

# Advisory Committee on Older Adults

## Minutes

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**

## Zoom

### Members:

Gail Riihimaki, Ursula Hudson, Francine Geikie, Dominic Ventresca, Tracey Fox, Janet Reid

Absent: Marilyn Reynolds, Marcy Heit

### Staff Liaison:

Koby Vanyo, Programs Supervisor

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1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**  
Gail Riihimaki called the meeting to order at 2:05pm
2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**
3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
4. **Motion to approve the agenda**  
Moved by Janet Reid  
That the Agenda for the meeting of October 11, 2022 be approved  
CARRIED
5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**  
Moved by Tracey Fox  
That the Minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting be approved  
CARRIED
6. **Presentations (invited guests)**
7. **Business arising from the minutes**  
Committee membership review – Tracey Fox's ability to attend, conversation with Gail, Tracey continues to participate  
Marian Hepworth officially resigned from the committee  
Letters to municipal elected officials are in process  
Candidates brief released October 10, 2022 to 10/12 municipalities, please circulate among contacts

## 8. **Business**

- a. Needs Assessment, ICG grant – no update
- b. Communications
  - i. This term or next for the meeting at this point, with the goal of continuity of membership, proceed with meeting invite
    - 1. Survey results re: communication
    - 2. Work together on opportunities to promote age-friendly communication
    - 3. Koby to ask Maggie to attend November 8 meeting
    - 4. Gail to create a couple of slides to introduce the committee, referencing the Work Plan, dialogues and how we can support each other
  - ii. Print material as handout with Comms/Graphics to assist, Let's Chat bench promotion
  - iii. Future Mayor, opportunity to blow horn of what they are doing for Older Adults
- c. Age Friendly Community
  - i. Let's Chat benches
    - 1. Koby to order signage
    - 2. Accessibility Committee endorses concept and support to follow St. Catharines accessibility design standards with one exception – space at end of bench for device  
1015x1220 briefing notes  
920x1370 City standards
    - 3. Submit briefing note jointly to focus on accessible benches as recommendation to City
    - 4. Koby to contact Megan Detlor to understand process to get the information to staff
- d. NOAA, Niagara Older Adult Alliance –  
No meeting since last, most municipalities are no longer meeting due to election
- e. AFNC, Age Friendly Niagara Council –  
October 28 community consultation meeting in Welland, Pat Spadafora to present data and it will be interactive session  
Supports to aging at home top concern  
Increased leisure and learning opportunities  
Use data to refresh Niagara Ageing Strategy and Action Plan  
Dominic to ask for St. Catharines data to be extracted, this data could be used in lieu of grant for local Needs Assessment to inform updates for Work Plan/Older Adult Plan

New policy on Community

Opportunity to provide input to operationalize changes, how do we ensure we don't get missed again, Clerk's office to November meeting?, revive document from Gail/Dominic

LGBTQ2S+ committee – resignation of members from Equity Seeking committees, created a motion for City to stop profiting from racial adjourned committees

9. **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, November 08, 2022 at 2pm Zoom

10. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by Fran Geikie

That the meeting be adjourned at 2:58pm

CARRIED