

**City of Niagara Falls  
Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, March 21st, 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 March 21st, 2019 with Hanya Nagy chairing. Hanya welcomed all in attendance. Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm.

**Present:** Councillor Wayne Campbell, Francine Beattie, Karen Fraser, Ewald Kuczera, Wendy McPherson, Otto Penner, Fred Hodder, Kathy Moldenhauer, Hanya Nagy, Donna Mills and DJ Brooks

**Regrets:** Anne Wylie, Stewart Black, Noreen Bald, and Councillor Chris Dabrowski.

**Absent:**

**Minutes: a motion** “to approve the minutes of the February 14th, 2019, Seniors Advisory Committee meeting” was made by Otto Penner - seconded by Fred Hodder and **carried**.

**Guest Speaker – Sheila DeLuca**

- i. Sheila DeLuca represented the Kiwanis Key Club, and St. Paul Catholic High School as a Teacher Advisor.
- ii. Sheila gave short presentation on the possibility of hosting a Social Media Workshop for seniors on Friday April 5th, 2019. The Workshop would include one-on-one teaching and assistance from Myer and Saint Paul Students.
- iii. Hanya to coordinate with Sheila to determine next steps and advertising of the Workshop.

**Introduction – Donna Mills**

- i. Donna Mills was introduced as an invited guest and non-voting member of the Committee.
- ii. Donna is a Health Promoter of Chronic Disease and injury prevention for Public Health, Niagara Region.
- iii. Donna has a wealth of knowledge pertaining to older adults and has many Regional resources the Committee can tap into.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

**i. Chairperson and Co-Chair**

- a. Wendy McPherson was the only Committee Member to put her name forward for Chair. The floor was open for any others to stand but none came forward.

**a motion** “to accept Wendy McPherson as Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee” was made by Ewald Kuczera - seconded by Otto Penner and **carried**.

- b. There was no vote for a Co-Chair. Otto Penner put his intention forth that he would be the co-chair IF no one else wanted it, but Hanya has heard from Stewart Black saying he may be interested. Due to his absence from the meeting the Co-Chair vote was adjourned until the April 11th meeting.

## ii. Acoustics at Council Meetings

- c. Kathy Moldenhauer advised that Information Services is currently looking at improving technologies within Council Chambers and that accessibility will be a consideration when implementing changes.

## New Business

### i. Local Demographics

- a. Donna Mills (Niagara Region) offered to provide specific demographics on the City of Niagara Falls.
- b. An organic discussion ensued from demographics onto Transportation that lead to two motions.

**a motion** "That Coronation Members, both existing and future, receive free bus pass with restrictions of usage to travel to during Coronation Centre during operating hours" was made by Ewald Kuczera - seconded by Karen Fraser and **carried**.

**a motion** "To provide free Niagara Falls bus pass during off-peak hours for seniors (as defined by the Transportation Department) who reside in Niagara Falls" was made by Fred Hodder - seconded by Francine Beattie and **carried**.

### ii. Transportation

- a. Karen Fraser spoke to some of the barriers to bussing for seniors and she identified the need for simple benches at the stops near senior related facilities. Suggested working with a local school or carpentry group to provide the benches.
- b. No motion created/voted on as these questions can be asked of the Transportation Department in future meetings.
- c. Hanya Nagy to invite Carla Stout, Manager of Transit operations, to the April 11th meeting, to discuss issues pertaining to routes, benches, etc.

### iii. Communication

- a. Karen asked about the website and telephone systems at City Hall in terms of Accessibility.
- b. Kathy Moldenhauer advised that all City websites meet AODA standards.
- c. DJ instructed to research into if City Halls telephone systems are designed around AODA standards.

### iv. SAC Meeting Schedule

- a. The concept of having a 10 meetings a year without a 2 month break in the summer was presented. The premise was that the Committee would break in December and July to avoid a 2 month break and minimizing any momentum the Committee has created.
- b. Due to missing Committee Members the motion was postponed until the April 11th meeting.

### v. Sidewalk Snow Clearing

- a. Ewald gave a snow clearing presentation (attached).

**a motion** “That these matters be referred to Municipal Works – Operations for consideration so as to allow for implementation of any measure prior to the 2019-2020 Winter Season” was made by Ewald Kuczera - seconded by Wendy McPherson and **carried**.

**vi. Age Friendly Niagara**

- a. Hanya Nagy advised the group that Domenic Ventresca, Vice Chair of the Niagara Age Friendly committee, has been invited to the April 11th meeting.

**vii. June – Seniors Month**

- a. Kathy Moldenhauer advised the group to consider what the Committee wants to do for Seniors month in June

**viii. Housing Fair**

- a. Francine presented the idea of a large scale Housing Fair including multiple groups and partnerships.
- b. This concept was adjourned to future meetings.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm on **a motion** from Karen Fraser; seconded by Francine Beattie and **carried**.