

Advisory Committee on Older Adults

Minutes

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Russell Avenue Community Centre at 9:30am

Members:

Gail Riihimaki, Dominic Ventresca, Marcy Heit, Francine Geikie, Tracey Fox

Absent: Marion Hepworth, John Meguerian

Staff Liaison:

Koby Vanyo, Programs Supervisor

1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**
Gail Riihimaki called the meeting to order at 9:32am
2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**
3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
[List Additions/Deletions]
4. **Motion to approve the agenda**
Moved by Fran Geikie
That the Agenda for the meeting of September 15, 2021 be approved.
CARRIED
5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**
Moved by Tracey Fox
That the Minutes of the March 10, 2020, meeting be approved.
CARRIED

Moved by Dominic Ventresca
That the Minutes of the June 16, 2021, meeting be approved.
CARRIED

Moved by Marcie Heit
That the Minutes of the August 17, 2021, meeting be approved.
CARRIED
6. **Presentations (invited guests)**

There were none.

7. Business arising from the minutes

a. Terms of Reference, membership

Moved by Fran Geikie

That the Terms of Reference be updated to –

Composition

The Committee shall be comprised of up to 12 members as follows:

- Citizen members which fall within one or more of the parameters of: older adult, professional, occupational, and/or social interest in the quality of life for older adults
- One representative from each of the three City's Older Adult Centres who are interested and applies
- One representative from the Canadian Association of Retired Persons – Niagara who is interested and applies

The Committee Chair, or designate, may be requested to attend the Niagara Age-Friendly Leadership Council meetings

Background For the Change

The Older Adults Advisory Committee has been challenged with finding representatives from the Older Adults Centres that are interested in participating in the Older Adults Advisory Committee. Currently, we have only one representative rather than three. This has limited our committee membership to only 8 at most. We would like to remove the specification of the number of citizen members to allow us more flexibility to recruit citizen members when there are no interested representatives from the Older Adults Centres. In our current situation (with only one representative from the Older Adults Centre and one from CARP), we would ideally have 8 citizen committee members (for a total of 10). Increasing the maximum to 12 members (instead of 10 members) also would allow us the capacity to simply add representatives from the Older Adults Centre should they later decide to volunteer.

CARRIED

8. Business

a. Work Plan items

- i. Needs Assessment – grant application status, questions
- ii. Communications -defer
- iii. Age Friendly community – James Street Civic Square, YMCA re-purposing, Let's Chat benches

b. International Federation on Ageing Conference

Cheque requested to contribute to virtual booth costs, Dominic asked for a fact sheet, one pager to highlight the power of older adults within the City of St. Catharines (WHO age friendly status, Older Adult Plan is being revised, Seniors Centre Without Walls program, Take Away bags during the pandemic, Community Needs Assessment)

c. Municipal Councils Collaborative

John Meguerian was not present to share the information

d. Pandemic Recovery Subcommittee – discussion and motion on committee approval of submission, motion required

Discussion included need to focus on actionable items, place references at the end, this is a passionate subcommittee, minor edits as seen by Gail Riihimaki are acceptable

Moved by Dominic Ventresca

That the committee endorses the document for submission to the Pandemic Recovery Subcommittee

CARRIED

e. Niagara Transit Governance Plan – motion required

Discussion included that representation from the Advisory Committee on Older Adults was not specifically asked for, this was an independent invitation, Koby and Gail were directly approached. In consultation phase now.

Moved by Tracey Fox

That the committee endorses the feedback to the Niagara Transit Governance Plan.

CARRIED

9. **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, November 09, 2021 at 2pm at Russell Avenue Community Centre

10. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by Marcie Heit

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:30am

CARRIED