



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final Seniors Advisory Committee

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Monday, November 25, 2019

10:00 AM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

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**For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee  
on December 4, 2019.**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, D. Dellio at 10:01 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

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

**Absent:** 3 - Councillor N. Harris  
C. Green  
P. Sasco

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Dr. C. Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, SMDHU

**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:

**PRESENTATION BY DR. GARDNER, MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FROM THE SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH IN SIMCOE MUSKOKA**

Dr. C. Gardner, Medical Officer of Health from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) provided a presentation concerning the status of public health in Simcoe Muskoka.

Mr. Gardner discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The SMDHU's mission and vision statements;
- An overview of the SMDHU's public health services;
- The 2019 SMDHU Board of Health members;
- The impacts on the public health system associated to the Province's direction;
- The SMDHU Strategic Priorities;
- The provincial hiring a third-party consultant to oversee the reform and modernization of public health and emergency health services;
- The current status of the SMDHU during the transition of public health directed by the Province;
- The percentage of seniors living in Barrie and Simcoe Muskoka;
- Maps illustrating the areas in the City that are populated by seniors and within walkability to City services;
- The built environment concept for seniors that focuses on strengths and eliminating barriers, age-friendly/healthy community designs and supports physical, mental, social health and well-being;
- The SMDHU and City of Barrie's Climate Change Strategies;
- The SMDHU actions on the opioid crisis;
- The new health issues arising from vaping products;
- Smoke-free hospitals and college campuses;
- The SMDHU's Infectious Diseases Emergency Response Plan;
- The SMDHU's Annual Community Report;
- The 2019 Provincial Municipal Funding Share;
- A chart illustrating from 2016 - 2019 per capita public health funding for Orillia; and
- A summary of the public health transition and uncertainty associated to provincial direction and timeline and the SMDHU's commitment for excellence in public health services.

The Committee asked a number of questions to Dr. Gardner and received responses.

**PROCEDURES OF RECOMMENDED MOTIONS AT COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS**

D. Dellio, Chair discussed the procedures of motions recommended by the Seniors Advisory Committee prior to approval by Council.

The Committee asked questions of clarification associated to motions from Advisory Committees, the best practices in communicating with City staff and members of Committee/Council and received responses from City staff.

**POSSIBILITY OF A STAND UP BANNER FOR SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ATTENDED EVENTS**

The Committee approved the expenditure for a standup banner not to exceed an amount of \$500.00 to promote the Seniors Advisory Committee at attended events and to be funded from the 2019 Seniors Advisory Committee Account.

**BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

The Committee discussed the 2019 Budget and the funds available to purchase promotional items as handouts to promote the Seniors Advisory Committee to the community.

J. Gourlie, Recreation Programmer advised that she will report back to the Committee with a price list of promotion items at the next meeting.

**MEETING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2019 AND 2020**

The Committee agreed to schedule a Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting on December 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The Committee also agreed to continue the 2020 SAC meetings on the third Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

CHAIRMAN