



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final Seniors Advisory Committee

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Monday, August 19, 2019

10:00 AM

Huronian Room "A"

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### For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on October 2, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, D. Dellio at 10:05 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

**Present:** 8 - J. Annable  
D. Dellio  
G. Kavanagh  
L. Ricardo  
P. Sasco  
H. Stone  
P. Thiffault  
S. Turcott

**Absent:** 3 - Councillor N. Harris  
C. Green  
M. Malcolm

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

C. Stevenson  
J. Masse  
J. Sawicki  
L. Graham.

#### **STAFF:**

Accessibility and Diversity Specialist, C. Dillon  
Acting Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur  
Manager of Enforcement Services, T. Banting  
Policy Planner, C. Kitsemetry  
Policy Planner, T. Wierzba.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

## **SECTION "A"**

### **CONCERNS ASSOCIATED WITH SENIORS HOUSING**

Carol Stevenson provided a presentation regarding her concerns associated with seniors housing in the City.

Ms. Stevenson discussed the following living experiences that she and her neighbours have experienced with seniors housing:

- The background information and purpose of the presentation;
- The living experiences of Ms. Stevenson and surrounding neighbours; and
- The macro level concerns associated to seniors housing in the City such as affordable housing, unsafe living condition, absentee landlords and safety and security in their homes and the surrounding neighbourhoods.

In closing, Ms. Stevenson expressed her concerns for seniors living in the City and commented that seniors need a place to call home that is affordable, and safe mentally, physically and emotionally.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions to Ms. Stevenson and to City staff and received responses.

### **SENIORS HOUSING**

Celeste Kitsemety, Policy Planner provided a presentation concerning an update on proposed developments and seniors housing in the City.

Ms. Kitsemety discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The proposed developments to be targeted for seniors, including assisted living;
- The proposed developments with a mix of unit types and access to commercial and transit;
- An update on Affordable Housing; and
- The Official Plan and Urban Design Guidelines.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions to City staff and received responses.

The Committee discussed the impacts of ageism and the need for the government to set better standards for seniors' and the community such as addressing safety concerns, affordable housing options, and tools in place to plan for seniors now and in the future. The Committee further discussed the City's planning processes, the need for an aging in place plan, innovative ideas for housing such as granny flats, and the possibility of new developments in unused commercial properties.

### **2019 COMMITTEE GOALS**

The Committee reviewed housing for seniors in the City and the options for seniors to utilize living such as aging in place and in the comfort of their own homes or in senior assisted living that offers resources for seniors and the costs associated to both styles of living.

The Committee identified the importance for a Seniors Housing Strategy for the City to address various housing options, an aging in place plan, and a safety and security plan for seniors.

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

### **SECTION "B"**

#### **INCENTIVES FOR DEVELOPERS OF UNUSED COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

That staff in the Planning and Building Services Department investigate the feasibility of providing incentives for developers of unused commercial properties such as the Sears buildings located at 509 Bayfield Street, for mixed use including affordable housing options for seniors and report back to the Seniors Advisory Committee.

#### **SENIORS HOUSING STRATEGY**

The staff in the Planning and Building Services Department develop a Seniors Housing Strategy as part of the new Official Plan to include various housing options, an Aging in Place Plan, and a Safety and Security Plan for seniors and report back to the Seniors Advisory Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

CHAIRMAN