

Senior Advisory Committee

Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Tecumseh Town Hall - Sandwich South Room

Present:
Councillor Rick Tonial
Member Loretta Stoyka Henderson
Vice-Chair Gabrielle McMillan
Chair Paul Morand
Member Dara Pfeifer O'Connor
Member Nancy Tennant

Also Present:
Manager Committee & Community Services Christina Hebert

Absent:
Member Suzanne Beneteau
Member Dorothy Nagy

A. Call to Order

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Roll Call

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None reported.

D. Delegations

1. Manager Planning Services

Re: Tecumseh Transit Service

The Manager Planning Services provides an overview of the Tecumseh Transit Service (TTS). TTS, currently in its tenth year of operation, provides a circuitous route with a one hour headway. Covering approximately thirty (30) kilometres, the TTS makes forty-three (43) stops. He reviews the annual ridership of the TTS which operates Monday through Saturday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm.

In response to an inquiry, the Manager Planning Services confirms a senior is person over the age of 55 for purposes of the TTS fares. He also notes a bike rack is available on the bus.

It is suggested a 'hop on, hop off' or a 'day' pass would be beneficial for seniors who may have various stops to make in a single day. Additionally, it is noted the winter proves difficult for seniors to safely walk to the designated bus stops.

The Members further suggest an 'orientation' similar to the First Ride Program organized by the elementary schools would be beneficial to better acquaint seniors with the TTS.

Appreciation is extended to the Manager Planning Services for his presentation this evening.

The Manager Planning Services vacates the meeting at 6:27 pm.

E. Communications

1. Senior Advisory Committee Minutes - July 25, 2019

Motion: SAC- 21/19

Moved By Member Nancy Tennant

Seconded By Member Dara Pfeifer O'Connor

That the minutes of the July 25, 2019 meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee as were duplicated and delivered to the Committee members, are accepted.

Carried

F. Reports

None.

G. Unfinished Business

1. Education Workshops

The Manager Committee & Community Services advises the Town was successful in receiving the Seniors Community Grant for a series of 'Lunch N Learn' workshops.

Six (6) workshops are proposed, on a variety of topics, under the grant funding.

The Members discuss workshop topics and concur with scheduling therapeutic painting as the first workshop and engaging the services of Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario (EAPO) to conduct the second workshop.

The Manager Committee & Community Services will contact EAPO to discuss how their new four-part lecture series that includes: Elder Abuse 101, Wellness & Prevention, Seniors' Rights and Legal Literacy and Healthy Relationships can be customized for the Lunch N Learn.

2. Tecumseh Corn Festival

Discussion ensues regarding the SAC booth at the Tecumseh Corn Festival on Seniors Day, Friday, August 23. The Members remark it was a great opportunity to engage and connect with local seniors and educate on the Committee's various initiatives.

The Committee concurs with hosting a booth annually on Seniors Day.

The survey results are reviewed; a 118 seniors participated in the survey and provided helpful comments for use in future programming.

3. Fall Prevention Clinic

A reminder is provided the next Fall Prevention Clinic is scheduled to be held on Thursday, November 7 at the Golden Age Club. The half-day session, will take place from approximately 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Appreciation is extended to the Members for assisting with promotion of the event.

H. New Business

1. Call for Committee Applications

The Members are advised applications are being received from residents interested in serving on the Town's Committees. Details, together with the application forms, may be found on the Town's website.

Nominations are also being accepted for the Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award, the Donald "Donny" Massender Memorial Volunteer Award and the Ontario Senior of the Year Award.

The deadline for submission is October 31, 2019.

The Members are encouraged to share the information with persons who may be interested in serving on a Town Committee, as well as the Award nominations.

2. 2020 Budget

The 2019 Budget is reviewed and project initiatives for 2020 is discussed.

The Members concur with maintaining the Senior Advisory budget allocation for 2020.

3. Snow & Leaf Angels Program

The 2019 – 2020 Snow & Leaf Angels Program (Program) commences October 31 through to March 31, 2020. Snow & Leaf Angels are matched with seniors and persons with physical disabilities living in the Town to clear snow and leaves from Town sidewalks and driveway entrances for those in need of assistance.

Further information, including the application forms, are available on the Town's website.

The Members are encouraged to share the information with seniors (those ages 65 or older) and persons with physical disabilities who may apply for assistance.

4. Chartwell St. Clair Beach Retirement Residence

The Manager Committee & Community Services apprises Chartwell St. Clair Beach Retirement Residence has generously extended an offer to use the facility, following the success of the Seniors Around Town Program. Some suggested programming options include aquafit, afternoon movies in the theatre room and cooking demonstrations.

The Members concur it is a great opportunity for seniors programming.

Coordination will take place for scheduling events in early 2020.

5. Windsor-Essex Compassion Care Community

Member Loretta Stoyka Henderson advises of her involvement with the Windsor-Essex Compassion Care Community (WECCC). WECCC supports the elderly, the disabled, people with chronic disease, those who are vulnerable or at risk of isolation and family members.

She informs WECCC is endeavouring to identify individuals in the community who need assistance and she has met with the Mayor in regards to same. WECCC will be making an upcoming presentation to Council should the Members wish to attend.

I. Next Meeting

The next Senior Advisory Committee meeting will be held on October 24, 2019.

J. Adjournment

Motion: SAC- 22/19

Moved By Member Nancy Tennant

Seconded By Member Dara Pfeifer O'Connor

That there being no further business, the Thursday, September 26, 2019 meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee now adjourn at 7:26 pm.

Carried

Paul Morand, Chair

Gabrielle McMillan, Vice-Chair