



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, October 28, 2019

10:00 AM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on November 6, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Donna Del at 10:00 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 11 - Councillor N. Harris
J. Annable
D. Dellio
C. Green
G. Kavanagh
M. Malcolm
L. Ricardo
P. Sasco
H. Stone
P. Thiffault
S. Turcott

ALSO PRESENT:

Mayor, J. Lehman
A. Campobasso.

STAFF:

Accessibility and Diversity Specialist, C. Dillon
Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Recreation Programmer, J. Gourlie.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

PRESENTATION CONCERNING A SHIFT GOVERNMENT PROJECT REGARDING STUDENT AND SENIOR HOMESHARE PILOT OPPORTUNITIES

Mayor, J. Lehman provided a presentation to the Committee concerning a Shift Government Project regarding a proposal for a Student and Senior Homeshare Pilot Program.

Mayor Lehman discussed the following information:

- An overview on the Shift Government initiatives dedicated to route problems and prevention such as aging in place, food support, and the Opioid crisis;
- The Shift Government Team;
- Examples of successful Student and Senior Homeshare programs in the municipalities of Hamilton and Toronto;
- The concept of the Homeshare Program:
 - Partnership with Georgian College;
 - A coordinator position set up by Georgian College for the Pilot Program;
 - Connecting seniors with students;
 - Students enrolled in program with experience, nursing, social services etc.;
 - Student assisting with food, odd jobs, shoveling snow etc.;
 - Low rent costs;
 - Forming a relationship and eliminating isolation of seniors and students;
 - A framework agreement assisting on how they want to live and developing a relationship.
 - A helpline to assist with issues or challenges;

The Committee asked a number of questions to Mayor Lehman and City staff and received responses.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

HOMESHARE FOR STUDENTS AND SENIORS PILOT PROGRAM

1. That a one year Student and Seniors Homeshare Pilot Program in partnership with the Georgian College be supported and that commitment funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Community Benefit Reserve be approved.
2. That once the Student and Seniors Homeshare Pilot Program is in place an update be provided to the Seniors Advisory Committee on the progress of the Pilot Program.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/6/2019.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 2020

The Committee discussed the Seniors Advisory Committee Goals for 2020. D. Dellio, Chair advised of the City of Toronto's Age-Friendly Strategy that identifies different spokes of an age-friendly community and the eight goals from the World Health Organization.

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next meeting to gather further information on the City of Toronto's Strategy.

EFFECTS ON BARRIE SENIORS ASSOCIATED TO THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO'S PROPOSED HEALTH SYSTEM CUTS FOR 2020

The Committee deferred this item to a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN