

Advisory Committee on Older Adults

Minutes

Tuesday, March 08, 2022

Zoom

Members:

Marcy Heit, Francine Geikie, Dominic Ventresca, Gail Riihimaki, Janet Reid, Marilyn Reynolds

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 2:00pm, including introductions of new members Janet Reid and Marilyn Reynolds.
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 March 8, 2022 be approved.
CARRIED
5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**
Moved by Fran Geikie
That the Minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting be approved
CARRIED
6. **Presentations (invited guests)**
Michelle Sanders, Chair Accessibility Advisory Committee
Way finding initiative, specifically digital way finding
What does the City offer digitally now ie. To plan a trip before heading out to make for a better experience, which restaurants in the downtown core are accessible and not just the physical environment
Lovestc.ca – asking businesses to brag promote/boast/brag about accessibility

Build a resource to identify accessible places, locations to promote community belonging

What data elements is the committee looking at?

Megan Detlor is the staff liaison

7. **Business arising from the minutes**

Future committee membership for next Council Term

offer to other committees for input?

Share through Social Sustainability vs Clerk's office or both?

When does this term end?

Can we use current applicants to replace John Meguerian as the CARP rep?

8. **Business**

a. Needs Assessment

i. Inclusive Community Grant program application status

Role of the Advisory Committee

b. Communications -

i. Masters of Applied Gerontology or Community Nursing or Masters of Public Health student placement

ii. Age-Friendly communication strategy, research what City currently does for communication, what are leading practices to target Older Adults, analysis of City activities, liaise with Accessibility Advisory Committee

iii. This topic may be identified in the Ageing Strategy and Action Plan

c. Age Friendly Community

i. Senior's Month – Monday, June 6 10am – 2pm, Dunlop Drive Older Adult Centre,

9:45am flag raising at Dunlop Drive OAC

10am Mayor's message

this committee to develop some high level questions to present to be addressed by Mayor

ii. Let's Chat benches – Ontario Special Grant vs New Horizons grant

iii. Recreation Survey - defer

d. NOAA, Niagara Older Adult Alliance – this committee needs a replacement representative for NOAA

e. AFNC, Age Friendly Niagara Council – Dominic had a chance to speak with Federal Minister for Seniors Affairs in Thorold

f. Pandemic Recovery Subcommittee – action items will stay with each committee to work on with staff

9. **Date of next meeting**
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 2pm Zoom

10. **Motion to Adjourn**
Moved by Fran Geikie
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED