



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, February 12, 2018

10:00 AM

Georgian Room

For consideration at Community Services Committee on April 9, 2018

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

Present: 9 - R. Cotton
G. Kavanagh
G. Sels
H. Stone
J. Comper
J. Youell-Robson
L. Bourassa
L. Ricardo
M. Malcolm

Absent: 3 - Councillor B. Ainsworth
M. Stevenson
R. Cheeseman

STAFF:

Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Recreation Programmer, J. Gourlie.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

55+ INFORMATION DIRECTORY UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update concerning the status of finding a new publisher to assist in the publication of a 55+ Information Directory. Ms. Dillon advised that she has been in contact with two companies that can provide different options to publish the Directory.

G. Kavanagh advised that the Barrie CARP Chapter 36 has been working on producing a Directory for seniors and commented on information they are looking to have in the directory for seniors. The Committee discussed the possibility of partnering with CARP in publishing a 55+ Information Directory and agreed to invite a member from CARP to the next Committee meeting for further discussion.

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update on the implementation of the Age-Friendly Community Plan in the City, and she advised that of the 29 goals and noted that City staff have completed 22 of them in 2017. She advised that the outstanding goals are to be completed in 2018. Ms. Dillon advised that City staff are continuing to apply for grants to promote an Age-Friendly Community.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY VIRTUAL VILLAGE

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator discussed the possibility of a dementia friendly virtual village by creating an environment for dementia patients that providing a safe and non-threatening environment as close to reality as possible. Ms. Dillon advised that in November, 2017, a round table discussion was held by local community groups to discuss technology options, evolution of this project, business models, and designs. Ms. Dillon advised she will report back to the Committee with an update at a future meeting.

WALKABILITY DISCUSSION

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator discussed the possibility of partnering with the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Active Transportation Committee in exploring different areas around the City to be walkable during all seasons of the year. Ms. Dillon advised that she will report back to the Committee with further information at a future meeting.

SENIORS' MONTH - JUNE 2018

H. Stone advised that in preparation with Seniors' Month being held in June, the Barrie Seniors Service Network (BSSN) would like to partner with the Seniors Advisory Committee to host a fair that will include profit and non-profit organizations. She indicated that the fair would provide networking opportunities for seniors in the community. The Committee agreed to partner with the BSSN to host a fair.

The Committee discussed sponsoring a barbeque to kick-off Seniors' Month to be held on June 6, 2018, at the Parkview 55+ Centre from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Committee agreed that it would contribute an amount not to exceed \$300 (Account #01-06-0938-0000-3060) for expenses related to the barbeque.

SENIORS HOUSING UPDATE

G. Kavanagh discussed a new concept of seniors' housing known as "Shared Seniors Living" that was recently unveiled by CARP. Ms. Kavanagh advised that a house was purchased within the City and will consist of 5 units to be available by April or May, 2018. Ms. Kavanagh indicated that she will update the Committee with the progress at a future meeting.

EVENTS / UPDATES

G. Kavanagh provided an update to the events and activities the Barrie CARP Chapter 36 during the months of April, May and June, 2018. Ms. Kavanagh advised that any member of the community can attend their meetings and that all the information is available on their website at barriecarp.ca.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

CHAIRMAN