



Seniors' Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday September 26, 2011  
**11:00 a.m.**  
Committee Room, Town Hall

Members Present:

Mayor Morrison (left at 11:45 a.m.)  
Councillor D. Beffort  
Councillor R. Mezzapelli  
Chair: B. Crease  
Vice-Chair: G. Wharton  
D. Ackers  
P. Drake  
M. Jakeman  
C. Kidd  
J. Parker  
C. Petrie  
A. Rodrigues  
H. Rutter  
B. Williams (arrived at 11:26 a.m.)

Members Absent:

D. Hoppie (regrets)

Town Staff:

Director of Administration/Town Clerk: K. Landry  
Fitness Program Coordinator: E. Burger  
Senior Policy Planner: M. Williams  
Records/FOI Coordinator: L. Wright  
Manager of Policy & Sustainability: H. Xu

Others Present:

Councillor R. Paterak  
Older Adult Coordinator, City of Mississauga: J. Culbert  
Information & Referral specialist, Region of Peel, 211 Program: J. Storkey

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by: B. Crease

SNRS-2011-007

That the Seniors' Advisory Committee Agenda dated September 26, 2011 be approved, with the addition of an urgent business matter regarding the 2012 Seniors' Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule.

Carried.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None Stated.

**4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

Moved by: G. Wharton

SNRS-2011-008

That the minutes of the June 27, 2011 Seniors Advisory Committee Special Meeting be received.

Carried.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Jayne Culbert, Older Adult Co-ordinator, City of Mississauga. re: City of Mississauga Older Adults Plan Presentation

J. Culbert advised that the City of Mississauga's Older Adult Plan is a corporate guide for making strategic investments of time, effort and money to address implications of aging population on municipal programs and infrastructure over the next 10 years. The Plan's vision reads "As an age-friendly city, older adults in Mississauga will lead purposeful and active lives, will live in their community with dignity, integrity and independence and will experience a diverse range of lifestyle opportunities to pursue their personal interests". J. Culbert noted that it was recommended that the City adopt a sliding user fee scale that is based on one's financial ability to pay rather than on age. J. Culbert indicated that the Plan's immediate impact on residents resulted in expanded health and wellness programming, increased awareness and access to information, better trained staff, age friendly urban form "Older Adult Nodes", as well as promoting cultural inclusion.

- B. Jacqueline Storkey, Information & Referral Specialist. re: Region of Peel 211 Program.

J. Storkey advised that the 211 Program is a free service providing government and social services information to all residents of the Region of Peel. Information can be obtained 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through phone, web, and social media. The program offers a multi-lingual live-person connection providing reliable information as well as offering links to other vital resources. Upcoming features of the 211 Program will be the introduction of mobile apps, information management systems, and a 211.ca website.

**6. REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. Transportation Working Group Update

D. Ackers reiterated the concerns from the last meeting regarding the groups accomplishments and its upcoming focus, and suggested that the group only meet on an as-needed basis. Upon further discussion the committee would like the working group to investigate transportation subsidies for low-income seniors as funding is presently at full capacity.

B. Health Care Issues Working Group Update

C. Kidd, Chair of the Health Care Issues Working Group outlined the activities described in the attachment from the Health Issues Working Group. C. Kidd also distributed an information leaflet regarding the Central West LHIN for information. C. Kidd advised that she will contact Michelle Karker, the Executive Director of the East Wellington Family Health Team, to arrange for her to speak at an upcoming committee meeting.

Councillor R. Paterak updated the committee regarding the Seniors Dental Plan and indicated that the waiting list is growing. At this time the Plan is a one-time only system with a cap of \$1,500.00. Councillor Paterak noted that the removal of dentures from the program is being considered together with changing to a lifetime amount of \$1,500.00. Councillor Paterak invited members to submit any further opinions or issues to him directly regarding the Plan.

C. Recreation & Social Working Group Update

No update at this time.

D. Housing & Accommodation Working Group Update

P. Drake, Chair of the Housing & Accommodation Working Group advised that he is scheduled to present a delegation to Council at its meeting on October 18, 2011. P. Drake advised that the working group has drafted 2 focus items recommending that the list of universal flex design features be incorporated into the Planning Departments process when reviewing new developments, and that developers/builders be given a "carrot" through reduced development charges to encourage them to building more residences that are affordable. The Working Group will meet again to finalize these two recommendations before its delegation to Council.

E. Questions regarding Committee Procedures

Karen Landry, Director, Administration/Town Clerk, advised members that in 2007 the *Municipal Act* was amended to include new provisions respecting the accountability and transparency of municipal government and its operations.

K. Landry also discussed that staff will be reviewing and standardizing all committee Terms of Reference. K. Landry advised that unfortunately there are no provisions in the *Act* for teleconferencing during a council or committee meeting.

Moved by: M. Jakeman

SNRS-2011-009

That the Seniors Advisory Committee accept the resignation of Barb Swail; and

That the Seniors Advisory Terms of Reference be amended to add representation from the Caledon Hills Seniors Club; and

That the Seniors Advisory Terms of Reference be reviewed in its entirety by the Seniors Advisory Committee.

Carried

F. New Horizons for Seniors Funding Program

M. Williams, Senior Policy Planner, advised that the Town has applied for funding from the Government of Canada for the New Horizons for Seniors Program. If the application is accepted, the Town will seek advice from a consultant to initiate an older adults plan.

G. 2012 Seniors' Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

The committee approved the meeting calendar for 2012.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION**

1. National Seniors Day – October 1, 2011

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

9. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on November 28, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. in the Committee Room, Town Hall.