

Minutes of the Senior Advisory Committee  
for the Corporation of The Town of Tecumseh

A meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee for the Town of Tecumseh was scheduled to be held on May 23, 2019, in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh at 6:00 pm.

**1. Call to Order**

The Manager Committee & Community Services calls the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Councillor  
Member  
Member  
Member  
Member  
Member

Rick Tonial  
Suzanne Beneteau  
Loretta Stoyka Henderson  
Dorothy Nagy  
Dara Pfeifer O'Connor  
Nancy Tennant

**Also Present:**

Manager Committee & Community Services

Christina Hebert

**Absent:**

Vice-Chair  
Chair

Gabrielle McMillan  
Paul Morand

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None reported.

**4. Delegations**

None.

**5. Communications**

**a. Senior Advisory Committee Minutes - March 28, 2019**

**b. Senior Advisory Committee Minutes - April 25, 2019**

**Motion: SAC- 12/19**

Moved By                      Member Dara Pfeifer O'Connor  
Seconded By                  Member Nancy Tennant

**That** the minutes of the March 28, 2019 and April 25, 2019 meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee as were duplicated and delivered to the Committee members, are accepted.

**Carried**

**c. Public Notice Re: Seniors Ride the Bus for Free in June****Motion: SAC- 13/19**

Moved By                   Member Suzanne Beneteau  
Seconded By               Member Nancy Tennant

**That** Communications - For Information Item C as listed on the May 23, 2019 Senior Advisory Committee Agenda be received.

**Carried**

**6. Reports**

None.

**7. Unfinished Business****a. Senior Fitness Around Town Program**

The Manager Committee & Community Services apprises Tecumseh residents (55+) may now submit their interest for the fifty (50) Aquatic Memberships to the Tecumseh Leisure Pool.

Notices have been placed in the May 23 and May 24 Essex Free Press and Shoreline Week publications, together with promotion on the Town's social media advising of the recreational programming opportunity.

Persons will be selected by random draw on June 3, 2019.

Appreciation is extended to the Members for their assistance in helping to promote the successful Senior Fitness Around Town Program.

**b. Education Workshops**

Elder Abuse Ontario (EAO) has confirmed Thursday, October 3, 2019 as the rescheduled date for the 'Its Not Right Campaign'.

The Golden Age Club has been reserved for the workshop, commencing at 10:00 am.

The Members suggest the workshop include information on financial, caretaker and emotional abuse.

The Manager Committee & Community Services will re-confirm with EAO that informational/resource materials will be provided to participants.

In follow up to the suggestion at the last meeting, VON Canada did not coordinate the Health Access Day event and accordingly were not able to offer methods used to encourage attendance at the event.

**c. SAC Logo**

The Manager Committee & Community Services confirms Generator Design is working on creating a SAC logo and will provide a draft for the Committee's review and feedback.

**d. Tecumseh Corn Festival**

Further to the suggestion at the last meeting, arrangements have been made for the Committee to have a booth at the Tecumseh Corn Festival on Seniors Day, Friday, August 23. The Members are asked to mark their calendars to oversee the booth.

The Members will brainstorm questions for a brief survey to engage seniors on what education topics, as well as other senior initiatives that are of interest. A suggestion is made to have prize incentives to encourage older adults and seniors to partake in the survey.

**8. New Business****a. Seniors Community Grant Program**

The Manager Committee & Community Services advises the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility has just released the 2019-2020 Seniors Community Grant Program (Program).

The Program is solely dedicated to helping seniors, which will encourage greater social inclusion, learning, volunteerism, and community engagement. Funding, under the Program, will support projects which meet at least one of the four (4) key priorities outlined in the Program Guidelines.

The submission deadline to make application is June 27, 2019. All projects must be completed by March 31, 2020.

Discussion ensues regarding examples of eligible projects that may align with the Committee's priorities. The Manager Committee & Community Services shares ideas from day trips the Town of Essex organized under the same Program.

The Committee concurs with making application for 'Lunch 'n Learns' whereby various topics such as art therapy, senior safety, Powers of Attorney and Inheritance Tax, exercise activities, and the like could be offered to Tecumseh older adults and seniors. Lunch would be provided and participants could receive a related giveaway with each workshop. The Members will forward any further topic suggestions to the Manager Committee & Community Services by the end of next week.

**b. SAC Article**

A suggestion is made to draft an article for the local newspapers to educate older adults and seniors on what the Committee does and the various initiatives.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will be held on June 27, 2019.

**10. Adjournment****Motion: SAC- 14/19**

Moved By                      Member Nancy Tennant  
Seconded By                Member Dara Pfeifer O'Connor

**That** there being no further business, the May 23, 2019 meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee now adjourn at 6:56 pm.

**Carried**

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Paul Morand, Chair

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Christina Hebert, Manager Committee  
& Community Services