

# Advisory Committee on Older Adults

## Minutes

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

## Zoom

### Members:

Marcy Heit, Dominic Ventresca, Gail Riihimaki, Janet Reid, Marilyn Reynolds, Ursula Hudson, Francine Geikie (partial attendance due to technology issues)

Absent: Marion Hepworth, Tracey Fox

### Staff Liaison:

Koby Vanyo, Programs Supervisor

---

1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**  
Gail Riihimaki called the meeting to order at 2:02pm, held a moment of silence to remember Doug Rapelje
2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**
3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
4. **Motion to approve the agenda**  
Moved by Marcy Heit  
That the Agenda for the meeting of May 10, 2022 be approved.  
CARRIED
5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**  
Moved by Dominic Ventresca  
That the Minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting be approved with one addition – there was an update on the Age-Friendly Niagara Council provided by Dominic Ventresca  
CARRIED
6. **Presentations (invited guests)**
7. **Business arising from the minutes**  
Public appointment policy review, submit feedback piece to Clerk's office and social pillar, offer to provide additional input to Public Appointment Policy review, ask Kristen to attend our meeting as she did for other committee(s)

8. **Business**

- a. Update work plan at June meeting to submit to pillar for July meeting
- b. Needs Assessment
  - i. Inclusive Community Grant program application status  
Status of application is expected summer 2022  
Completion of grant by March 31, 2023
- c. Communications -
  - i. Written information to Communication department to familiarize ourselves with the City current communications, have an informal chat as a preliminary ice breaker meeting from the perspective of how Comms serve the older Adult population of St. Catharines. Share workplan with Manager of Communication department
  - ii. Garden City Current – review with specifics to older adults, how to get information into this publication? What other versions of communication does City use in relation to the older adult population
- d. Age Friendly Community
  - i. Senior's Month – Monday, June 6 10am – 2pm, Dunlop Drive Older Adult Centre  
Flag raising -need for microphone?  
Community Engagement – Dominic to liaise  
Councillor Philips to highlight 10 minutes St. Catharines accomplishments as related to older adults and what is in the future  
Major issues that Advisory Committee has been focused on – what one item would be most important to focus, priority in areas of...transportation, housing/homelessness, recreation services, health, other...that would be of most concern to older adults  
Pen and paper for each person to provide input  
Summary of the end of session – Dominic  
  
Gail to connect with Mayor's office  
  
Our committee table – IFA brochure, laptop and video to play, any City swag available? Raffle? 3x free passes give away?
  - ii. Let's Chat benches – Ontario Special Grant, each Older Adult Centre receives up to \$15000  
Will include some Let's Chat signs for current benches and an education piece

- e. NOAA, Niagara Older Adult Alliance – Seniors in Motion meeting, only 3 volunteers attended, going to down-size the event, same date, have stations of activities with Brock U students leading  
Older adults need NOAA/AFNC voice on the Niagara Regional transit committee
  - f. AFNC, Age Friendly Niagara Council – AFN and NOAA joint meeting regarding Regional transit, one member from NOAA/municipal advisory committee and ARN should be participating  
Ursula Hudson to join AFN as the CARP rep  
Campaign brief sent to candidates for Provincial office have been distributed to candidates in all 4 ridings with Niagara Region  
June 8, 1:30pm – Brock U researchers will have results to share  
May 16 – candidate's debate information from Ursula
  - g. Jack Gatecliff Arena – no input from this committee
9. **Date of next meeting**  
Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 2pm Zoom
10. **Motion to Adjourn**  
That the meeting be adjourned at 3:35pm  
CARRIED