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Final

Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee

Monday, November 17, 2025

4:00 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

SENIORS AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

For consideration by the Community Safety Committee on January 21, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, N. Nigussie at 4:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 6 - Chair – Councillor N. Nigussie
C. Kenwell
R. Garvin
G. Kavanagh
R. Meier
H. Platt

Absent: 4 - W. Delo
W. Krever
K. MacDonald
E. Saba

STAFF

Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Legislative Coordinator, C. Payne
Manager of Health and Safety, K. Cooper
Strategic Project Coordinator and Executive Administrator to the CAO, A. Harrison

The Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

Karen Cooper, Manager of Health and Safety, provided a presentation regarding the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for 2025-2030.

Ms. Cooper discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Message from the CAO;
- Past accessibility accomplishments and SAAC contribution highlights;
- Overview of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP);
- Public and community consultations;
- Priorities for 2025-2030 in terms of customer service, communication, transportation and public spaces; and
- Key areas of focus and next steps.

Members of Committee asked questions, received responses and provided feedback.

ONTARIO SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Chair, Councillor N. Nigussie provided information regarding the Ontario Senior Achievement Award nomination process and reminded the Committee nominations must be submitted by December 1st.

COMMITTEE BUDGET

Tara McArthur, Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, provided an overview of the Committee's budget for 2025. The Committee discussed how the remaining funds may be used, including a potential donation or sponsorship.

INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM

Chair, Councillor N. Nigussie, presented ideas for a potential intergenerational program that pairs senior and youth citizens to foster community ties and prevent social isolation.

The Committee asked questions and received responses.

The Committee agreed to conduct further research, including looking at similar, existing programs and will discuss the matter further at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

CHAIRMAN