

# Advisory Committee on Older Adults

## Minutes

**Tuesday, February 08, 2022**

## Zoom

### Members:

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

Absent: 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 2:00pm
2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**
3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**  
[List Additions/Deletions]
4. **Motion to approve the agenda**  
Moved by Marcy Heit  
That the Agenda for the meeting of February 8, 2022 be approved.  
CARRIED
5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**  
Moved by Dominic Ventresca  
That the Minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting be approved with one change  
CARRIED
6. **Presentations (invited guests)**  
There were none.
7. **Business arising from the minutes**  
Michelle Sanders, Chair Accessibility Advisory Committee will attend the March 8, 2022.

## 8. **Business**

### a. Work Plan items

#### i. Inclusive Community Grant program opportunity

Project 1 – Action plan, expand beyond the Older Adult Plan, combined strategy to include actions (\$50k for strategy and \$10k for actions), tangible, quick win actions

Project 2 – Let's Chat Bench project...could be started by the SALC Special Grant or current benches in place to add signage, media/press integral piece of this project

Moved by John Meguerian

That staff to proceed with an application to the Inclusive Community Grant program to produce an Ageing Strategy and Action plan.

CARRIED

#### ii. Needs Assessment – deferred as Inclusive Community Grant program application will be more robust and significant

#### iii. Communications -defer

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

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

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

#### iv. Age Friendly Community

### b. International Federation on Ageing Conference – sent Gail's email regarding the \$125 investment to pertinent City staff

### c. NOAA, Niagara Older Adult Alliance – next meeting March 18, week prior to AFN Council, targeting an in-person event in June (possibly outside), establishing an inventory template of municipal committees and their associated information, printed IFA conference brochures to be distributed to municipalities for distribution

### d. Municipal Election – how will this affect the committee work, lame duck? Suggestion for some 2 term positions plus new positions to have continuity to move work forward as in a succession plan, Gail to draft suggestion to Clerk's office

- e. AFNC, Age Friendly Niagara Council
    - Older Adult Info Link, new website associated with 211 Niagara – invite to SCWW and Cyber-Seniors
    - A one pager is ready, SHARE to all networks, excellent resource in Niagara
    - Interim Board working toward a Founding Board
    - Invite from Vance Badaway, February 17 via Zoom, Service Canada rep to present current benefits available to seniors
  - f. Pandemic Recovery Subcommittee – report did not go to Social Sustainability Pillar (no quorum)
  - g. Membership recruitment – 2 new members will be presented to Council February 14, they will be invited to March 8 meeting
9. **Date of next meeting**  
Tuesday, March 08, 2022 at 2pm Zoom
10. **Motion to Adjourn**  
Moved by Dominic Ventresca  
That the meeting be adjourned at 3:30pm  
CARRIED