bathroom with the influx of seniors into the building with the Older Adults programs functioning here now.

c) News and views

- a. June show is the last show of the year. It will feature Kathy and Hanya discussing MacBain as well as Mayor Jim. It will also be a recap of the year that was.
- b. Sub-committee to meet in August for the September show

d) Former Chippawa City Hall

- a. Phyllis asked about the potential of using the old Chippawa City Hall as a recreation space for seniors in that part of town.
- b. Kathy explained that building was not accessible and not an appropriate site for such programs
- c. Kathy also explained there are planned improvements for the Chippawa arena and included in those improvements are community rooms.

e) Senior of the year

- a. Karen was concerned that without the July and August meetings we could be without enough time to prepare for the senior of the year nominations
- b. Kathy explained the other committees take the same summer months off so looking at this in September should leave ample time.

f) Summer St.

- a. The committee asked about the future of the old Coronation building on Summer St.
- b. Kathy explained that it has been deemed surplus and as such the building is for sale.

g) Transportation

- a. Another discussion about the bus stop on McLeod and the emails explaining the rationale for the decision took place.

a motion “Whereas, in light of the transit staffs position regarding the stop at McLeod in front of a seniors building; the SAC committee is concerned that transit for seniors is not a high enough priority when making decisions on transit route changes. Therefore, the SAC recommends to council that clear direction be given on the criteria used to assess alternate transit routing to ensure the needs and safety of seniors are met. With the transfer of transit services to the regional level that this motion be forwarded to the Niagara Regional council for consideration” was made by Fred Hodder, seconded by Karen Fraser and **Carried**.

- b. DJ to send memo to the clerk’s office.

Adjournment

a motion “to adjourn the meeting” was made by Karen Fraser, seconded by Fred Hodder. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Next Meeting – Thursday June 9th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.