

**City of Niagara Falls  
Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee of the City of Niagara Falls was held on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with Wendy McPherson chairing. Wendy welcomed all in attendance. Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm.

**Present:** Karen Fraser, Stewart Black, Wendy McPherson, Anne Wylie, Jack Widder, Councillor Wayne Campbell, Donna Mills, Fred Hodder, Kathy Moldenhauer, Noreen Bald, Ewald Kuczera, Otto Penner, Hanya Nagy and DJ Brooks.

**Regrets:** Councillor Chris Dabrowski and Francine Beattie

**Absent:**

**Minutes: a motion** “to approve the minutes of the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Seniors Advisory Committee meeting” was made by Fred Hodder - seconded by Karen Fraser and **carried**.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

**a. Survey Update**

- i. Hanya gave up update on the survey and reported that in the short time it has been open it has already received over 300 submissions.
- ii. Wendy asked if there was a rationale for the survey ending in the middle of January to which Hanya explained that Teresa (Communications Officer) described a surveys online lifespan is usually two months.
- iii. Kathy asked if we could redistribute links to the survey after a period of time – Hanya agreed. It was also agreed to extend the time of the survey until the end of January.
- iv. Donna gave a list of dates and times in which she has scheduled opportunities for the SAC to meet with harder to reach populations for their input on the survey.
- v. Wendy asked for volunteers for each date to ensure someone from the committee attends.
  - a. January 8<sup>th</sup> – Buckley Towers, 10:30am - Ewald and Wendy
  - b. January 16<sup>th</sup> – Buckley Towers, 10:30am - Anne
  - c. January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Imperial Towers, 2:30pm - Karen
  - d. January 30 – Ailantus Building, 10:30am - Anne
- vi. Wayne also suggested that a committee member (Wendy) come to council on Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – to present an update about the committee’s achievements to date.

**b. Seniors Month (June)**

- i. Wendy discussed that although Senior’s month is still a few months away, she would like to start planning on what the committee would like to do for Senior’s Month.

- ii. Kathy explained that June is also Recreation and Parks month and if the committee wanted to piggyback on an existing event it would be acceptable. Hanya also offered up the Coronation Centre space to hold an event if the committee deemed it appropriate.
- iii. Wendy suggested forming a sub-committee.
  - a. Karen and Stewart (virtually as Stew will be out of town) volunteered for the committee. It was also suggested that Francine may be a good fit for the committee but she was out of town for the meeting.
  - b. Ewald suggested anyone, not just subcommittee members, should feel welcome to submit an idea to the subcommittee.

**c. Self-Assessment Letter**

- i. Ewald presented the self-assessment letter to be presented to business and the BIA's. It was requested that the survey potentially be put online and then a link could be included in the letter.
- ii. A small conversation over the usage of email versus paper distribution took place with no full consensus being reached.
- iii. Stewart explained his background in media & communications and offered to add his perspective to the letter. Stewart to send his thoughts via email to Ewald and Francine.

**New Business**

**a. Pickleball**

- i. Kathy Moldenhauer advised the committee that the City was offering pickleball regularly now in the Boys and Girls Club gymnasium on McLeod Rd.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm on a motion from Ewald Kuczera; seconded by Noreen Bald and carried.

**Next Meeting – Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.**