

# Advisory Committee on Older Adults

## Minutes

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

**Zoom and Russell Avenue Community Centre at 2:00pm**

### **Members:**

John Meguerian, Gail Riihimaki, Dominic Ventresca, Georgette Proulx, Tracey Fox

**Absent:** Bonnie Purser, Marion Hepworth

### **Staff Liaison:**

Koby Vanyo, Programs Supervisor

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1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**  
Gail Riihimaki called the meeting to order at 2:06pm
  2. **Introduction of new member**  
Marcy Heit
  3. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**
  4. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**  
Dominic Ventresca added the topics of Seniors Month, Senior Centres' Without Walls, Senior Community Grant, James Street Civic Square
  5. **Motion to approve the agenda**  
Moved by Dominic Ventresca  
That the Agenda for the meeting of June 16, 2021 be approved.  
CARRIED
  6. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**  
March 2020 meeting minutes to be approved at next meeting
  7. **Presentations (invited guests)**  
There were none.
  8. **Business arising from the minutes**

There was none.

9. **Business**

**9.1 Selection of Chair/Vice Chair**

Gail Riihimaki be the Chair of the Committee

Moved by Marcy Heit

CARRIED

**9.2 Equitable Recovery Sub-Committee**

Gail will attend as the representative from this committee. This committee will share input via email for Gail to bring forward.

**9.3 A Niagara Council on Aging or Equivalent**

Information shared by Dominic

**9.4 A Collaborative of Municipal Advisory Councils**

Information shared by John

Interested in sharing what works well, not well, etc. to work toward common goals, to move away from working in isolation. Work within the 4 year municipal election timelines.

**9.5 YMCA Re-purposing**

Information shared by Dominic

Do we as an advisory committee want to weigh in? Multi-purpose, all ages recreation/community centre model. Dominic to circulate letter to members to re-draft from this committee.

**9.6 International Federation on Ageing Conference, Municipal Council Exhibit**

Niagara Falls, ON in November 2021, virtual and in-person

Looking to engage Older Adult volunteers, in exchange to attend sessions

Participate in an exhibit on-site or virtual exhibit, asking Pelham, Thorold, Welland and St. Catharines for \$100 each to cover expense

IFA volunteer opportunity to be placed in the Older Adult Centres monthly newsletter and CARP, possibly a website link and in the Current.

\$130 contribution from this committee

Moved by Dominic Ventresca

CARRIED

9.7 Age Friendly Niagara Network, addressing COVID 19 Impacts on Niagara Older Adults [www.agefriendlyniagara.com/wp-content/uploads/Age-Friendly-Niagara-Bulletin-October-2020\\_Final.pdf](http://www.agefriendlyniagara.com/wp-content/uploads/Age-Friendly-Niagara-Bulletin-October-2020_Final.pdf)

#### 9.8 Brock Research Project

June 23, 2pm – 4pm, focus group with this committee

9.9 James Street Civic Square, apply an Older Adult lens, closes June 25, review survey questions and provide input to be submitted to the project lead.

Seniors Community Grant, identify possible Work Plan items that could use funding to complete. Community, Recreation and Culture Services department is submitting a grant application, not sure if 2 applications are permitted?

#### 9.10 Work Plan

There is now much less time to action the work plan, how do we decide that actions to take/leave, any actions to add since going through COVID?

Environmental scan (maybe grant)

Housing – defer

Promote AFNN

Improve communications with all residents

Digital equity, staying connected – COVID implications

Look to other communities that completed Environmental scan – Port Colborne, Thorold (Brock students), Lincoln

#### 10. **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, July 06, 2021 at 2pm at Russell Avenue Community Centre and Zoom

#### 11. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by John Megeurian

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:05pm

CARRIED