

**City of Niagara Falls
Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday October 13th, 2022, 1:00pm**

The meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee of the City of Niagara Falls was held on Thursday, October 13th, 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, Anne Wylie, Hanya Nagy, Donna Mills, Fred Hodder, and DJ Brooks

Regrets: Kathy Moldenhauer

Absent: Jack Widder, Councillor Wayne Campbell, Councillor Chris Dabrowski

Agenda: *a motion* “to approve the agenda of the October 13th, 2022 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting” made by Fred Hodder - seconded by Ewald Kuczera and *carried*.

Minutes: *a motion* “to approve the minutes of the September 8th, 2022 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting” made by Karen Fraser - seconded by Phyllis Wells Giel and *carried*.

Business Arising from Minutes

a) Let's Chat Benches:

- a) Otto discussed some of the committees concerns and questions with the regional group and they had not considered some of our concerns.
- b) Otto checked out existing benches and had some concerns regarding construction (some edges that catch on clothing). Benches were of good quality and signage.
- c) Hanya advised that of the \$3,000 annual budget only \$473.23 has been spent
- d) The conversation then switched to the using the budget for advertising the news and views show and not on investing in the benches.
- e) Ewald suggested that the benches don't have a feedback mechanism while the tv show does – therefore a potential better use of the funds.
- f) Discussion of advertising brought up that there are still rack cards to be handed out. Remaining rack cards, and newly ordered cards, will be sent to Donna to disperse through the buildings she has networks with.
- g) Hanya also advised that she can add the News and Views show as part of the e-newsletter.

A motion, “to buy additional rack cards and advertise in local paper to a maximum that the budget allows” was made by Ewald Kuczera, Seconded by Phyllis Wells Giel – Carried.

b) Nametags:

- a) They are ready to pick up at Alison Sports. Hanya to pick up.

New Business

a) Senior of the Year Nominee

A motion, “*the committee recommends to put forth Anita Smith*” was made by Fred Hodder, Seconded by Ewald Kuczera – **Carried.**

b) News and views

- a. Nov – Niagara College and Downtown BIA.
- b. Dec – Santa and potentially Anita Smith
- c. The committee agreed the show is still a very positive experience for the members who participate.

c) Age Friendly Conference

- a. Conference in Welland RE: Empowering Older Adults Survey Results on October 21st from 9am to 12 pm.
- b. Must register by Oct 21st – Free to register.
- c. Otto to forward an email regarding the conference to DJ/Hanya for distribution to the committee.

Adjournment

a motion “to adjourn the meeting” was made by Karen Fraser, seconded by Ewald Kuczera. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Next Meeting – Thursday Nov 10th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.