



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, November 23, 2020

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on December 14, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, D. Dellio at 10:00 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - Chairman D. Dellio
Councillor A. Kungl
C. Green
G. Kavanagh
J. Annable
L. Ricardo
M. Malcolm
P. Thiffault
S. Turcott

Absent: 3 - Councillor N. Harris
H. Stone
P. Sasco

ALSO PRESENT:

M. Rochon, Social Impact Projects Coordinator, Georgian College.

STAFF:

Accessibility and Diversity Specialist, C. Dillon
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Recreation Programmer, J. Gourlie
Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Analysis, K. Suggitt
Stakeholder and Special Project Coordinator, L. Wild.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

THE DRAFT NEW OFFICIAL PLAN AND CITY-WIDE URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES

Kathy Suggitt, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Analysis, Development Services Department provided a presentation concerning the draft New Official Plan and the City-wide Urban Design Guidelines.

Ms. Suggitt discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview on the development of the new theme-based Official Plan (OP) and Urban Design Guidelines;
- The key draft maps associated to the vision of the City;
- Urban Design principles;
- The priority concepts and applicable Official Plan sections associated to an Age-Friendly City;
- The key policy highlights associated to housing options;
- The timelines and approval process to moving forward with the Plan.

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

The Committee agreed to review and provide feedback on the draft Official Plan and Urban Design Guidelines at the next Committee meeting on December 14, 2020.

SENIORS/STUDENTS HOMESHARING PROJECT

Martin Rochon, Social Impact Project Coordinator, Georgian College provided a presentation concerning an update on the Seniors/Students HomeShare Project.

Mr. Rochon provided an overview on the HomeShare Project, a partnership between the Mayor's Office and Georgian's Centre for Changemaking and Social Innovation. The intention of the pilot project is to match postsecondary students with older adults aged 55+ who have a spare room in their home. In exchange for reduced rent, the student would provide up to seven hours per week of companionship and help with light household tasks.

Mr. Rochon advised that the project has been affected by COVID-19 due to safety and legal protocols, as Georgian College students cannot be placed into seniors' homes until the COVID-19 risks lessened. He noted the

program will continue to screen matches to allow for quick and effective placement of the students with the best matched seniors once the pandemic situation improves.

Mr. Rochon noted the core goal of mitigating social isolation for seniors and students, and this is being supported by a \$50,000 grant from Simcoe-Muskoka United Way that runs from June 20, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

SENIORS NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Martin Rochon, Social Impact Projects Coordinator, Georgian College discussed the Barrie seniors' needs assessment survey that was completed on November 17, 2020. He provided an overview of the key results of the survey that was administered to Barrie seniors and to those who are caregivers to Barrie seniors or act in a related capacity.

Mr. Rochon discussed an 'app' that was designed by students in Georgian College's Interactive Media Design: Web and it will be used to dispatch Georgian College students to address some of the identified seniors' needs. He noted that the app is being refined and student volunteer recruitment is ongoing for the project.

RAPID HOUSING INITIATIVE (RHI)

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES GRANT

C. Dillon, Accessibility and Diversity Specialist, provided an overview on the Province's Inclusive Communities Grant available to communities in Ontario, municipalities or public organizations providing initiatives that help support individuals with disabilities and/or older adults through programming or to advance age-friendly priorities and innovative options. She discussed programming currently available to seniors to assist with isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic called the Seniors Without Walls Program. Ms. Dillon advised the need for the community to advance the Seniors Without Walls Program and the City's Age-friendly Plan.

Ms. Dillon advised that City staff will be submitting an application for the Inclusive Communities Grant and are looking for support from the Seniors Advisory Committee. The Committee agreed to support the application and Ms. Dillon will report back to the Seniors Advisory Committee once information regarding the grant becomes available.

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

SECTION "B"

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY GRANT

1. That the Seniors Advisory Committee supports the application for funding through the Inclusive Community Grant administered by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility (MSAA) in order to support advancements to the City of Barrie's Age Friendly Community planning efforts and the Seniors Without Walls Program.
2. That should the funding through the Inclusive Community Grant be successful, City staff report back to the Seniors Advisory Committee on the progress of City of Barrie's Age Friendly Community planning efforts and the Seniors Without Walls Program.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/15/2020.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

BARRIE HEALTH ACCORD

Councillor, A.M. Kungl provided an overview on the Barrie Health Accord, an initiative that commits organizations to participating in a community-wide planning process that focuses on the long-term health and well-being of the municipality and to addressing root causes of health conditions that require emergency services and treatment to set measurable outcome metrics and transparently reporting them to the community.

Councillor Kungl advised that the first step was signing the Barrie Health Accord and the next step is gathering the metrics and information.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Councillor Kungl associated to the Barrie Health Accord. Councillor Kungl suggested inviting Patrick Feng from the Healthy Barrie Project, to a future meeting. She advised that a presentation on the Healthy Barrie Project was recently

discussed at Barrie City Council, and that it is an initiative to improve health and well-being, support health innovation and develop research capacity in the City of Barrie. The Committee agreed to invite the Mr. Feng to a future meeting for an update on the Project.

AGE-FRIENDLY PLAN UPDATE

Cheryl Dillon, Accessibility and Diversity Co-ordinator provided an update on the Age-Friendly Plan. She advised that they are moving forward and are looking at a new Age-Friendly Plan that focuses on a smaller list of age-friendly goals and strategies which is supported by the Seniors Advisory Committee and City staff.

The Committee provided their suggestions and priorities for a new Age-Friendly Plan. They agreed to discuss this item at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE GOALS 2021

The Committee deferred this item to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

CHAIRMAN