

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

The meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee of the City of Niagara Falls was held in the Blue Room of the Coronation Centre on Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with Wendy McPherson chairing. Wendy welcomed all in attendance. Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm.

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

**Regrets:** Karen Fraser, Councillor Chris Dabrowski, and Francine Beattie

**Absent:** Donna Mills

A discussion ensued as to if we should be approving the minutes of the special meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup>. No minutes were taken due to the format of the meeting. The notification of the motion was sent via email.

**Minutes: a motion** “to approve the minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Seniors Advisory Committee meeting” was made by Ewald Kuczera - seconded by Stewart Black and *carried*.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

**a. Free Transit Trial**

- i. Hanya gave an update on the busing and how the distribution of the passes was going.
- ii. Councillor Campbell suggested we focus on communicating with other municipalities about the success of the free bussing to try and have an impact when the new Regional Bus system takes over.
- iii. Jack communicated that there is an upcoming Regional Transportation meeting at the end of September that it may be appropriate to attend.
- iv. Wendy explained that at the Age Friendly Niagara meeting she attended in the morning that transportation was a topic of discussion. It is clear it is a priority within the Age Friendly community going forward including their meeting in October.

**New Business**

**a. Age Friendly Niagara**

- i. Wendy gave an overview of the Age Friendly meeting that she and Otto attended that morning.

- ii. Kathy Moldenhauer and Councillor Campbell explained that a brochure has been created by the recreation department, detailing all of the free services provided by the city.

#### **b. Adoption of Strategic Plan**

**a motion** “to approve the strategic plan as provided” was made by Otto Penner - seconded by Ewald Kuczera and **carried**.

#### **c. Implementation Strategies**

- i. Hanya showed a draft business card that SAC members could present when talking to members of the public. The draft was well received with some edits to include the City of Niagara Falls logo on it and potentially copy the current City of Niagara Falls business card template.
- ii. Ewald asked if this, newly approved by the committee, strategic plan will be sent to council for endorsement.
  - a. Kathy followed up saying that yes, it would go to council and that a presentation from the chair of the committee usually accompanies such an item
  - b. Councillor Campbell suggested a quick presentation at the October 22 council meeting would be an appropriate date.
- iii. After some discussion on how to go about implementing the strategies Ewald suggested looking at the chronology of when tasks must be completed and starting there.
  - a. Goal 1 (2.1) – It was suggested that an awareness campaign regarding the committee was key. As well, DJ to provide a list of questions that could be utilized for the initial discussions with the public.
  - b. Goal 2 (1.1) – Recreation and Culture has a database of service clubs. Kathy to bring the list to the October SAC meeting.
  - c. Goal 3 (1.1) – Pg. 7 of the WHO document describes the age friendly criteria. There was some confusion around Goal 3 (1.1), as such Hanya to reach out to Bea for clarification while Wendy will contact the Niagara Age Friendly.
    - i. Ewald discussed reaching out to the Mayor’s office and the local BIA’s to potential distribute the Age Friendly Self-Assessment to local businesses.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm on a motion from Stewart Black; seconded by Fred Hodder and carried.