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SENIORS HOUSING

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

Ms. Kitsemetry 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.